

# THE IRON SIGNAL

DEVOTED TO COUNTY NEWS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

GODERICH, ONT., FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1881.

### Advertisements.

Drugs—George Rhynas.  
Millinery—Miss Stewart.  
Sheriff's Sale—R. Gibbons.  
Something New—G. H. Old.  
Dressmaking—Miss Weston.  
Auditors Abstract—Anders.  
Cottage wanted—Signal office.  
Card of thanks—W. D. Shannan.  
Auction Sale of schooner—Seager & Morton.

### Travelling Guide.

#### GRAND TRUNK.

EAST.  
Goderich, Lv. 7.00am. Exp. 12.00pm. Mtd. 9.00am.  
Seaford, Lv. 7.25am. Exp. 12.25pm. Mtd. 9.25am.  
Stratford, Ar. 8.45am. Exp. 1.15pm. Mtd. 1.00pm.

WEST.  
Stratford, Lv. 12.00pm. Exp. 7.00pm. Mtd. 3.15pm.  
Seaford, Lv. 12.25pm. Exp. 7.25pm. Mtd. 3.40pm.  
Goderich, Ar. 8.50pm. Exp. 11.00pm. Mtd. 7.15pm.

#### GREAT WESTERN.

Clinton going north. Exp. 9.30am. Mtd. 8.25pm.  
Going south. Exp. 8.30am. Mtd. 7.30pm.

Lacknow Stage (daily) arr. 10.15am. dep. 4pm.  
Kincaid (Wednesdays) arr. 1.00pm. dep. 7am.  
Bennell (Saturdays) arrives 9.00am. " 9.15

### NEWS ABOUT HOME.

"A chief's amang ye, takin' notes,  
An' faith he'll prent it."

#### TOWN TOPICS.

Dust,  
Frost,  
Sunshine,  
And a snow storm,  
Characterized the last week of March.  
This is All Fools' Day—and don't you forget it.  
The curling fever ran high on Monday and Tuesday.  
The American Agriculturist for April, just received, is a very readable number.  
Mr. E. Campion has removed his law office to the chambers above Sheppard's bookstore.  
The Seaford *Expositor* remarks: "Mr. Attil makes things boom in Goderich. He is worth at least one good factory to the town."  
Rev. R. R. Matland, formerly of Goderich, and who is now stationed at Trafalgar, has been conducting a series of revival series on his circuit, and about seventy persons have professed conversion.

The County Auditor's will meet on Monday next to audit the accounts of the first quarter of 1881.  
The person who left a waterproof overcoat and pair of buckskin mits among Mr. Hilliard's goods, and have them on application to that gentleman.  
Mr. Hilliard desires to express his most fervent thanks to the firemen and townspeople for their exertions during the progress of the fire.  
AUCTION SALES.—Mr. John C. Currie, of Goderich, the popular auctioneer, had two "frotting good" sales in Ashfield this week. Cows averaged about \$40 in price, and the other articles sold in proportion. John C. is a success on the auction block.  
AGAIN IN HARNESS.—We are pleased to state that Conductor Crawford resumed his duties on Monday last, after a month's cessation from work, caused by injuries received at the Albion fire. He still bears traces of having gone through an ordeal, but it is a pleasure to know that he can grasp his punch and call "Tickets" nearly as well as of yore.  
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Did March go out like a lamb?  
Mr. Daniel McDonald has purchased the Dyett mansion for \$2,500. Mr. McD. has got a bargain.  
PAINTING.—Mr. Harry Clucas's painting of the steamer "Chicora," now on exhibition at Toronto, is alluded to by the *Mail* as "a well executed oil painting." Mr. Clucas is working up a good reputation as a marine painter.  
Dr. McDonagh, son of Mr. McDonagh, of Smith's Hill, returned from the Old Country this week, whither he had been obtaining additional degrees from Edinburgh University. We are pleased to learn that he has been eminently successful in his efforts, and congratulate him upon his success.  
FIRE AWARD.—Mr. John Story has been awarded \$1,271.58 by the different companies interested in the fire which recently occurred in his store. The building was considerably damaged, but we are pleased to see that the energetic proprietor has set about putting things straight. The painters and other skilled workmen are busily engaged in renovating the premises, and Mr. Story thinks he will have everything as bright as a new quarter-dollar by Saturday next. He purposes holding a big clearing sale shortly, of which due notice will be given in our advertising columns.  
THE PULPIT.—Mr. R. J. Thompson, of Hullett, a student of Knox College, preached in Knox church on Sunday morning, and also on the previous Lord's Day. Mr. Thompson is fluent, scholarly, earnest and clear in his preaching, and, if spared, will yet occupy a high place in the Presbyterian ministry. During the summer, Mr. Thompson will fill the pulpit of the McNabb street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. D. H. Fletcher in Palestine. On Sunday next Mr. Turnbull, of Exeter, also an able and eloquent young preacher, will occupy Knox Church pulpit.

