Intercolonial trains near Halifax have been snowed up for some days.

The Reformers of South Essex are talking of contesting the election of Mr. Wigle.

The new post office at Aberdeen, in the Township of Kincardine, is opened. Mr. D. Cameron is postmaster.

Mr. John Oliver has been appointed Vice and Deputy Consul of the United States at Sarnia.

Mr. Thomas Meek, of St. Thomas, had his right arm broken the other day by a kick from a horse.

No trains have passed over the London branch of the Grand Trunk since Wednesday up to Saturday.

The house of Mr. M. Currie, Nottawa, was entered by thieves on Friday and robbed of $400.

The iron bridge, recently erected across the Otonabee River, in Peterboro, has fallen to pieces, no doubt from the extreme frost of the past few days.

During a fight which occurred in London on Friday night between John Welch and one Doyle, the latter had a piece taken out of his cheek.

A brakeman on the Canada Southern named Crocker fell from his train at Hagerville on Friday, the cars passing over his leg, almost severing it in twain.

On Thursday, the necessary papers were signed and protest entered against the return of the Hon. J. G. Currie for the County of Welland.

The Credit Valley Railway bridge about to be erected in Galt will be 1200 feet long and ninety feet high. It will cross the river near Blain's Dam.

A curling match was played in Port Hope between four rinks of Clarke and four of the Waverley Club, of Cobourg, for the Caledonia Medal, Cobourg winning by 25 shots.

Geo. Johnson, who was arrested at Buffalo, charged with the commission of several robberies on the freight cars of the Canada Southern Railway, has voluntarily returned to Canada with a detective.

The Canada Southern Railway has recently been obliged to ship all freight over the Great Western, on account of the river being full of ice at the crossing at Amherstburg.

M. A. Pennington & Co's, wholesale paint and oil establishment, Hamilton, was destroyed by fire on Saturday, together with other business places. Loss $75,000.

A scheme for recruiting the Grand Trunk Railway service, whereby only total abstainers, furnishing satisfactory references of the fact will be engaged, has received the sanction of Mr. W. J. Spicer, Superintendent.

All who can become voters under the Income Franchise Act—now in operation—ought to take advantage of the opportunity and have their names placed on the voters' lists.

Judge Neilson, who is now presiding at the Beecher-Tilton trial in Brooklyn, is a native Canadian, being a son of the late Dr. Neilson, of Ernestown. The Judge was born and educated within a few miles of Napanee, in which town he carried on business for some years.

A serious accident occured in Milford a few days ago. While Mr. John Cardwell was cutting some wood at the door the axe suddenly glanced, striking his ankle and severed several large arteries. His life was despaired of for some time, but under skilful treatment he is now doing well.

Mr. John Birrell, of the wholesale firm of John Birrell & Co., London, died suddenly on the 12th, of heart disease. Mr. Birrell was 58 years of age, and had been in business in London since 1836. At the time of his death he was President of the London, Huron, and Bruce Railway.

Operations at the Sarnia salt well have not made much progress for some time back, by reason of the fact that some of the tools had got fast at the bottom of the well, and appeared indisposed to come out under the application of any ordinary means. They were at last extracted by the aid of a most ingenious contrivance, constructed at Mr. Peterson's foundry, and work is now going on satisfactorily. The present depth is about 700 feet.

The thrashing season is now over in the Eastern Townships. One man, who has thrashed over 18,000 bushels from the time of harvesting to the present, states that the yield of wheat averaged twenty-five bushels, to the acre; and the average yield of oats, fifty-one bushels to the acre. Club wheat is extensively sown, but the bearded, known as "the poor man's wheat," is taking the place of other kinds.

On Sunday, whilst the Trois Sam moun's bridge, near L'Islet station was being repaired, a train approached without being properly signalled. Two engines and one baggage car were precipitated over the bridge into the river. The two engineers and one fireman were killed, namely, P. Furer, driver, T. Temple and M. Dumault, all residents of Point Levis. None of the passengers were hurt.

