The Chatham Post office and the mail [illegible] were removed by Monday [illegible] of the 1st inst.

The Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway is now in the completion of the line to the latter point was duly celebrated on Thursday.

A woman, evidently insane, is at present without Hamilton representing herself as being worth some $600,000. In their hard times, it is refreshing to meet with one having that amount.

During the fine weather of last week a flock of 14 wild geese were seen flying over Grafton, Markham region. A crane or two, and two bald headed eagles were seen flying about.

On Thursday afternoon one of the clerks in the Hamilton Post-office was injured by a quantity explosive material, mistaking it for dynamite, inside of a letter. The explosion occurred while he was stamping the letter.

Porter Foster, a butcher of Windsor, attempted to cross from Detroit in a small boat one night last week, but was caught in the ice, and he and the crew were forced to get out several times and haul the boat over large cakes. They arrived at Windsor after a two hours' hard drenching and nearly frozen.

On Thursday, a son of John Chambers, Guelph, fell into a vat of boiling water at Allan's distillery. His cries were instantaneous at once, and he was taken out and medical aid sent for. The lower part of his body and legs were terribly burned; in some places the skin came off. Hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The Licensed Victuallers of London have circulated a petition for presentation to the Legislature in which they express the belief and alarm as a Bill being introduced for further restricting the liquor trade. The petition prays that the Bill may not become law until the electors have an opportunity of pronouncing upon it at the polls.

On Wednesday George Goring, aged twenty-nine, an employee of the Northern Railway at Bala Station, in coming out of a drinking saloon at the Narrows, near Orillia, fell within a distance of twelve feet to the ice, fracturing his skull. He remained insensible up to the time of his death, which took place next day. He leaves a wife and three children wholly unprovided for.

A boy named Duncan, aged ten years, son of John McDonald, of Elora, was instantly killed on Friday. He was a lad employed in attending close to a shaft at Mundell's cabinet factory, when the wind blew the scarf into the shaft, and the unfortunate youth was whirled round at the rate of one hundred and eighty revolutions per minute. The neck was drawn close to the shafting, and death was caused by suffocation. The body was on the outside of the building, and about two feet from the planking. The legs were badly broken and the body terribly bruised.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week a melancholy accident occurred at the residence of Mr. John Randle (colored) cooper, in Hamilton. It seems that Barbara Reynolds, a white woman, who was living with Randle, and passes for his wife, was engaged in washing clothes, and while in the act of carrying a boiler full of scalding water down the steps at the back door, she either slipped or fell owing to some of the water splashing upon her head. She seems to have fallen forward into the boiler, and was seriously scalded on the right shoulder and side, as well as on the neck and face. The unfortunate woman lingered in the most excruciating agony until Sunday, when death relieved her of her sufferings.

CLINTON AND VICINITY.

SIGNAL.—Business on the L. H. & B. road is rapidly increasing, both in freight and passenger lines. Another train has been placed upon the regular train, to accommodate the passengers.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday, 29th ult., Thomas Moorehead was driving a team of horses through town, when a sudden jolt caused the board he was riding on to break, and he fell beneath the wheels of the waggon, which passed over his head, severely cutting it. He is, however, in a fair way of recovery.

HORSE BURNED.—At about 2 o'clock on the 27th ult., the house of Mr. John Flavin, situate about a mile down the Bayfield road, was discovered to be on fire and had made such headway that it could not be saved. Most of the furniture was removed however. The fire is supposed to have originated through a defective stove pipe.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Monday of last week, while several men were returning to their homes on a lorry, on the L. H. & B. R. near Londesboro, a crowber had gradually worked down till one end caught in the ties, and as the lorry was was going at a good speed it instantly threw one of the men forward, the lorry passing over him. Upon the lorry was consider able weight, the unfortunate man was therefore dreadfully mangled, so much so that his life is despaired of. He is a young man, and had only been married about two months.—*New Era.*

MANCHESTER.

TEA MEETING.—A very successful social gathering took place in the Presbyterian church, Manchester on Thursday evening last. The evening was very stormy, but the attendance was large, fully 300 persons being present. An excellent repast was provided in the temperance hall, which was done ample justice to. The speaking took place in the church, a large temporary platform having been erected for the accommodation of the speakers and choir. Rev. Mr. Young, the pastor, occupied the chair very efficiently, and introduced the speakers, Rev. Messrs. Pritchard Hilliard, Miller, Hartly, Sieveright and McLean who delivered interesting, amusing and instructive addresses, delighting the large audience. The church choir, under the leadership of Mr. John Kernighan, sang several pieces of sacred music in a manner very creditable to themselves and very pleasing to the audience. The Misses Kernighan and Miss Dodds played the organ accompaniments skillfully. Votes of thanks were cordially presented to the choir, the ladies and the speakers, and the meeting was brought to a close at about 10 p. m., by the pronouncing of the benediction. The proceeds amounted to $72.90.