Mr. Geo. Rhynas will open with a new stock of drugs, etc. in a few weeks.  
The attempt to get up a curling match between London and Goderich fell through. London did not come to time.  
Warden Kaine, of Gorrie, was in town last week on County business. He was looking as bright and cheerful as ever.  
Mr. J. M. Mackid, recently of Clinton, is in town. He purposes crossing the line shortly, but has not yet decided upon his location.  
The attendance of ladies at the Dyett auction sale yesterday was very large. The advertisement in *The Signal* drew many of them.  
REMOVING.—Yesterday Mr. D. C. Strachan, grocer, commenced the removal of his stock to his old stand, from whence he had been forced to flee by fire some four weeks ago.  
IS IT TRUE?—We learn that Charles Melton, better known as "Nigger Sam," died in Detroit recently. It is said that, previous to his death, he made a confession in the matter of the Park House fire, and acknowledged that he was paid \$100 by an interested party to apply the brand. Ugly rumors were rife at the time, and although the "peaching" of "Nigger Sam," cannot be accepted as gospel truth, yet it is sufficient to make the wisecracks shake their heads, and say, "I told you so."  
CORRECTION.—In our last issue, owing to information received, we were led to censure the U. S. authorities at Port Huron for extorting duties from emigrants going to locate in Dakota. We have since learned that we were not correctly informed on the matter, for although nearly \$20,000 worth of goods were taken across the lines by emigrants from this section only about \$40 were charged in duties, and in the particular instance where this levy was made, the authorities acted strictly within the letter of the law, although it was a hardship for the person mulcted to have to pay the additional sum.

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### Dentistry.

M. NICHOLSON, SURGEON DENTIST, 171ST. Office and residence, West Street, three doors below Bank of Montreal, Goderich.

### Real Estate.

FOR SALE.—LOT 9, LAKE SHORE  
Twp. of Colborne, containing 112 acres, 20 acres cleared, balance covered with timber. Soil a good clay loam. As this property adjoins the Point Farm it is in consequence most eligibly situated. For particulars apply to J. W. HAYNES, at 14 Lake Shore Road, Colborne Township, or to G. G. GIBSON, Auctioneer.  
March 1st 1881. 1774-41.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—AT Dunganon, 12 miles from Goderich, consisting of 1 of an acre of land, well fenced, a frame house, a well and pump are also on the premises. The lot has been well improved. Terms reasonable. Particulars call on Mr. M. ROBERTS, Merchant, Dunganon, or R. E. BROWN, N. B. P. O. 1767-41.

HOUSE, AND LOTS NOS. 33 AND 34, corner of Victoria and East streets in the town of Goderich, for sale cheap, or will be exchanged for farm property. For particulars apply to JAS. SHIELDS, Auctioneer, Goderich, Block, or J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer.

SHEPPARDTON—FARM FOR SALE  
50 acres, 50 acres cleared and well fenced. Brick Cottage 25x30, stone cellar full of fruit. A large well and pump are also on the premises. The lot has been well improved. Terms reasonable. Particulars call on Mr. M. ROBERTS, Merchant, Dunganon, or R. E. BROWN, N. B. P. O. 1767-41.

