Much need of cattle were shipped from Montreal for Glasgow on Saturday.

Sugar twenty-five cent pieces was in circulation in the western part of Ontario.

Mr. Fraseblund, of Toronto, has gone to England to make arrangements for trading with that country in cattle.

The last grain cargo of the season of Montreal cast out Thursday was that of Geo. H. Mickles, Esq., M.P., for Chicago, and it was a fine one of barley.

Mr. John Campbell, of Sarnia, has been awarded the contract of carrying the mails between Sarnia and Windsor for the next four years.

A Scotsman named Taylor has been committed for a distinctly attempt at rape upon a young girl at Kingston.

It has been decided to protect the oil region of Mr. Lettie McCallum, M. P., for Monck.

A man named John McKinnon was knocked down on Richmond street, London, on Thursday night and robbed.

The propeller Algoma ran ashore on Friday morning about two miles west of Port Colborne. The tug Geo. Moore and Hacker went to her assistance. She was got off without any damage.

On Wednesday afternoon, three little boys of from and five years of age, sons of the Rev. Mr. Lewis, of Dundas, were playing on the ice of the Ottawa River, near the Chaudiere, when the ice gave way by reason of the warm weather, from which they were all drowned.

On Thursday evening several young men went into the Sydenham river at Owen Sound, for the purpose of bathing. After remaining in the water for a short time, one of the parties named Hunt was heard calling for help. An effort was made by one of his companions to save him, but without success and he sank almost immediately.

A man named J. J. McCowell, committed suicide at Dunville, on Thursday, evening, by jumping into the canal. A coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict found that J. J. McCowell came to his death by jumping into the canal, while in a fit of insanity, brought on by overindulgence in intoxicating liquor.

The body of a young man named Jas. Minick, from the township of Dover, Sale St. Paul, was discovered a few days ago in the woods in a horrible condition. His throat had been torn open and his entrails were protruding. It is supposed that he was attacked and partially devoured by a doe bear, who was seen with her cubs in the vicinity.

An instance of the bad effects of putting the new grain crop under cover before it is thoroughly dry has come under our notice, it would pay well for farmers engaged in agricultural pursuits to exercise caution. The cool weather and approaches of rain are both temptations, and crops are sometimes carried into the barn before the necessary moisture is consumed, and the consequences are soon realized in heated grain, radically injured for use or sale. Barley, especially, should be carefully watched.

Shooting With a Flint-Lock.

A TOUGH STORY ABOUT AN OLD VIRGINIA FARMER.

The Richmond (Va.) *Whig* talks in this wise: "An elderly man named Beck with, residing in one of the Peninsula counties, came to this city last Thursday on business. He brought with him an old-fashioned flint-lock rifle to have a stock and lock put on. On the cars he fell in conversation with a party of three gentlemen from this city, when one of them, to test the reality of some of the extraordinary feats of the marksmanship he boasted of, offered him $10 to repeat some of them, the other two then added $5 between them. The trial came off in an old field half a mile below Rocketts, and was witnessed by about a dozen persons. The old flint-lock was fired seven times, and only once missed its aim. The old gentleman, after making two shots at small objects to one side, to get his hand steady, as he said, hauled his coat off a potato, and stationed him at fifty yards off, holding the potato between his thumb and forefinger. The rifle cracked, and the potato fell cloven in three or four pieces. One of the larger pieces was then thrown into the air, the marksman keeping at the same distance, and again the shot told. An inch and a half auger was then produced, and a hole bored in the face, behind which was fastened a piece of white paper. At a distance of sixty yards the marksman sent a ball clear through the aperture, piercing the paper. At the fourth shot, from sixty yards, distance, the bowl of a pipe, which the man was smoking, was crushed. At the fifth shot a copper cent was thrown into the air and hit. The sixth and seventh shots were delivered at a blackened five cent nickle piece thrown up by the son, standing about thirty yards off. At the first attempt the shot missed. The old gentleman showed considerable mortification and laid the blame upon a bystander who at the critical moment sneezed loudly. The next attempt, however, was an entire success. The old man declined any further trials of his skill, and when offered a sum of money to repeat his first feat of shooting a potato from his son's hand, he refused, saying he didn't care to try such experiments unless his weapon was freshly loaded. The exhibition was the more remarkable from the fact that the marksman is an old man, at least fifty. His eye, however, is a clear, bright gray. The entrance is that of a poor farmer. The young man showed not the least trace of anxiety during the dangerous ordeal upon himself. The old man, referring to his son, said, 'Bob can shoot just as well as I can.'"

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

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Huron Signal.

GODERICH, AUG. 4, 1875

The Centennial Exhibition.