WINGHAM.

Mr. A. C. Cameron, late of the *Times* has been appointed Head Master of the Dunville Public School.

A band of Swedian musicians visited town last week. They play exceedingly well.

Miss Cole daughter of the late Dr. Cole of Clinton, has been engaged to give weekly drawing lessons to the scholars who desire it, in the Wingham public school, for 25c.

Rev. George Case, Methodist Minister of Wingham, last week gave a very interesting sermon on prohibition.

The census of Wingham taken for school purposes shows the following figures: Number of children between the ages of 5 and 16 years, 400; number at private school, 25; population of Upper Wingham, 1570.

The *Advance* says Mr. Thorrington has sold his new steam tannery to Mr. Geo. McKenzie, of Goderich, who will be here in about two months.

The merchants are all complaining of dull times.

There are great complaints about the price paid for produce here, as compared with Clinton.

Squires, of the Royal Hotel has gone to Uncle Sam's Dominion, without bidding his friends farewell.

The annual Masonic ball will come off on the 17th inst., in the hall of the Royal Hotel.

Having purchased and read the poems of Mr. Wm. Bannatyne, we believe that he sings in as pure and high a vein as any of the Bards of the Dominion, and unhesitatingly recommend them to the public.—*Post.*

On [illegible] last [illegible] a two on B. Franck [illegible] half [illegible], sow 3, Morris, dropped a pair of fine lambs.

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 London and Buffalo.
No. 5 Express, 3.30 p. m.
No. 9 Mixed, 5.30 p. m.

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 8 Mixed, 11.00 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.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

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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 WESTERN ADVERTISER $2.40—(which includes a premium map of Ontario). SIGNAL and MONTHLY WITNESS $2. SIGNAL and CANADA FARMER $2. SIGNAL and GREY $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, FEB. 9, 1876.

Board of School Trustees.

The first meeting of the School Board for 1876 took place on Monday evening, and with one little exception it was as orderly and harmonious as they usually are. Being the first meeting since we took occasion to call public attention to the habit which had obtained in the Board of permitting members to furnish supplies for the schools, it was naturally expected that the question would be discussed. This expectation was fulfilled, and it will be to the satisfaction of the public.

Mr. D. Ferguson first drew the attention of the Board to the remarks in the public prints, and stated that the public had spoken freely against such conduct. He thought that the members should come to a mutual understanding, and stop a proceeding which was illegal. He had determined to vote against any accounts which might be presented by members in future, and concluded by proposing that a resolution be placed in the minutes embodying the view he had taken. Mr. Buchanan supported Mr. Ferguson's views, but Mr. Simmons "emphatically opposed," to use his own words, the resolution, being of opinion that the Board had acted rightly and had the supplies of the school furnished cheaply. Jumping at the conclusion that the school printing was to fall into the hands of the Philistines, he proceeded to abuse the SIGNAL, and wound up by making a motion for certain returns, which the chairman ruled out of order. Mr. Swanson took occasion to defend himself from a charge which had been made against him, of receiving $1.50 per day for superintending the performance of certain school work, denying it emphatically. He complained that the SIGNAL did not defend him, forgetting that we never made such accusation against him and it was not our business to hunt up these charges and defend his character. Our columns were open to him to defend himself, and he would have found us ready to do him justice had he held us of the report. Mr. Elliott supported Mr. Simmons in his opposition to Mr. Ferguson's motion. The chairman spoke strongly against members furnishing supplies, and hoped to see a stop put to such proceedings. Mr. Nicholson, whilst expressing his opposition to the subject referred to by Mr. Ferguson, thought it would be unwise on the part of the Board to adopt the resolution, as it would be a direct confession of the impropriety of their actions. It was then generally resolved that members furnish no supplies to the schools, or in case they did it was at their own expense.

It is pleasing to note this action and the high tone of the public spirit which actuated those members who supported Mr. Ferguson. We have no doubt but that there will be no further occasion to complain of such illegal practices, and that, while as a Board they successfully strive to be economical, honesty will be a character of which it is deserving.

One matter which came before the Board must receive our attention before we close. An account was presented by one R. Simmons for printing some copies of a condensed Canadian history. The work was miserably executed, and not according to the understanding of those who asked for tenders; but the Board had no other course than to pay the account. As an attempt, however, to escape the chances of having the account rejected, it was sharp but very discreditable. The work was done at the *Star* office, the tender therefor was made out by the proprietor of that paper, and the account was virtually one from A. C. Simmons. In endeavoring to relieve himself from being charged with violating his office and at the same time receive benefit from the public funds, he adopts a course which is more humiliating than was the previous conduct illegal. Some may admire the "cuteness" of the dodge, but beyond that admiration is changed to a sentiment directly opposite.