FARM FOR SALE.—BEING LOT 9, on 13 Colborne, about seven miles from Goderich, comprising 59 acres, 50 cleared. A frame house, and a new frame barn 50x35 and a stable and other outbuildings are on the premises. A young orchard, good pump, etc. on the farm. The farm has a road on two sides of it. Four acres of fall wheat are sown. Distant only 1 mile from a post office. For particulars apply to Wm. SHIELDS, Sheppardton P. O. 1777-41.

SHEPPARDTON—STORE, WITH POST OFFICE, and all fresh and good. Will sell on very easy terms, having other business to attend to. For further particulars apply to E. T. HAYNES. Also 100 acres of land, West half of Lot 5, on the 3rd con. E. D. Ashfield, Good Orchard, Frame House, and stable. Fifty acres cleared and well fenced. Apply to GORROW & PROUDFOOT. 1761-41.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.  
Lot 6, Con. 8, Township of Colborne, Co. Huron, containing 98 acres 75 of which are cleared and in a good state of cultivation. There is a frame house 20x25 with cellar under the whole, kitchen 16x20, wood shed 16x28, stable 18x25, and a fine stable 18x25. There is a well with a never failing spring, and a good young orchard with about 40 trees, selected. Terms reasonable. Particulars apply to THOMAS WATSON, proprietor, Carleton or to GORROW & PROUDFOOT, Goderich. 1756-41.

FARM FOR SALE.  
Comprising Lots Nos. 18 and 19, Con. 3, in the Township of West Wawanosh, belonging to the late Mr. Charles McCracken, containing 100 ACRES in all. Over thirty acres are cleared. There are over 100 acres of good hard wood, and the balance cleared and in fine bush. A small Frame House and a Well are also on the premises. A good creek runs through the farm. For further particulars apply to JAMES TRUMBULL, Esq., Dunganon, or to Mrs. WARKOCK, Goderich, or to this office. 1776-41.

FARMS FOR SALE IN HURON.  
A splendid farm of 100 acres, comprising north half of lot 27, con. 2, West Wawanosh, 30 acres cleared, and balance in good hard wood, and situated about a mile from Auburn P. O. The soil is good, and a neat frame house 24x30 and kitchen, and a small barn situated on the farm. There is a fine orchard, two good springs, and 30 acres are sowed with fall wheat on summer fallow. Also a 50 acre farm, known as north half of lot 27, con. 2, West Wawanosh, with log house and a barn 30x40 ft. 27 acres are cleared, and nearly free from stumps, the balance being hard wood bush. 12 acres of fall wheat are sowed in summer fallow. A good spring runs close to the house. For full particulars apply to THOMAS NICHOLSON, hotelkeeper, Auburn P. O. 1774-41.

### Auction Sales.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE TOWN PROPERTY.—The vacant lot on corner of East Street, and Court House Square, known as the McConnell property, having a frontage of 16 ft. 8 in. on the Square, will be sold by public auction, on SATURDAY, APRIL 1st 1881, at 12 o'clock p. m. This is a corner lot and one of the most eligible business sites in town. It will be put up subject to a reserved bid. Other particulars made known at time of sale. J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer. 1778-41.

IN THE MARITIME COURT OF ONTARIO.—Auction sale of Schooner "William Wallace," under a commission for sale, issued out of the said Court, in the matter of the said schooner, and to me directed, I shall offer for sale by Public Auction, at my chambers in the Court House, town of Goderich, on the EIGHTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 1881, at twelve o'clock noon, the Schooner "William Wallace," of about 31 66/100 tons burthen, together with her tackle, apparel and furniture as she now lies at the Port of Goderich. Terms:—Ten per cent in cash at time of sale, and the balance in one month thereafter without interest.  
Dated 31st March, 1881.  
Commission taken by ROBERT GIBBONS, Deputy Marshal, out by SEAGER & MORTON, Solicitors, Goderich. 1780