Mr. W. H. Fraser, the agent of the Ontario Government, who has been deputed to the task of presenting to the various towns and cities in the Province of Ontario the advantages and desirability of having each locality fully represented at the Philadelphia exhibition next year, and for the purpose of making the preliminary arrangements and giving all necessary information as to the course of procedure, visited town on Thursday and in the evening addressed some of the business men of the town in the Council Chamber. The gathering was not creditably large—the Town Council was represented by four members, one or two members of the press was present and about a dozen other persons. Mr. J. P. Garrow was called to the chair, and introduced Mr. Fraser who prefaced his remarks by regretting the smallness of the meeting and the apparent lack of enthusiasm in the people of Goderich in a matter of such interest as he then represented. It was the object of the Government to have the Dominion as thoroughly represented at the exhibition as possible, recognizing the peculiar importance of the occasion for showing to the nations which would assemble there the capabilities of the country and the progress it has made in agricultural and mechanical pursuits. The board which had charge of the preparations was non-political, its members being appointed by the various agricultural, manufacturing and fine arts associations. Every inducement was offered to exhibitors to to send articles to the exhibition, no expense being incurred by individuals further than in preparing the articles intended to be exhibited. The Government pays all the expense of transporting to and from Philadelphia and having them properly cared for while there, indemnifying owners in case of loss or injury. All the necessary shafting and apparatus to operate machinery, cases to place goods in, &c, will be furnished free of charge, and every item of requirement was arranged for to relieve exhibitors from trouble. Some valuable suggestions were made as to the mode of representing the County of Huron and Goderich at the exhibition, similar to the suggestions made by a correspondent in our last issue. All our interests—salt making, summer hotels, fishing, manufacturing and agricultural interests—and he hoped that each would be fully represented. The opportunity was an excellent one to manufacturers to meet competitors, and learn where they may improve and find new markets for the disposal of their wares; and to Goderich the opportunity is particularly important, for they can then show the excellence of the salt produced here, and its many attractions to health seekers. Thirty different nations had appointed boards of commissioners to attend the exhibition and report to their respective Governments, and this fact should be a strong incentive to the Canadian people to make as creditable a show as possible. Her trade with foreign nations was much larger than was generally supposed—the Toronto car wheel works had an agency in Britain and did a large trade in Europe; R. M. Wanzer of Hamilton, Jos. P. Hall of Oshawa and others had obtained a world wide reputation as manufacturers, and we should endeavor to show how universally advanced is the condition of our commercial and other interests. Mr. Fraser concluded by a reference to the fact that the United States acquired a great revenue from preparing certain kinds of produce from material furnished by this country and supplying the West India and Central and South American markets, for which we receive in return the products of those countries after paying two duties thereon, which on sugar amounts to about 50 per cent. It would be to the advantage of the country to open a direct trade, and acquire the full benefit of the transactions. His remarks were listened to with much interest.

A committee was then formed to canvass the get and people interested in the matter so that the town be represented at the exhibition. The following gentlemen we named with power to add to their numbers:—Messrs. J. T. Garrow, Wm. Young, Warden; H. Horton, M. P.; H. Hutchison, C. Crabb, and Geo. Evans. This committee is making every effort to bring their task to a successful issue, and they have already met with encouragement in the way of offers of articles intended for exhibition.

A STRIKE among the operatives has closed the cotton mills in Dundee and Oldham, Scotland. Thirty one mills are closed in Dundee, throwing 12,000 persons out of employment, and it is expected that the whole district will follow the example of the Oldham operatives which will render about 30,000 persons idle. The employers are determined to resist the demands of the workmen, and very excited meetings are held. With the small wages which the majority of those on strike usually earn, but a scant living will be had now than the source of livelihood is cut off, and the consequent misery will be great if both parties stick as stubbornly as usual to their unions.

Huron & Quebec Railway.

On Thursday last John Fowler, Esq., Managing Director, visited the town to be questioned a meeting of the stockholders here for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors. The business was mostly formal, and resulted in the election of the following gentlemen: Wm. Clinton, Peterboro; D. W. Dunlop, Peterboro; Wm. Ennis, Peterboro; W. H. Scott, Peterboro; H. Calcutt, Ashburnham; Major Boulton, Lakefield; F. W. Glen, Oshawa; Hector Cameron, Toronto; and John Fowler, Cobourg.