THE MODEL FARM ceases to be the butt of newspaper ridicule, and to be a source of annoyance to its promoters. Since the notorious McCandless was dismissed from the position of head officer, the affairs of the school have progressed smoothly and successfully, and it can now safely be said that it has entered into a better and more propitious era. Under the supervision of intelligent and experienced tutors, the school is becoming the means of furnishing much important knowledge to the farming community abroad as well as to the students. Experiments in the use of manures, various modes of drawing, rotation of crops, in the horticultural department, raising and fattening stock, &c., are being practiced, and these being made known to the public will be productive of great benefit. The materials produced upon the farm of the school are almost solely used, so that the experiments will be of use to every farmer. At the present time the following interesting tests of the qualities of various kinds of feed are being made, the oil cake being the only article which the farm does not produce:

CATTLE.

1. Whether turnips in the *whole or pulped* state are quickest and cheapest for fattening. Two four year old cows are the subjects of this experiment, and besides turnips, will be fed with cut straw and pease meal.

2. Oil cake *versus* pease-meal: Subjects, two steers, rising four years old; the one to get oil cake, pulped turnips and cut straw, the other pease meal with similar additions.

3. An animal of like kind and age, to be fed on a mixture of oil-cake and pease-meal as also turnips and straw.

SHEEP.

Shearling Cotswold wethers: One to have cut turnips, pease, straw, oats and bran.

Another the same, but pease in place of oats.

A third will receive oil cake as a distinctive, while a fourth will be allowed a mixture of oats, pease and oil-cake.

The subject of the next experiment has in view to test the values of Hay and Turnips as against grain feeding:

Two half-bred Cotswold wether lambs will be fed on clover hay and turnips alone; other two on pease straw, turnips and oats, and a third couple on pease and oats.

PIGS.

Here the arrangements are simple: two animals will be served with raw pease, two on boiled pease, and two on house swillings with wheat refuse. Of course, the previous treatment of the animals, their ages, weights, dispositions, equal conditions of comfort, as well as the quantities, times, and forms in which the food is supplied, will stand for regular record, and altogether it will be a matter for surprise if something useful does not result from these fifteen distinct experiments in the feeding properties of different materials, with different animals.

As the tests are completed, we shall endeavour to make our readers acquainted with the results.

Ontario Legislature.

MONDAY, Jan. 31.

Mr. Crooks' Bill creating an Education Department, was read a third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. Mowat brought down the supplementary estimates, amounting to $136,483. Referred to Committee of Supply.

The License Bill passed its second reading after considerable discussion, and a bill to incorporate the city of St. Catharines was passed.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1.

A secret session took place to discuss the proposed increase of the salary of members, and it was decided to make no increase.

The reading of certain bills occupied the attention of the House, until the supplementary estimates were introduced, several items of which were passed.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2.

The Railway Bill occupied the attention of the House during considerable time, and passed a first reading. It was proposed to aid roads as follows:

Lake Simcoe Junction, 20½ miles, at $2,000 a mile.
Belleville & North Hastings, 22 miles at $3,000.
Cobourg, Peterboro' & Marmora, 13 miles at $2,000.
Credit Valley, 80 miles at $3,000.
Stratford & Lake Huron, 25 miles at $2,000.
Victoria, 33 miles at $1,000.
Montreal & Ottawa, 66 miles at $1,000.
Midland, 14 miles at $1,750.
Grand Junction, additional to the former appropriations, 45 miles to Peterboro', at $1,000, against the former grant from Peterboro' to Lindsay.
Kingston and Pembroke, 16 miles at $3,750, against the former grant of 67 miles at $3,250.

During the evening session the House went into committee on the License Bill, when Hon. Mr. Crooks proposed an amendment, allowing five taverns in a thousand population in county towns and in Clifton, which was carried.

THURSDAY, Feb. 3.

The License Bill was discussed at considerable length, and an amendment altering the limit of the amount of tavern or shop license fees by which a municipality may require a tavern-keeper to pay from $150 to $200 was adopted, any sum overland above $100 to go to the municipality; as also was one reducing the fee payable in any judicial or territorial district from $100 to $60. In Committee of the Whole the date for the Act to come into operation was altered from the first of May to the first of June.

Mr. Bethune withdrew his Bill respecting compulsory voting, promising to bring it up next session. Mr. Ross withdrew, for the present, his Bill to provide for the election of School Trustees by ballot.