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The Three Witches—Wingham, Waxes Goderich, Seaford, Sticks Wingham, and Goderich "goes for" Seaford.  
We had what might have been called a curling tournament at the Rink on Monday and Tuesday last. A triangular fight for the Gibbons' medal was on the ice, and speculation was rife as to the result. On Monday afternoon the first contest took place between Wingham and Goderich, and although a close fight was had, victory perched on the staves of the former club. The result of the game was telegraphed to Seaford, and the club of that fifty town pluckily wired the victors that they would be up on the night train, to play against them on Tuesday. Wingham club waited over, and a game was had on Tuesday morning which resulted in the victor of yesterday being defeated of to-day. Things now assumed an interesting shape. It had been arranged that whichever outside club scored the game, should play off with the Goderich club, which had previously succeeded in winning two champion games, and on Tuesday afternoon Seaford and Goderich went at it "wi' bosoms an' staves." Another close game was the result, but fortune veered again, and destined to smile upon Goderich, and the club of the Lake town now holds possession of the medal.  
The following is the record in detail of the games played:—  
Wingham vs. Goderich.  
- Rink No. 1. Rink No. 2.  
C. T. Kent, C. R. Dunsford,  
J. Dinsley, H. Colborne,  
S. Kent, Capt. Dancoy,  
W. T. Bray, H. H. Smith,  
Skip, 30. Skip, 21.  
Rink No. 2. Rink No. 2.  
T. Gregory, Capt. McGregor,  
G. McKenzie, A. Dickson,  
C. Walkinshaw, Col. Ross,  
Geo. McKay, M. Hutchinson,  
Skip, 20. Skip, 23.  
Majority for Wingham, 6 shots.  
Seaford vs. Wingham.  
A. Young, C. T. Kent  
Geo. Offord, J. Dinsley  
R. Common, S. Kent  
J. R. Lyons, W. T. Bray  
Skip—21. Skip—17.  
J. G. Wilson, T. Gregory  
A. Wilson, G. McKenzie  
D. Wilson, C. A. Walkinshaw  
John A. Wilson, G. McKay  
Skip—32. Skip—14.  
Total shots in favor of Seaford, 22.  
Goderich vs. Seaford.  
T. Hood, J. G. Wilson  
A. Dickson, A. Wilson  
A. M. Ross, D. D. Wilson  
M. Hutchinson, John A. Wilson  
Skip—19. Skip—26.  
C. R. Dunsford, A. Young  
E. Martin, Geo. Offord  
H. Smith, R. Common  
T. N. Dancy, J. R. Lyons  
Skip—32. Skip—20.  
Majority for Goderich, 5 shots.  
CURLING SUPPER.  
In the evening, the Seaford "chiefs" were entertained at an oyster supper held at Currie's Hotel. The chair was occupied by Mr. A. Dickson, President of the Goderich Curling Club, and that veteran curler, Mr. M. Hutchinson, presided at the foot of the table. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly given and responded to, and some excellent speeches were given on the occasion. The special toasts brought to their feet many talented orators and vocalists, and sentiment and song were sweetly blended together. A most enjoyable evening was spent and the company broke up at a seasonable hour. Prof. Fetzer's string band was present, and added in no small degree to the harmony of the gathering.  
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LEFT TOWN.—On Friday last a well known resident of Goderich, left town in the person of Mr. Joseph P. Connaught, lately employed at the Albion Hotel. "Joe," as he was familiarly called, was a general favorite in town, being of a most obliging turn, and possessed of no small share of the keen wit proverbially attached to Irishmen. He had lived under many skies, and could regale a party of listeners with tales of other countries, in an inimitable and racy manner, and with a voice so touched with Erin's "brogue," as to be melodious to all ears. "Joe" has gone, as he expressed it, "to seek his fortune," and we only hope his most sanguine expectations will be realized.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS.—Mr. Samuel Platt, Census Commissioner for Centre Huron, met the enumerators appointed for this riding at the Queen's hotel in Seaford, last week, and gave them their documents and instructions for the work of taking the census. The enumerators are to commence their labors on the 4th April. The following is a list of the enumerators appointed for the respective municipalities in this riding, viz: Tucker-smith, Richard Napier, Robert Newell and Robert Barbour; Goderich Town, H. W. Ball and John Doyle; Colborne, Joseph Beck and Wm. Hilliard; Hullett, James Morrison and Isaac Barr; McKillop, John O'Sullivan and Jos. Evans; Seaford, F. A. Meyer; Grey, Matthew Morrison and Thomas English.