We had an opportunity of interviewing Mr. Fowler previous to his departure from the town and getting from him some information as to the prospects of the road at present. Speaking of the feeling which has been awakened amongst capitalists by the remarks of the London *Times* upon Canadian railways he expressed the opinion that English capital could be enlisted to the extent of the stock without difficulty, as the scheme was of such a valuable nature that it would commend itself favorably to all but there was a prospect that local capital would be so liberally invested as to make the scheme thoroughly Canadian in all respects. The subsidies promised by the many municipalities through which the proposed road will pass, the stock subscribed and the government grant which will be made towards building it give it a status that will be sufficient by assuring to those who would invest in such an undertaking. A vigorous survey has been incited in some localities which will assist it very much, and the value of the scheme is so fully comprehended that the city of Toronto is making strenuous efforts to have the road passed through that city. An effort is being made to have the bonuses from the various municipalities increased, and with his usual pluck and energy, Mr. Fowler has been striving in the county of Peterborough, the head quarters of the scheme, to secure the increase. Peterborough has responded nobly and increased the several bonuses from that section to sum in the neighborhood of $300,000. Some difficulty has been experienced in the County of Lanark, but having found out the proper means of going about soliciting a bonus from that section there is no doubt of an encouraging response being received. The following schedule of the aid expected on the route between Toronto and Ottawa, presented to the Ontario Government in 1871 gives some idea of the cost of that portion of the road:

Distance from Toronto to Ottawa, 200 miles. Government aid expected as follows:

Toronto to eastern limit of Co. of Peterboro, 110 miles, $3,000 per mile	$330,000
Co. Peterboro to Co. of Lanark (wilderness country), 60 miles $10,000 per mile,	$600,000
Western limit Co. Lanark to Carleton Place, 36 miles, $3,000 per mile	$90,000
Total	$1,020,000

Estimated cost per mile (cash and bonds, $30,000, financed as follows:

Government aid per mile	$5,000
Municipal aid " "	5,000
Railway bonds " "	20,000

The Government aid expected for the section from Peterboro to Goderich is $3,000 per mile. The portion east of Peterboro will be built first, and the work of securing the necessary aid will be entered into with greater vigor than ever, so that work may be commenced at the earliest possible moment, and it is expected that this section will be completed during the coming year. Efforts are being made in the west as well, and the people of Sarnia who will have a branch of the road have expressed a willingness to implement the first bonus offered by $50,000. The amount promised from all sources in Huron is very large and with the Government grant is almost sufficient to build the road through the County.

We know that the inhabitants of Huron take a lively interest in the road, and are anxious to see it commenced. The prospects now are that the hope which has lately grown faint in the hearts of the friends of the scheme here, will shortly become a reality. Having formed a competent board of officers better and more promising work will be done, and the business of the Huron & Quebec Railway Company, will be looked upon as not like the "mere thing on paper" which it has often been called. We wish, with our readers, that the scheme may have every and speedy success.

At the meeting held in Peterboro on Friday evening the following officers of the company were elected:

President, W. Clinton, Esq.
Vice-President, F. W. Glen, Esq.
Secretary, W. Beal, Esq.
Treasurer, W. Clinton, Esq.
Managing Director, John Fowler, Esq.
Solicitor, W. H. Scott, Esq.

The Peterborough *Times* thus speaks of the appointment:—"Such names are well calculated to give weight to the Company. The gentlemen who now compose the Board of Directors are not likely to have lent their names to a mere wild scheme, and in their connection with this projected line we have a guarantee that it will not be allowed to sleep, but that it will be carried on in a business-like manner and with energy. On Friday the directors met in this town to elect their President, Vice-President and other officers and no exception can be taken to their choice. The newly elected President is well known among us not only as an enterprising and successful merchant, but also for the ability with which he managed the affairs of the Midland Railway in which he held a similar position on their board."

A SURPRISE was created in financial circles on Wednesday by the announcement of the suspension of the firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co., of New York. The extent of their liabilities is yet unknown, but they did a very large business with Europeans visiting this country, and having speculated heavily in cotton their failure will entail much loss to persons interested with them. The principal of the firm declares that affairs will be placed in a safe position very soon, and the fears now entertained of losses are premature. Following this failure several other large ones are announced, with heavy liabilities, partly through the effects of the former mentioned failure and partly through the recent depression. Among them are the Commercial Warehouse Co., for the amount of $1,500,000; John Mason & Co., of Philadelphia sugar dealers to the extent of $200,000; two Halifax firms and a banking exchange in Louisville have closed up. Some estimates place Duncan, Sherman & Co.'s liabilities at over $1,000,000.

DESPATCHES from the North-West giving further accounts of the trouble reported from there recently, state that the scene of the trouble is at St. Laurent thirty miles east from Carleton. The plain hunters have seized on confiscated property. The hunters refusing to comply with the regulations, under one Dumond they have set up a Government of their own, declaring, however, their loyalty to the Queen.

A horrible affair is reported from Toronto. The body of a young woman was found on Bloor street, on Saturday. The body was enclosed in a box and was in a nude state; and an examination proved that she came to her death through the work of abortionists. Dr. Davis, a well known quack doctor, and a woman living with him were arrested, suspicious circumstances having connected them with the affair. The dead body has not been identified.