FRIDAY, Feb. 4.

The Railway Aid Bill passed its second reading after a lengthy discussion.—During the discussion Mr. Gibson said, in reply to Mr. Wigle, that the hon. gentleman forgot that Essex got the Great Western Railway at the expense of the country. (Hear, hear.) It was difficult to bring down a railway measure which would please everybody.—During the three last years of the Sandfield Macdonald Government, 44 railways had been chartered, and only 24 railways had been aided, or were to be aided, under this Bill. The Sandfield Macdonald Government had taken an arbitrary power in this matter, but if they had the courage after the 1871 elections to name what railway should be aided, they would have stopped many of the lines which were now languishing. But they were fishing for votes, and they had not the courage to decide between rival enterprises. He was satisfied with what the Bill proposed to do, but not quite satisfied with what it did not propose to do. The Lake Simcoe Junction Railway had as good a financial basis as the Toronto, Grey and Bruce and the Wellington, Grey and Bruce had in 1871. The Credit Valley Railway had been chartered when Sandfield Macdonald was in power, and it was called into existence principally because of the discriminating policy pursued for years by the Great Western and Grand Trunk. He could defend his vote in favor of the Bill in this respect. He considered that the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce was entitled to at least $1,000 per mile from Weston to Orangeville. The country would approve of the colonization road, and he did not think $8,000 a mile was too much, but he thought the Province should be recouped by the sale of lands in the neighbourhood of the road. The Bill had met the support of the House, and he had no doubt would be assented to by the country.

Mr. Ross said he had no doubt that the railway policy of the Government had been of great benefit to the country. While, however, a large number of good enterprises had been stimulated; it was time to put a check on extravagant railway speculation. This Bill would satisfy the country, though it would not satisfy the Opposition, who had been preparing to attack some enormous scheme, and had their plans overthrown by the moderate character of this measure. (Hear, hear.) He believed the country should colonize roads in older sections which open ed up important districts. There was another class of roads, however, which the Government must have found it more difficult to deal with—those which did not fulfil the other conditions, but were local in their benefits. They had, however, a moral claim on the country from the aid they had received from municipalities on the faith that the Government would pursue the policy of the past. He was, therefore, disposed to support the proposals of the Government in reference to that class. He gave his unqualified support to the proposal to construct a line to connect with the Pacific Railway, and believed the amount voted would be sufficient. He thought it was time the country should understand that in future no roads would be aided unless they were really of Provincial importance. (Hear, hear.) He thought it would be a wrong policy for the Government to relieve a constructed road from its embarrassments, such as the Toronto, Grey and Bruce, simply that the bondholders might get their money.—They might as well assist the Grand Trunk and Great Western. The aid was given to secure the completion of the roads, and after they were finished the Province had no further responsibility.

School Board.

The first regular meeting of the Board took place on Monday evening, the four new members taking their seats.—On motion, C. Crabb, Esq., was re-appointed chairman for the year. The monthly report by the Principal of the Central School was read showing the attendance to have been boys 305, girls 253, and also calling attention to the crowded state of Miss Robinson's room. Mr. J. R. Miller presented his report of the condition of the schools for the past year. The report showed that the number on the roll amounted to 556 boys and 510 girls, showing a decrease of 20 since the previous year occasioned by the large number promoted to the High School. Promotions were made to the number of 513. The school accommodation was good, there being seats and desks for 788 pupils. Mr. Miller called attention to the law respecting compulsory education. Only 4 scholars were reported who did not attend school according to Statute, but the spell showed more, and it was hoped that measures would be taken to have the law fully enforced. The income for the year for all purposes was $7354.19, and expenses $7,238.36. The cost of educating the pupils of the town, estimated on the number of pupils on roll and amount paid teachers, was $3.75. Compared with Hamilton the cost per pupil was $3.60 only. The report concluded with a favorable reference to the condition of the schools. It was resolved that the report be printed and circulated. The following accounts were presented:—W. H. Ball, 50 cents; R. Simmons, jr., printing, $15; Geo. Cattle, $1.20; G. H. Parsons, $1.75; Geo. Graham, $1.75; Robt. Davis, $7.60; *Globe* Printing Co., $1; A. C. Simmons, printing, $15; Eric ExKay, $6.75; J. A. Cathlick, $105.75. Mr. Ferguson stated that the pamphlets printed by R. Simmons were poorly bound and that they were not properly assorted, so that it was resolved that $13 be paid to Geo. Graham, Messrs. Simmons and Elliott opposing in favor of paying account in full. $100 was also ordered to be paid on Mr. Cathlick's account. Of St. Andrews' Ward School it was reported that several repairs were needed in the school and the privies were in a filthy state. Mr. Miller, Inspector, reported that the schools were working very satisfactorily. A motion to take tenders for supplying wood for the schools was adopted. Committees were appointed as follows: Finance—Messrs. Ferguson, Buchanan and Passmore. Contingent—Ferguson, Swanson, and Nicholson. School management—Passmore, Buchanan, and Ferguson. Mr. J. R. Miller was re-appointed town school Inspector at a salary of $150. Mr. Wm. Mitchell was re-appointed Secretary at a salary of $80; Mr. Jas. Bisset was re-appointed care taker for Central School at a salary of $225; R. Symonds was appointed caretaker for St. Patricks and St. David's ward schools at a salary of $90; John Cockburn, caretaker, St. Andrew's, salary $60.