YOUTHFUL TEMPERANCE FOLK.—The juvenile temperance association in connection with the North Street Methodist Church gave a very interesting entertainment in the school room of the church on Tuesday evening. The attendance was large, many adults being also present. Miss Williams presided at the organ in a very acceptable manner, and Miss Mellish, Miss C. Williams, Miss Polly Bonamy and Mr. Halls assisted in the musical part of the programme. The following boys and girls took part in the recitations, readings and dialogues, some of which, particularly those by the youthful Bella McKnight, Charlie Sherman and Everett McKenzie were rapturously applauded: Dialogue—Misses Minnie Yates, Ida McKewen and Ella Johnston; Dialogue—Misses McLean Robinson, Cox and Bonamy. Readings—Misses Lizzie Proctor, Ida Johnston, Mary Thompson, Aggie Humber, and Masters Albert Humber, John Mann and Morton Robertson. Recitations—Misses Nelly Aitkin, Bella McKnight, Minnie McEwen, Minnie Stotts, and Masters Charlie Sherman and Everett McKenzie. Rev. Dr. Williams addressed the audience at the opening of the entertainment, and Messrs. Mitchell and T. McGillicuddy briefly spoke at the conclusion of the programme. Forty-one new names were added to the "Roll Honor." The pledge includes tobacco.

THE DWELLING HOUSE OF MR. W. M. HILLIARD DESTROYED ON SUNDAY MORNING LAST.  
A strange fatality seems to prevail in Goderich at the present time in the matters of fires. The fourth of a series of occurrence in as many weeks took place on Sunday morning last about 5 o'clock, when the dwelling house of Mr. W. M. Hilliard was totally destroyed. It seems that one of Mr. Hilliard's children had been ailing, and about 3 o'clock the father arose and gave a drink to the sufferer. The morning being exceedingly cold, Mr. Hilliard started a fire to warm the house, and again betook himself to his couch. Shortly before 5 o'clock he was aroused from his slumbers by the sharp, crackling sound of burning wood, and thinking that the fire in the stove was burning too strongly, arose and went to examine. He then discovered that the roof of the house was on fire, and hastily awaking his family, gave the alarm. By hard work a small portion of the furniture was removed from the house, but although the alarm bell was rung and the engine got quickly to work, nothing could be done to save the dwelling building. A house immediately adjoining, and occupied by Mr. Reagan had a narrow escape, and would undoubtedly have been destroyed had it not been for the constant working of a party with pails previously to the playing of the engine. Mr. Hilliard's loss is estimated at \$1,949; insured for \$500 on the house, and \$500 on the furniture.

Tramps, Tramp, Tramp.  
Tramps have been scarce in Goderich this winter. A year ago as many as twenty-one filled the cells in a week, but, from whatever cause, not one solitary vagrant pedestrian has stopped overnight in the stone house this winter, if we except the case of James Taylor and James Clarke, two bronzed, rugged foot-peddlers, who were brought before the Mayor on Wednesday morning by constable Sturdy.  
Upon His worship making the couple what they had to say for themselves, Taylor, who had a most peculiar stutter, but who was evidently the spokesman of the little party, responded: "We are j-j-j-just m-m-m-making our w-w-w-way to St. T-T-T-T-Thomas, sir."  
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ed out the stammering tramp, in a manner calculated to melt the heart of the sternest magistrate.  
"From Kincaidine?" repeated the Mayor.  
"Y-y-y-yes," replied the other, "and we had f-f-f-f-forty-f-f-five o-c-c-cents in our p-p-p-pockets to get a l-l-l-l-load of b-b-b-b-bread with."  
"And you're going to St. Thomas?" queried the Mayor, in a tone of evident sympathy.  
"R-r-r-r-right off, air," eagerly responded the stammerer.  
"Then I'll discharge you," said His Worship, with a pardoning wave of his hand.  
"Th-th-th-th-thank you, air," ejaculated the discharged prisoner, and he and his more silent companion fled out of the chamber, and turned their faces eastward.

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