The delegation to Ottawa for the presentation of the people's petition, with regard to the location of the Manitoba Railroad, left Winnipeg on Thursday by stage. The two gentlemen to whom the petition is entrusted are Major Kennedy, Mayor of the city, and Mr. St. John, editor of the *Standard*. The petition contains over 5,000 signatures, collected from every part of the province. The railway policy is expected to take up the attention of the Local Legislature next session.

A gentleman in Guelph a short time ago received a letter from his mother, who resides in Muskoka, in which she graphically describes the funeral of one of the deceased residents, a Mr. Newman, who formerly lived on Oak street, Toronto. There being no consecrated burial ground near his settlement the body had to be drawn by hand on a sleigh for fourteen dreary miles through deep snow, the poor widow who was unable to walk, sitting on the coffin the whole way to Mary Lake where he was interred. The correspondent speaks very earnestly in behalf of the erection of a church for which outside help is required, but few of the settlers being able to spare any of their scanty means for that purpose.

On Thursday night between nine and ten o'clock a frame building in London was destroyed by fire. The fire was occasioned by the fall of a coal-oil lamp and spread with such rapidity that the children, who were in bed in the second story, were rescued with difficulty. One, a boy of 16, was severely scorched about the head and neck, and, jumping from a window, suffered fracture of a leg and arm. A young lad named George, about seven years of age, was overpowered by the smoke and perished in the flames. The calcined remains were removed from the *debris* of the building about midnight. Much sympathy is felt for the parents.

BRUSSELS.

From the *Post* market figures—Wheat 81 to 85, barley 90, oats 37, peas 65, beef 5, pork $7.75, hay $11.50, butter 20, potatoes 60.

Mr. J. C. McCutcheon sold his house and ½ acre lot on John street, to Mr. Wm. Aldridge last week, for the sum of $600.

A owe owned by Mr. George Collison, lot 19, con. 5, Morris, had *twin lambs* on Tuesday, Jan. 26th. In the matter of early lambs, we believe that Morris is to the fore.

M. J. W. Kerr, of this village, while getting out of bed early last Sunday morning, slipped and fell against a piece of furniture, breaking one or more of his ribs. Mr. Kerr has suffered a good deal, being a very stout gentleman of about 75 years of age. He has the sympathy of a host of friends.

A meeting of the farmers of Morris in the Union school section was held in Parker's hotel, Brussels, on Monday, to discuss the question of separation, and was attended by about seventeen of the representative men of the section. After a good deal of discussion, it was decided to draw up a petition and get the same signed, praying the Morris Council to withdraw them from the Union section, and form them into a new school section.

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Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Feb. 17, 1875.

The South Huron Representative.

As we anticipated in our last week's issue, no opposition of any kind was made by the Reform party to the return of Mr. Greenway, the independent candidate for the Riding; and since his election by acclamation, we are not aware that Reformers have been very tearful over the result. A section of the Tory party, however, jubilate very loudly over their "glorious victory," whilst a portion express some dissatisfaction with Mr. Greenway for avoiding, as he did at the nomination, any undue rejoicings and for daring to express what we should call decidedly liberal sentiments in the very presence and hearing of some of our most stolid opponents.

These are matters which we might well leave them to settle amongst themselves, were it not that Mr. Greenway, who is now public property, is affected by them. We have not been accustomed to eulogize Mr. Greenway since he aspired to a public position, but in common justice to him and our readers, we may be permitted to enquire whether Mr. Greenway has not been true to himself in the expressions of his political sentiments—as pronounced in his speech at Varna, which appears in another column—and of his intended course in Parliament. In 1872, and again in 1874, on both occasions, in opposition to Mr. Cameron, Mr. Greenway was nominated by Conservative conventions for the present Riding of South Huron. Then, as since, the only plea of fealty they required was that he should consent to become their candidate. His strongly liberal views were then as fully known as now. In his printed addresses to the electors, and in his public speeches during the canvass for both elections, he did not hesitate to express very liberal views and to denounce any system or any party which required its candidate to enter Parliament bound, as he alleged Mr. Cameron was, to an unhesitating support of any set of men. These views were not unacceptable to the Tories in whose presence they were expressed; on the contrary, they were cheered to the echo, as containing the very essence of Tory doctrine.