The following schedule was read, showing the state of the finances for 1875:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Town assessment	$6,650 00
Government grant	524 00
Rebate from County on acct. of Inspector	63 34
Rebate on Inspector from County from 1871-72-73	116 85
	$7,354 19

Expenditure.

Teachers	$3,960 00
Repairs, &c.	112 68
New school and grading	1,621 36
Prizes	30 00
Fuel, janitors, inspector, assessors, secretary and other accts.	1,514 82
Balance	115 33
	$7,354 19

The first Monday in every month was appointed as the regular meeting night. Meeting then adjourned.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Mr. John M.'s letter is held over for another issue.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. S. Sinclair, of Goderich, conducted the prosecution very ably in the trial of the murderer McConnell in Hamilton last week.

D. Ferguson has a quantity of Trout and Herrings which he is selling at low prices.

NETS LOST.—During the gale of last week, twelve nets which had been placed under the ice in front of the harbor were carried off and lost, by the breaking up of the ice. The winter has been a bad one for the fishermen, who have not been able to secure the usual catch of herring.

SLIGHTLY HURT.—On Monday morning Mr. Jos. Williams, whilst superintending the piling of some lumber at his yard, was struck on the head by three boards which fell from the top of a pile beside which he was standing, and was knocked senseless. Beyond a painful bruise to the scalp, no other injury resulted.

PERSONAL.—On Tuesday of last week Mr. Jos. Woodman, a student in Mr. G. Campaigne's law office, passed his first intermediate examination before the Law Society in Toronto. Mr. E. Campion, of Mr. B. L. Doyle's office, also passed a very creditable second intermediate examination, without an oral.

ARE YOU A BANKRUPT?—Reader, this is not an impertinence, we are not trying to pry into your private affairs, or the details of your business, but if you are Bankrupt in heath and a sufferer—use Wingate's Blood Purifier and Liver Corrector. 1507ly

D. Ferguson is selling Women and Children's Felt Boots and Shoes remarkably cheap. 6t

BALL AND SUPPER.—Huron Encampment No. 28, I.O.O.F., will give a ball and supper at their hall, on Friday evening next. The affair promises to be the event of the season, and under the management of the committee which has charge of the affair, we doubt not that it will be very successful. We return thanks for an invitation received from the Secretary.

INVITED GUESTS.—Quite a number of our citizens visited Stratford on Thursday last, to attend the celebration of the opening of the Stratford and Port Dover Railway, the gas works and the agricultural works. The affair was very brilliant, the guests were numerous and the people of Stratford treated their guests handsomely.

D. Ferguson has a large and well assorted stock of Hardware, which he is selling cheaper than the cheapest. 6t

PAINFUL INJURY.—C. Crabb, Esq., on Sunday last had occasion to climb a ladder which stood against the wall in his mill, near his residence, and whilst standing at the top, the ladder slipped on the icy floor, causing Mr. Crabb to fall heavily to the ground. He was considerably bruised about the body, and had his nose broken, causing the blood to flow freely. Fortunately no bones were broken, and Mr. Crabb is able to attend to his business.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—Wm. Nolan, was, on Thursday last, brought before C. Crabb, Esq. on a charge of robbing one Lewis of $3 or $4. From the evidence of the plaintiff it appears that he had been in the town a couple of days, on the evening of the robbery two young men met him on the Square and took him to the bawdy house then existing on the Bayfield Road. Here he met Nolan who threatened to cut him with a razor if he did not pay for the drinks, and finally he struck the plaintiff on the head with some heavy instrument which slightly stunned him, and then took his purse from his pocket. Shortly after Nolan returned the purse, minus some bills which plaintiff claims it contained. One witness testified that plaintiff gave his purse to defendant without being threatened. Mr. Crabb, after the evidence had been taken, committed Nolan to stand his trial.