Political Notes.

In the Montreal West election case tried last week, Mr. Mackenzie, the member elect, in the absence of some important witness declared his inability to disprove certain charges. Mr. White, the defeated candidate claimed the seat, and respondent entered charges against him of certain corrupt practices which occupied the court's consideration during Thursday and until Tuesday of this week.

It has been decided to contest the election of Mr. McCallum, the Conservative member for Monck in the Commons. Nothing is said as to the probable result of the trial, but it is certain that there will be a large majority to void the election.

Considerable skirmishing is going on in South Victoria between Mr. Hudspeth, the Conservative candidate who opposes the return of Mr. S. C. Wood, who is again seeking election on account of his accepting the position of Provincial Treasurer. Some of the "heavy weights" on both sides have been called to the front, and lively times are in store for the people of South Victoria. There is no doubt that Mr. Wood will be returned, however.

At a Reform convention held in South Oxford on Friday, Hon. Adam Crooks was unanimously invited as a candidate in the approaching election, necessitated by the vacancy caused by the unseating of Mr. Oliver. The nomination was unanimous, and much enthusiasm prevailed. Mr. Crooks was not at once informed of the nomination but requisitions signed by electors scattered throughout the Riding poured in upon him to wait on him. There is no doubt that Mr. Crooks will carry the day if he comes out, which it is expected he will do.

Last week John Hartley underwent a preliminary examination before a magistrate in Ingersoll on a charge of perjury, in having sworn falsely at the recent trial of the petition against the return of Mr. Carling, M.P., for Oxford. At the close of the examination he was committed for trial at the Wood-stock assizes. It appears that the sworn evidence at the trial that Mr. P. J. Brown, an agent of Mr. Oliver, gave him $2 to induce him to vote for Mr. Oliver, but having an ill-will towards that gentleman did not vote for him. Hartley boasted on several occasions that he would have a substitute out of Mr. Brown and Mr. Oliver. Mr. Brown brought the charge against Hartley, and judging from the evidence elicited the defendant is in a "pretty bad fix."

The trial of the West Peterborough election occupied the latter part of last week and continued into the present week. Mr. Cox the respondent, and a Reformer, is likely to be unseated by the act of his agents. A strenuous effort was made to prove personal bribery, but the evidence already elicited only shows Mr. Cox's anxiety to have the election conducted as properly as possible, and this charge will fail.

EX-PRESIDENT Andrew Johnson died on Friday morning in Bristol, Tenn. His career was a chequered one indeed, rising as he did from the position of a hard working young man thrown upon his own resources to acquire education and fortune. Up to the time of his marriage his only accomplishment was that of reading, and his wife taught him arithmetic and writing. He entered the State Legislature of Tennessee in 1835, and from this honor by the powers of the Democratic party he was promoted to still greater ones. In 1863 he was elected as Vice-President of the United States, associated with President Lincoln, who being assassinated in 1865, was succeeded by Mr. Johnson. In this capacity he created much disturbance by his conduct towards the Southern people, and an effort was made to impeach him which failed. At the end of his term of office he was forced into privacy by the stress of popular feeling, and since that period figured in no prominent position previous to his death.

CUBA would certainly be out of its element if its insurrection was to cease. War is a dreadful thing, but we scarcely regard with sympathy the state of the belligerents in Cuba nor the hardships which many are undergoing there, in fact we have grown accustomed to the continual shedding of blood there, and hardly think of it until, when all nations seem to be at peace, we meditate and find Cuba alone disturbing the all but universal peace by its internal dissensions. Latest news from the Island announces that the insurgents have killed one hundred Spanish soldiers, besides capturing a convoy, $150,00 in gold, and a quantity of baggage and military supplies.

A SERIOUS insult to the British flag has been perpetrated by a Spanish official in Puerto Rico. The English mail steamer Elder touching at the port was brought to by a Spanish gunboat and the captain compelled to deliver up a passenger who was accused by them of having violated certain Spanish laws.

Town Council.

The Council met on Friday evening last, the Deputy Reeve in the chair and Messrs. G. R. Johnston, F. W. Johnston, Evans, Seymour, A. Watson, Campbell, Graham, Sloan, Passmore, Savage and Smaill present.

Communication from department of Public Instruction stating that the public school apportionment for Goderich this year is $524.

Communication from Mr. Geo. Cattle asking that the Canadian thistles on Elgin St. be cut.

Mr. Smaill moved, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the prayer be granted and the Street Inspector instructed to have all such thistles in town cut and charged to the adjoining lots. Carried.

Report of Street Inspector stating that the expense of grading and gravelling Harbor lane will be about $172. Adopted.