How comes it that, when victory perched upon their banners, the enunciation of the same sentiments did not meet the old response. Toryism and the Tories were certainly unchanged. Mr. Greenway was but repeating what they had heartily greeted in former campaigns, and what they should have expected at Varna. But the answer is not he re. Though the Tories can consent to liberal professions during a campaign, they can tolerate no such nonsense when their cause is won. Messrs. Davison and Van Norman were "generously allowed" extraordinary latitude in approaching electors for their votes, but he would have been the most innocent of Conservatives who would indulge the hope that these men would, if elected, have been "generously allowed" a similiar privilege in Parliament.

The Tories who attended the nomination were agape for a diatribe against the Reform Government and Reform principles. Innocent souls, they believe that a blood and thunder speech, bristling with bribery and corruption and "Tuckersmith Cameron" would fitly celebrate the triumph of Mr. Greenway, as it would in fact that of the Conservatives,—if they had one to celebrate. Mr. Greenway's reiteration of his past political utterances, his refusal to throw up his cap in a wild burst of glorification of Sir John and everything Conservative, and his moderate enunciation of liberal views took them aback. They could stand anything on such occasions but a prescription of honesty and consistency. Whether Mr. Greenway was or was not expressing his real sentiments, or the extent to which they accord with our own, are matters with which at present we do not assume to deal, but we submit that there can be no question as to his consistency in the matters to which we have alluded.

As we are at all times more disposed to laugh than weep, we cannot refuse to rejoice with those of our Tory friends who indulge in that pleasant exercise over Mr. Greenway's election. They jubilate over his Toryism and we over his Liberalism.

Let us have peace!

The Question of Amnesty.

Mr. Mackenzie's motion of amnesty to the participants in the North West troubles, manifests a policy on the part of the Government which will be the only means of settling this much vexed question. Some delicacy has been exhibited in dealing with the subject, and this present action in taking hold of the horns of a national dilemma with a due regard for justice in the case is worthy of high commendation. There is a large party to whom anything but an absolute pardon is unacceptable, as that bitter sheet the *Nouveau Monde* announces, whilst on the other hand is a large party calling for the severest vengeance that can be visited upon the offenders. But from this latter party's conduct in the past, Mr. Mackenzie has taken his cue. Political parties are inclined to act in a manner to gain friends. When a matter for legislation comes before them which is apt to offend some friends their actions are wary and studied; but here we have a crying evil which had to be settled in some satisfactory manner, and after the late Government by its disgraceful truckling had brought this complication to its present state, the present Government has found itself called upon to decide the matter and in such a manner that will put an end to any factious objections or howlings. The position is a responsible one, but an independent, straightward course is the only one which will lead to a happy ending of the difficulty.

Mr. Mackenzie has demonstrated this policy in his motion; and whilst it speaks volumes of praise for the Government and its spirit it reads a withering rebuke to the late administration. In all Sir John's communication with the rebels, he has talked conciliation in the first instance promising amnesty and getting deeper and deeper into the mud until he found it necessary to pay Riel and Lepine, to leave the country. In recapitulating the conduct of Sir John and his colleagues [illegible] improperly returned, but through certain actions of his friends without his knowledge or consent. Mr. Chisholm, of Halton, was unseated with this proviso by Chancellor Spragge, who reported that corrupt practices had not extensively prevailed. The same judge reports in a similar manner of the East Middlesex election, Mr. Willson being unseated. Judge Hagarty in pronouncing the avoidance of the London election, found that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed but without the knowledge or consent of Mr. Walker, and reported seventeen persons. The Court of Common Pleas further report that Mr. Walker was cognizant of such corrupt practices. Judge Galt reported the South Huron election void, the respondent not being guilty of corrupt practices. In this case the Court of Common Pleas report that the decision of Judge Galt is sustained. The Two Mountains election was voided by Judge Johnson on ground of bribery by agents. Judge Wood reported that on a scrutiny of votes in the Marquette election he found Mr. Ryan to be duly elected. The Levis election was found void by Judge Stuart to be perfectly valid, the petitioners paying all costs. In the Cumberland, N. S., case, Judge James reported that the petition against Dr. Tupper had been rejected, and that a charge made against the respondent of having used corrupt means to have the petition withdrawn was denied by affidavit to that effect. Judge Hagarty reported in the Cardwell case that the petition against the return of John Hillyard Cameron was upon proper qualification, and he considered the election valid. The election of Mr. Carmichael in Picton was sustained by Judge Johnston, who also sustained the election of Mr. Dawson for the same district. A court of review reported in the L'Islet case that they sustained the previous judgment of the validity of Mr. Cimon's election. Judge Galt, on report in the case of the Hants controverted election that the petitioner had not appeared in the court, and he therefore found Mr. Gould duly and validly elected.