SALT BLOCK SOLD.—On Tuesday last Mr. G. M. Trueman sold the Sanitarium salt block at auction for the sum of $1625, subject to a further claim of $1075. Mr. John McLean was the purchaser.

CRIMINAL COURT.—In the case of C. Horrell for stealing boots and shoes from John Jackson, of Clinton, prisoner was sentenced on Friday to two years in Central Prison at Toronto. The prisoner and his son William are awaiting judgment in other cases against them.

OFFICERS ELECT.—At a regular meeting of the I. O. G. T. the following officers for 1876 were duly installed: Bro. Halcrow, W. C. T.; Sister McCreath, W. V. T; Bro. W. McCreath, W. S.; Bro. E. Arthur, W. M.; Sister Calbeard, W. D. M; Bro. E. Reeve, W. I. G; Bro. Publow, W. O. G; Bro. Dorland, W. C; Sister Martin, W. R. H. S; Sister Brunton, W. L. H. S; Bro. Parker, P. W. C. T.

"OUT OF THE DEPTHS."—Mr. W. T. Cox, of Sycamore, Illinois, (formerly of this town) will deliver an address in Goderich, on Thursday evening, Feb. 24th, 1876, in the course of which will be related the story of his fall under the power of strong drink and his ultimate reformation to society and friends.

The lecture, we are sure, will be highly interesting and instructive in view of the circumstances with which the old residents of Goderich are acquainted. Further particulars will be given in another issue.

GRAND TRUNK WATERWORKS.—The new arrangement for supplying the engines of the Grand Trunk railway on this portion of the line, has been completed and works well. The engine which pumps the water from the river into the tank at the engine house is quite capable of doing its work, although it has to raise the water to a height of about 300 feet. This arrangement will be found a very great convenience, as the engines can now be supplied with water before starting out.

ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday evening last Jas. Connors, hostler of the Colborne hotel, met with a painful accident. Whilst holding a team of horses, the animals started throwing Connors down, and he holding on to the reins was dragged from the front of the hotel to the stable, where he let go and the waggon passed over his breast. He was at once taken into the hotel, and Dr. Taylor was called in to attend him. The bruises were very painful, but Connors is able to move about.

KNOX CHURCH.—The annual meeting of the congregation was held on Wednesday evening last. The report of the Treasurer shews the total debt of the united congregations to be $1800, the most of which was incurred for repairs and improvements. It was decided to print the financial statement together with a statistical report from the session, for distribution throughout the congregation. The following new managing committee was elected by ballot—A. Dickson, H. I. Strang, J. Buchanan, J. T. Duncan, A. P. McLean, J. Cosie, J. Jackson, Dr. McLean, J. Smaill, Alex. McD. Allan, A. Sands and R. Thompson. Rev. Mr. Sieveright addressed the meeting urging the necessity of enlarging the church in order to provide sittings for those now enquired for. Mr. Boosey offered a motion requesting the session to provide non-alcoholic wine in future for sacramental purposes, but owing to the lateness of the hour and for other reasons, it was deemed inexpedient to discuss the subject. A business meeting of the managing committee will be held this evening.

CURLING.—Two rinks of the Goderich club played a friendly match on Friday last, at St. Marys, with the St. Marys club, and on Saturday with two rinks at the Sarnia club on the same rink. The St. Marys club received their brother curlers from Goderich and Sarnia, with their usual courtesy and kindness. The game resulted as follows:—

RINK No. 1.

St. Marys.	Goderich.
Mr. Andrews,	J. H. Finlay,
Dr. Ford,	E. Martin,
J. M. Weir,	Capt. Dancy,
G. McIntyre,	M. Hutchison,
skip 17.	skip 19.

RINK No. 2.

Wm W. Somerville,	Thos Hood,
D. A. Robertson,	P. Adamson,
T. O. Robson,	Henry Horton,
J. D. Moore,	Capt. Thomson,
skip 25.	skip 14.

Majority for St. Marys, 9 shots.

The second match resulted as follows:

RINK No. 1.

Sarnia.	Goderich.
M. Fleming,	Thos. Hood,
Capt. Symes,	P. Adamson,
Jas. King,	Henry Horton,
John Chester,	Capt. Thomson,
skip 22.	skip 13.

RINK No. 2.

A. Alexander,	J. H. Finlay,
Wm. Stewart,	E. Martin,
J. McKenzie,	J. M. Weir,
Wm. Ireland,	Capt. Dancy,
skip 11.	skip 21.

Majority for Goderich, one.

CEDAR TIMBER.—Messrs. Crofts & Johnston are desirous of purchasing a quantity of cedar timber, from 16 to 30 feet long. They have purchased timber extensively this winter, having handled so far nearly 100,000 feet of hemlock.