Report of Public Works Committee regarding a number of improvements on streets in town and other matters referred to them. This committee deserve praise for the manner in which they are fixing up Harbor lane and besides the cost will be only about one half what the contractors would charge had they carried out their contract. They refer to some *side walks* which require grading. They refuse to advise action regarding the drain on Cameron St. which property owners offered to construct on receiving $10 from the Town. Report adopted.

Communication from Secretary of the High School stating that $800 will be required from the town towards the payment of teachers for current year; and also for $200 to pay for the fence recently built around the grounds. The full amount required to maintain the School is $1650. The $200 above referred to was ordered to be paid and the matter referred to the Finance Committee.

Communication from the County Clerk stating that the County rate for current year is $1860.52. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. A. Watson thought it necessary to have a road to the new breakwater, and said that after looking into the matter carefully he thought Waterloo St. could be continued through to better advantage than any other street, and if the matter were refered to P. W. Committee he thought it would be attended to at once and reported on. Referred to P. W. Committee.

Mr. Campbell asked if the Harbor Committee had a report regarding the docks.

Mr. Horton explained that the government was willing to hand over the docks to the town under lease for a few years until legislation can be had on the subject. Mr. Seymour said the committee would report at next meeting.

The Street Inspector's attention was called to a heap of stones, sand, &c, blocking up the sidewalk near Mr. Hillards store and instructed him to take measures to have it removed.

Mr. Flood stated that he had notified the party who put said stuff there.

The Clerk was requested to notify the same parties to Park after, those who have billiard tables and do the pay license.

Council then adjourned.

LOCAL NEWS

ASSESSED FOREIGN LOAN.—The list of voters in this township is printed showing the number of 730 votes thereon.

YOUNG man, middle aged men and ladies, read advertisement in another column headed Confidential.—Adv.

MORE MENNONITES.—On Saturday morning 52 more Mennonites passed this city on board the *Guide*, bound for Manitoba.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.—A grand demonstration by members of this society in the towns of Western Ontario will take place at Brantford on the 16th inst. Excursions and members of Caledonian societies will also be present.

OPENING EXHIBITION.—The annual show exhibition under the auspices of the Farmer's Association of Ontario will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, 6th and 7th Oct. Prizes to the amount of $700 are offered for competition.

ACQUITTED.—Mr. Wm. Ault, of Seaforth, who was charged with setting fire to his store recently, was brought before Judge Toms last Wednesday when the case was dismissed, nothing having been proven against the accused.

THE JAIL.—This institution is having a brisk run of business at present, the occupants numbering 19 persons. Two guests were admitted on Saturday, a lad charged with theft and a man from Mo-Killop charged with thrashing his wife.

GROCERIES cheaper than ever. Trull & Field have determined to sell the whole of their large stock of fresh Groceries and Liquors at a small advance on cost for cash or farm produce. Give them a call before purchasing elsewhere.

NOTICE.—To Grocers and Traders.—We are now prepared to furnish all grades of flour and feed. Also, will exchange flour for wheat to farmers.

OGILVIE & HUTCHISON,
Goderich Harbor Mills.

WHO IS HE?—A young tramp, aged twelve, while attempting to jump on a freight train at Brantford the other day, had his ankle crushed so as to require amputation. He said at the time he came from Stratford, and at another from Goderich.

MANCHESTER FLOUR MILLS.—Mr. W. J. Howell, an old and experienced miller has leased the above mills, and having commenced a thorough renovation of the premises and placed some new machinery therein, he will be able to meet the wants of the public satisfactorily. The mill will be ready for work about the middle of this month.

OUR GUESTS.—The number of visitors at present in town is very large, much larger than usual, and the hotels have a splendid run of business. Next year our hotels will have to double their accommodation in order to meet the requirements of those who will visit us next year with their friends who admire a healthy situation and cheap and good accommodation.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Tuesday morning of last week a man named David Blair, son of Mr. William Blair, Sr., of the township of Hay, fell dead as he was entering the door of his father's house. He had previously suffered one or two paralytic strokes and it is supposed it is something of that kind that caused his sudden death. He was about 40 years age and unmarried.

MONEY STOLEN.—Very early on Monday morning last, Mr. H. McCann, hotel-keeper of Bayfield, discovered the loss of his pocket book, which contained about $200, and was in the bar till. He also found that a man about thirty-five years of age, with shaven chin and small moustache, who was stopping at the hotel, was also gone. Information was telegraphed in all directions, up to the present time no tracks of the man have been discovered.

FOUNDRY FOR SEAFORTH.—A meeting of the directors of the Goderich Foundry and Manufacturing Company took place on Monday evening last, when the propriety of establishing a foundry in Seaforth by the present Company, was under discussion. We are not aware the result of their deliberations, but learn they were quite unanimous in their desire to open a respectable foundry, if suitable encouragement is extended to them by the people of Seaforth.