The number of cases tried were thirty-ix, far too numerous to be satisfactory, but more than one fourth of the scope of the law has been acquired, and the result of these trials will have a salutory effect upon all politicians, particularly enthusiastic agents.

A LETTER in this issue from Dungannon speaks strongly in favor of that place as suitable for holding the West Riding show. Smith's Hill is desirous of securing the honor. Mr. McDonagh, we are informed, has offered a twenty-ones years' lease of a fine acre plot of ground on one of the corners, for the use of the Society; and also to build a larger hotel. The people in the vicinity propose to build a new agricultural hall, the present one to be fitted up for the accommodation of visitors, and make such other improvements as may be needed.

THE action of the Government in not taking up the question of amnesty before the election, has been characterized by the Opposition journals as cowardly. Was it corrageous of John A. and his Government to tamper with justice and endeavor to buy favor with some by paying the leaders of the North West trouble to stay out of the country?

IN the vote on the Amnesty motion the division list shows that the several Provinces were represented in the majority as follows:—Ontario, 63; Quebec, 37; Nova Scotia, 14; New Brunswick, 8; Prince Edward Island, 4; British Columbia, 3; total, 126. The minority made up as follows:—Ontario, 22; Quebec, 21; Nova Scotia, 1 (Dr. Tupper); New Brunswick, 3; Manitoba, 1; British Columbia, 2—total, 50.

The Dominion estimates for the year ending June 30, 1876, have been presented by the Finance Minister. They amount to $24,857,488, as against an aggregate sum of $24,803,285, representing the total appropriations for 1874-75.

South Huron Nomination.

MR. GREENWAY RETURNED BY ACCLAMATION.

On Thursday last the nomination of a candidate to represent South Huron in the House of Commons took place in the Temperance Hall, Varna. The attendance was quite large considering the rough state of the weather. At 12 o'clock, Sheriff Gibbons announced his readiness to receive nominations, and after waiting for two hours, he declared that but one nomination paper had been presented and it was therefore left him to declare Mr. Greenway duly elected. The announcement was received with considerable enthusiasm, Mr. Greenway was called upon, and as he stepped upon the platform was greeted with cheers.

He thanked the electors for the honor conferred upon him in electing him to such a distinguished position. As the right to represent them had not been disputed by any other candidate, it was only due to them to say that he did not regard himself as the representative of any particular party or set of persons, but of the Riding, and of all its interests. Should he be permitted to take his seat in the House he should endeavor to exercise an independent judgment upon the legislation of the country. His motto was "measures, not men," and he should act upon this during his parliamentary career, so that when he should return to his constituents he would be able to give a reason for the course he had taken and the votes he had given. He had always been independent, and in carrying out that character he would doubtless be unable to please every body, but he thought if he succeeded in acting upon the principles he had laid down he would be able to satisfy every reasonable man. There were many of the measures introduced and passed by the present government for which, had he been in the House at the time, he should have voted, and instanced the Ballot Bill as one which would have received his hearty support. He would support any government which would introduce measures for the extension of the franchise, for he thought it anhomaly that, while members of Parliament need have no property qualification, voters must be possessed of a certain amount of real or personal property. Perhaps, too, his views in this matter might be even more radical than those of the Reformers, for he believed that other interests than merely property should be represented, and instanced the case of a farmer who desired to give each of two sons the benefit of his life's labor and for that purpose invested $1000 in the education of one, while he gave to the other the same amount in land, and he asked whether the one who had received his portion in education was not quite as well entitled to vote as the one to whom the land was given. He was also in favor of compulsory voting, as a means of effectually stopping bribery at elections. There were many other measures which time did not permit him to mention, which he should favor. In concluding, he thanked all of the electors, both Reform and Conservative, for his election, and he would, in his place in Parliament, jealously watch the interests of the Riding he represented, and endeavor to advance the material welfare of the whole country.