Try D. Ferguson's 50 cent. Tea; it is good value for 75 cts. Good Mascovado Sugar, 12 lbs. for $1. Best Golden Syrup, 75 cts. per gallon. All other groceries proportionably cheap. 6t

PRESENTATION.—Miss McDougall, who for some years past has acted as organist in St. Peter's church, Goderich, being about to remove to Stratford, was was on Saturday, 29th January, made the recipient of a handsome token of the esteem in which she was held by the members of the choir and the congregation. The presentation took place in the convent, in the presence of a number of prominent members of the church, Rev. Father Schneider, of London, Father O'Shea and the members of the choir. The present consisted of a beautiful rosewood dressing case, and the contents were of the best material. On each piece of silver in the case was engraved Miss McDougall's monogram, executed with exquisite taste. On the cover of the case was a silver plate, and on it was engraved the following: "Presented to Miss McDougall by the congregation of St. Peter's Church as a mark of esteem. Goderich, Jan. 1876." The following address was read by a member of the choir:

DEAR MISS MCDOUGAL,

We, the Choir of St. Peter's Church, Goderich, on the part of the congregation, in acknowledgement of your valuable services, as kindly and generously rendered, as organist here, beg to return you our sincere thanks, and to express the deep regret we feel in the loss we sustain in your departure from amongst us.

We could not at all reconcile ourselves with the thought, but that we trust a gracious providence in calling you from us has decreed a far greater share of happiness than we have in our power to confer.

As an earnest of the gratitude we feel towards you, we present you with this Dressing Case, and hope you will kindly accept the small offering, of which, if it were more valuable, we would more gladly be the donors.

That God, whom you have so many times honored by the harmony of your music, may continue to shower down upon you his choicest gifts and blessings in this life, and at death send his angels to conduct you to a glorious throne to enjoy a blessed eternity, is the humble, heartfelt prayer of your devoted "CHOIR."

Miss McDougall was deeply affected, but subdued her emotion sufficiently to thank the choir and congregation for their kindness, and said that all she had ever done for the church and people here had been but a pleasure to her; and she would have been the more happy if she had had it in her power to have done much more than she did. All who have known Miss McDougall will be ready to supplement the good wishes contained in the address, and wish joy to the newly wedded pair.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—The Rev. Mr. Ryan, from England, will lecture on temperance in the North St. Methodist church, on Friday evening of this week. Mr. Ryan is lecturing under the auspices of the Ontario Temperance and Prohibitory League, and comes with the highest recommendations. The lecture will commence at 7:30 o'clock. A collection will be taken up in aid of the funds of the League.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.—Farmers will be interested in reading the result of an experiment made during the past season as to the relative merits of broadcast and grain drill sowing, which was made on the State Experimental Farm in Pennsylvania, and from which we learn that 2½ bushels, hand sowed, produced 116¾ bushels; while the same quantity of seed on the same amount of land sown with a grain drill produced 127 bushels. In the face of such facts, it is astonishing that so many farmers fail to behoove purchasers of this valuable adjunct to successful husbandry—a Grain Drill.

SUMMER HOTEL.—On Monday evening a meeting was held of the stockholders of the Company, for general business. A report was read from the directors reviewing the business up to the present time; the books were produced for inspection and Messrs. D. C. Strachan and Wm. Campbell appointed to audit the same. The stockholders were invited to ask any questions they pleased regarding the business already performed by the directors and if they desired to appoint either the whole board anew or one or more members, the resignation of the present board might be considered before them. Many questions were asked and satisfactory replies given as the present board were complimented on their action thus far and assured that there was no want of confidence in them. We hope all who promised to take stock to assist the Company will now come forward like men and do so and those who already have stock should pay their calls promptly as the money is wanted to push the work.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—The trustees of School section No. 1, Howick, intend erecting during the coming summer, a new school house.

—"Hard times" as Smith said, when he woke up on Thursday morning and found nothing but ice in the water pitcher.

—A democratic sign Huron appoints a jackey (Leckie, as the member from Wroxeter pronounces it) to the highest position in its gift.

—If a person accuses you just now of being influential, and requests your signature to a document, you may be sure he is looking for the office of License Inspector under the new act.

—The friends of Jos. Whelpton, of Ethel, who recently severely hurt his leg, turned out last week and chopped 50 cords of wood for him.

—On Wednesday last a hay stack belonging to Mr. John Barker, lot 16, con. 5, Grey, was totally destroyed by fire. Incendiarism.

—Mr. Charles Doan has sold his farm, Lot 24, on the Twelfth Concession, Grey, to Mr. Carnochan, of Tuckersmith for $3,500.