PERSONALS.—Mr. Hardy, M. P., for South Bruce, and a distinguished member of the legal fraternity, was in town last week, as the guest of Mr. S. Sinclair.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Dickson and Mrs. Jones of St. Louis are spending a few weeks in town, and are the guests of Mr. Wm. Dickson, Senr. The weather in St. Louis has been very warm lately and a great many persons have left the city for a more congenial clime during the "heated term."

—Mr. Allan McLean, of THE EXPOSITOR, left Goderich by the Steamer *Dawson*, on Sunday of last week, on his way to Colorado, where he intends residing for a time, with the view of benefiting his health.

—Judge Toms and Mr. F. W. Johnston are in London this week attending a meeting of the Order of Oddfellows. A handsome new Hall was dedicated there, and the meeting is a very interesting one.

CHEAP EXCURSION.—We notice by circulars that the Grand Trunk R. R. has arranged for a grand excursion to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, on the 18th of August. The train will leave Goderich at 5.30, Clinton at 6, and Seaforth at 6.25 in the morning, the fare for the round trip being the astonishingly low figure of $2. Train will arrive at the Falls at 1 p. m., leave at 6 p. m., and an especial arrangement has been made to admit visitors to the museum. Any person wishing to spend the night at either places can return on the following day on the excursion ticket by any of the regular trains. This is decidedly the cheapest excursion we have ever heard of, and no doubt everybody and his wife will go "to see the elephant." Our Town Fathers should give us the usual civic holiday on the 18th, so that every one might take advantage of the opportunity.

AN INTERESTING CASE.—The famous "rabbit case" came before the Division Court on Monday forenoon, H. MacDermott, Esq., occupying the Bench in the absence of Judge Toms. Some time ago Mr. B. L. Doyle brought an action against Mrs. A. Crane to secure damages for injury done to his garden by a rabbit belonging to a child of the respondent. It was set forth that Mr. Doyle had protested that the rabbit was destroying his vegetables and trees but could get no satisfaction from the respondent, and he brought the suit to secure protection as well as justice. On the first trial of the case, Mr. Doyle was non-suited on the ground that the charge should be preferred against Mr. Crane. Quite a large crowd filled the court room, and the case created a great deal of amusement. Mr. McFadden appeared for Mr. Crane and Mr. J. T. Garrow for Mr. Doyle. One of the witnesses was being examined as to the number of vegetables in the garden and the question was asked "How many carrots did you plant?" "Sure, sur, it was seed I planted, not carrots," was the answer. One witness declared that the rabbit had barked one of the trees and added, like a true Irishman, "It has been dead ever since." An effort was made to prove that geese, pigs, &c., had got into the garden, and done much damage, and one person innocently remarked that *Cromer* might have done the work. After taking a good deal of evidence, the jury gave a verdict for plaintiff of $1 damages, with leave to appeal to a higher court.

IMPORTS.—A number of aborigines are tented on the flat near Attrill's Point. Bow and arrows, baskets and bead work are plenty in consequence.

PIC-NIC.—Knox Church Sunday School will hold a pic-nic in Bransford's grove, on Friday afternoon. Preparations have been made to make the day interesting to both young and old.

FALL TWEEDS.—The Estate of R. R. Smith has just received a splendid assortment of Fall Tweeds, from 55 cts. upwards, which is being sold rapidly, see advertisement next week.

PRESENTATION.—On the last trip of the Manitoba, Capt. Symes was presented with a handsome tea set and other by a large party of ladies and gentlemen. Details of the presentation and speech at this office too late for publication in this issue.

BOYS, BEWARE.—Last week three boys were brought before Mr. Crabb for stealing peas from a field and were fined 20cts. each, with costs. The magistrate warned them if such a case were to come before him again he would be compelled to send the offender three months to jail.

HORSES KILLED.—On Friday night last a number of horses pasturing in Mr. Bransford's field, near Clinton, got on the track through a broken fence and the night train coming along scattered them. Two of them belonging to Mr. McDougall of Porter's Hill, was so the brakes felt through, one being killed and the other was injured so badly that it will have to be killed. Quite a number of the other horses were injured more or less.

NEW BASE BALL CLUB.—On Monday evening a meeting of young men interested in the formation of a base ball club, took place in the Firemen's Hall. The following officers were elected:—Captain, John Black; Treasurer, Alex. Chrystal; Secretary, R. G. Reynolds. The name selected for the club was the Goderich Independent Base Ball Club. A goodly number of members was obtained, and the new club can muster a strong team.

TEACHER'S EXAMINATION.—It is expected the examination of the papers will be finished on next Friday, and the certificates will be issued at the beginning of next week. A decided improvement is noticeable in the composition of the papers and the number of competing them by candidates. The questions this year are somewhat harder than last year, arithmetic in the third class being very hard. About two-thirds of the candidates have succeeded in applications for second class certificates.

BOUNDARY BRIDGES.—The County Council of Perth has, after a good deal of hesitancy, agreed to pay one-half the expense in the building of boundary bridges between this County and their boundary, and to keep the same in repair with the exception of the Henfryn bridge. The Warden of Perth also agrees to pay one-half of the cost of the approaches to the bridges between Hibbert and Tuckersmith as soon as our engineer certifies that the work has been done. The settlement of this question will have a remarkably perfect effect upon the state of the boundary bridges, many of which have been in a very bad state of repair.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The Board met on Monday evening. Mr. Crabb in the chair, and Messrs. Simmons, Ferguson, Buchanan, Nicholson and Passmore present. Report of the Principal of Central School giving the attendance at the public schools, received and filed. Communication from Mr. J. Bissett regarding well at Central School, received and filed. Accounts of *Globe* for advertising $1.50; *Star* office, printing and advertising, $11, and *Signal* office for printing and advertising, were ordered to be paid. There were nine applications before the committee for the vacancy in Central School, and after examining each the committee reported recommending Miss Donagh, and the report was adopted by the Board. The vacancy caused by the advance of Miss Donagh remains until Friday evening next, when there will be a special meeting to complete the appointments. The Inspector asked leave of absence for a few weeks—granted. Board then adjourned.

Shipping News.

ARRIVALS.

Wednesday.—Prop, Ontario, Sarnia; Prop, Quebec, Duluth.

Thursday.—Stm. Barge Tecumseh, Port Colborne, light; Pro. Benton, Detroit, passengers and freight; Schr. Prince Edward, Midland, lumber.

Friday.—Schrs. Nett Woodward and Tecumseh, Midland, lumber; Prop. Sovereign, Windsor; Schr. John G. Kolfage, Sarnia; Barque Mary Battle, Shinigan, timber; Scow Bird, Stokes Bay, ties; Tug, Metamora and Bargee, Montreal.

Saturday.—Pro. Quebec, Sarnia; Schr. Evening Star, Waubashene, lumber; Schr. Abeona, Pike Bay.

Sunday.—Stm. Barge Vanderbilt, Amherstburg; Prop. Benton, Saginaw; Prop. Asia, Duluth.

Monday.—Schr. Sarah Jane, Midland, lumber.

DEPARTURES.

Wednesday—Prop. Ontario, Duluth; Prop. Quebec, Sarnia; Scr. Jane McLeod, light.

Thursday—Prop. Benton, Saginaw; Scr. North Star, Waubashine.

Friday—Prop. Sovereign, Duluth.

Saturday—Stm. Barge Tecumsh, Chicago, salt; Prop. Quebec, Duluth.

Sunday—Prop., Asia, Windsor; Prop. Benton, Detroit, passengers and freight.

Monday—Sch. N. Woodward, Midland, light; Stm. Barge Vanderbilt. Kincardine, light.

PORTER HILL.

HARVESTING.—Parties in this vicinity have started to cut their fall wheat. Other kinds of grain will very soon be ready.

RASPBERRY CRUSADE.—Every day, Sunday excepted, for the last two weeks, great wagon loads of people passed through this village to the farm of Mr. Samuel Burke to gather berries, where there is any quantity of them.—Instead of being Mennonites, they are Womenites principally.

HORSES KILLED.—Last Friday night some horses that were pasturing at Mr. Bransford's place, near Clinton, got on the railway track. The train coming on drove them on the bridge, when a foal and a two year old colt belonging to Mr. Peter McDougall, of this place, fell through. The foal fell to the hard gravel bottom and was killed, while the colt, a valuable animal, stuck on the timbers of the bridge and might have been saved had proper care been taken. Instead of trying to save him the parties present chiefly some of the complainers and let the animal tumble to the bottom. These two horses were got by King of the Dominion, and when sound and well Mr. McDougall would not have taken $250 for them. Several other horses got hurt and killed at the same time.

ASSESSED VALUABLE HORSE DEAD.—As Mr. James Elliott was driving home from Goderich with his horse Dexter, on Sunday last, it took sick on the road, and died in about an hour.—Com.

BAYFIELD.

HARBOR WORKS.—Is the Bayfield harbor ever going to be finished? there seems to be little or nothing done to it, in a frequent remark now a days, with the unasked; and the chief benefit I will just give a short statistic which may convince the most sceptical, that Mr. McKwan is doing his utmost (and with good results) to push matters forward. In a week or so the work will begin to make a show, which will gladden the eyes of the unbeliever. The dredge is again actively at work, and doing well.