—This is the era of prodigies. Mr. Walter Goveslock, lot 5, con. 8, Grey, discovered a growth of new potatoes in his cellar a couple of weeks ago. They were of fair size and well formed.

—A Grange Club has been formed at Londesboro, and a store is to be built on Mr. Woodman's corner. They talk of putting up a saw and grist mill.

—Mr. T. McFarlane, of East Wawanosh, last spring sowed one bushel of the famous hulless oats on an acre, and had a return of sixty five bushels.

—The next Session of East Huron District Temple No. 3, Independent Order of Good Templars, will take place at Gorrie, on Monday, Feb. 21, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m.

—On the 24th ult., Mr. F. Hibbert, of Morris, whilst taking the harness off one of his horses, slipped and put his ankle out of joint. The horse then kicked him in the side, breaking two of his ribs. He is recovering.

—On the 25th ult., a daughter of Mr. Thos. Alexander, of West Wawanosh, aged about thirteen years, in jumping off a sleigh slipped and fell, striking her head on the frozen ground, making two severe scalp wounds. She was taken home in an insensible condition.

—Among a lot of cattle shipped from Clinton station a few days ago, was a thoroughbred Durham bull, less than three years old, which weighed 2,000 pounds. This animal had been raised by Mr. McTaggart, of Clinton. Mr. John Mason, of Hullett, also sold a few days ago a heifer three quarters bred, which weighed 1,515 lbs.

—A few days ago one John Smith, while driving along the gravel road near Kintail, slipped off the wagon on a bag of grain. The horses took fright and ran away, dragging the driver along the road, his foot having been caught in the lines. The horses were quickly stopped, and Mr. Smith was found to be painfully, though not seriously bruised.

—School affairs in Seaforth are in a healthy state. There are now two male and five female teachers employed. The salaries paid are as follows: First, $650; 2d, $450; 2d, $310; 4th, $300; 5th, $250; 6th, $250; 7th, $225; making a total for salaries of $2,435 per annum. According to the census recently taken there are 592 children between the ages of 5 and 16 attending school, and only three between the ages of 7 and 12 not attending any school. The trustees expended last year $3,241.55, and they carried over a balance to the present year of the amount raised over and above the expenditure of $866.24.

Canadian Winter.

The following pretty lines were composed in Bermuda, by the late R. Simmings, of Goderich, and have never before appeared in print. When the vigorous temperament of the Canadian is subjected to the enervating influences of tropical climes, the craving for a breath of keen winter air or a sight of the "snow-clad hills" inspires patriotic devotion, and those who have experienced this situation can well appreciate the sentiment of these verses:

The summer winds sigh thro' this garden of Roses,
And never the roses stray from her grove,
The cool rich hills and s e s are beauty disclosing,
More bright than the last, to the eye as in rove;
The' the myrtle around me its fragrance is throwing,
As playfully o'er it the light zephyr moves;
Yet my heart is best moved and the poetic glowing,
By thoughts of the brave native land that it loves.

The' the Naiads of Ocean have here built their bowers,
In coraline cell, 'neath the bright crystal wave;
And the sea shell lies hid, among bright ocean flowers,
That certain with beauty the Mermaiden's cave.
The' no flowers here dream that a ruthless December,
Will crush the sweet life that a bright April gave,
And the' each cutting wind of the North I remember,
Yet my heart is best moved and the poetic glowing.

The' the fierce Wicher King of North now assembles,
In far away caves by his grim Peaks Ben,
All his veteran troopers, whose long hair freezes
The voice of a storm o'er the first Mitten loup.
The' his lo ewlips resound the o' the home of my childhood,
And wild shrieks his voice thro' each grim forest roar,
As he scatters the bright crimson leaves of the wild wood,
His mirth and his madness are music to me.

Bermuda, Dec. 1868.

DUNGANNON.

TEA MEETING.—A very pleasant and successful social took place in the Methodist Church, Dungannon, on Tuesday evening, 1st inst. The attendance was very large, the proceeds amounting to $100. Speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Caswell, Christopherson and Rice, and excellent music was furnished by a choir under the leadership of Mr. Hiscox, Miss Pointer presiding at the organ. A social took place on the following evening, which was well attended.

AUCTION SALE.—An important auction sale will take place at Dean Swift's hotel, on Tuesday next. Particulars in another column.

Communications.

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

Rev. W. R. Poole and the Tribe of Dan.

Goderich, 25th Jan., 1876.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

DEAR SIR,—Being an admirer of Mr. Poole, I took the first opportunity of hearing him lecture on the above subject last evening in North St. Methodist Church, and was very much pleased with the masterly manner in which he handled his subject. He argued very strongly and somewhat convincingly that the people of British isles are descendants of the above tribe. I would have left f