Quantity of stone delivered, over 1000 cords; timber, 60,000 ft.; number of cribs ready, 15; amount of work done by dredge, about 30,000 yards; over 100 men employed. Considering the difficulties Mr. McKwan has had to contend with, the statistics quoted plainly show that there has been no lack of energy on the contractor's part.

BAYFIELD PLANING MILL.—Mr. John T. Adams has been doing such a large business of late that he has found it necessary to extend his facilities for supplying his customers. He has added to his machinery a planing machine of the most approved style, enlarged his premises and otherwise improved his establishment. A good stock of everything usually found in a planing mill may be procured from Mr. Adams, and customers will receive every satisfaction.

Weather Report.

Meteorological Observatory
Goderich, Aug. 1st, 1875.

Rain fell on 10 days during the month of July. Amount of rain fall, 27.5 cubic inches. Depth on surface 5.27 inches.

Greatest velocity of wind on 22nd 338.1 miles in 24 hours or 16.1 miles per hour.

Least velocity of wind on 29th, 18 miles in 24 hours or 3/4 of a mile per hour.

Prevailing winds during the month S. to S. W.

Thunder and Lightning on 15th. Fog 7th, 16th, 17th.

GEORGE N. McDONALD,
Observer.

AS Mr. A. D. Milin, Alex. McNeil, Miss Isabella Gunn, and Miss Jane Olay, of Wallacetown were out target practising on Saturday afternoon, with a Colt's revolver, one of the chambers accidentally discharged its contents while Mr. Milin was in the act of re-loading. The ball passed through Miss Gunn's hand, entering the lower jaw and causing a compound fracture of the same, passing back into the throat, then into the region of the spinal column. The medical men of the village were immediately called in, and they did all that could be done to relieve her sufferings, but failed in extracting the ball. For some time her life was in a critical condition. Hopes of her recovery are entertained.

IN Kingston, on Saturday morning, four men, two sailors and two followers of Forepaugh's show, while riding in a cab from the station to the city, quarrelled, and the circus man, Conway, stabbed the sailor, Nicholson, five times, so that it is doubtful whether he will live. Nicholson belonged to Kingston, and was returning home. Conway was arrested.

Communications.

We wish it to be strictly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the expressions of our correspondents.

PORT ALBERT, July 31st, 1875.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

SIR,—The devil is said to go about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Time was a person in Port Albert who goeth about, but whose roar is not like unto the roar of the majestic creature (the king of the forest), the roar of this person partakes more of the bray of the donkey; his last bray, or rather demoniac howl, appearing in the columns of the Goderich *Star*, which howl was the offspring of a few powerful mouthings of himself and a few of his ilk; caused by the appearance of a letter in the columns of the SIGNAL with regard to the late Orange celebration in Port Albert. He states that they were sorry to see that a paper like the SIGNAL should countenance in its columns such a rabid and abusive letter as that which appeared in its issue of the 21st inst. Now, I will prescribe a medicine for that person, viz: that he would take a spoonful of the essence of common sense, flavoured with the essence of charity three times a day for eight days; at the expiration of that time he with possibly have got clear of the evil spirit of prejudice with which he must be possessed. Then he may read the letter in your issue of the 21st inst., to some advantage, and find that it contains that old maxim of "mind your own business," from the other side of the fence. First let us convert the heathen in our own tribe, then we will make a bee and go and convert the heathen of other tribes. Now, why did "Spectator" write that letter, if he is a Papist? Why could he not listen to Orange speeches in which his religion is derided, the persecutors of his religion applauded, and hear obloquy heaped on loyal subject of his race and religion? What right has he to interfere with Orange processions? He can whistle the Boyne Water himself—could he not lister to Orangemen playing "The Protestant Boys," "Croppy lie down," "To H—l with the Pope," &c.; and not write a letter about it and expose our actions. It is a shame. Our Orange friends would not have interfered with him if he was ridiculing or deriding their religion. No! they never do that.—What, if some of our Orange friends in Toronto did beat a poor Italian boy who was playing "Patrick's day in the morning," in the Queen's Park. Perhaps he was a Papist, at least he was playing an Irish Papist tune, that was sufficient cause. The Catholics of Ashfield are but counterparts of what they were in Ireland—no doubt of it. They are an honest, industrious, and intelligent people who mind their own business, and go to church. And why should they not. Have they not good laws enacted for them here, and they always had good laws in Ireland, made especially for them by the British, who were always very solicitous about the education and welfare of the Irish Catholics. Read a few of the enactaments made for a people professedly Catholic.

In 1692 and following years it was enacted as follows, that "if a Catholic kept school or taught any person, Protestant or Catholic, any species of science or literature, such teacher was, for the crime of teaching, punishable by law, by banishment, and if he returned from thence he was hanged as a felon