The Storm.

SNOW ROUND FOR FOUR DAYS.

Last week witnessed one of the severest storms that has occurred for many years. The snow which has been accumulating during the winter, without loss by thaw, received a large addition on Wednesday and Thursday, and the high winds and the effect of piling all the loose snow in places where it was least needed. All the roads were blocked up on Thursday, and it was only by dint of hard work that they [illegible] on Saturday. Those who attended the nomination at Varna were overtaken by the storm, and their experience with snow drifts and the many uncomfortable circumstances of a stormy ride would fill a volume. Some of the party were forced to abandon the journey, and seek accommodation by the wayside. From all over the country come reports of the severity of the storm and the interrupted state of travel.

On Wednesday trains on the Grand Trunk reached here all right with the exception of the 10 p. m. train which, was stuck near Clinton, and only reached here at about 2 p. m. on Thursday. From that date until Monday afternoon the station and road looked as deserted as Job's poultry yard, and people began to realize what a blessing it was to have daily mails. On Thursday morning a snow plough started out from this station simultaneously with one from Stratford, and struggled with frolicsome Boreas and Jack Frost until they finally succeeded in clearing a passage. The drifts were exceedingly bad, the level places being the worst, for on such places the snow became a solid mass and resisted every effort of the snow plow, rendering it necessary for a track to be dug out with spades. The workmen had a severe experience with the cold.

The first mail arrived on Saturday night after 10 o'clock, having been brought through by stage. Many complaints were made because the mails were not forwarded by the railway company, but there are many circumstances which prevented it from being possible to do so. Monday's noon mail left on time, and the three mails for Friday, Saturday and Monday arrived together on the latter day.

Business has suffered severely from this blockade, but the present promise of good weather we hope will make up for the dullness of the past week. The cold has been very severe, and has been general over the country. Every where the railways were blocked up, but all seem to have got into running order again.

PARLIAMENTARY.

Ottawa, Feb. 8th.

In the Senate the business was slight, several petitions being read and notices of motion given.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Hector Fabre, of Quebec, had been summoned to the Senate in room of Hon. E. Panet, resigned.

In the Commons Mr. Wm. Wallace, the new member for South Norfolk, was introduced.

It was announced that an amount had been placed in the estimates to satisfy just claims of the veterans of 1812 and 1814. Mr. McKenzie also announced that the Welland Canal would not be deepened more than 12 feet; also that the St. Lawrence canal improvements would be commenced at an early date.

Mr. McKenzie said a careful survey had been made of the river St. Lawrence, and the Government were in possession as far as could be ascertained of the cost of getting a 12 foot navigation.

Mr. Masson moved for a copy of the Governor-General's Commission and of the Royal instructions which accompanied Lepine's commutation.

After some discussion the motion was adopted.

Lord Dufferin transmitted to the House copies of the correspondence which had taken place with the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies with relation to commutation of the sentence of death passed on Ambrose Lepine for the murder of Thomas Scott at Fort Garry.

Ottawa, Feb. 9th.

In the Senate, Dr. Paquet was introduced and took the oath and his seat as successor to the late Mr. Malhiot.

After transacting some ordinary business the House adjourned as a token of respect to the memory of the late Senators Malhiot and Hogen.

Mr. Duncan Macmillan, member elect for East Middlesex, was introduced to the Commons and took his seat.

The Standing committees were then appointed.

A bill was introduced and read the first time to regulate the construction of Marine Electric Telegraphs.

Mr. Vail moved the first reading of a Bill to amend the Dominion Militia and Defence Act. It was desirable to amend the law so as to place the militia under the control of the Major General, and also to provide for the appointment of an Adjutant-General. It was intended to do away with the office of Deputy Adjutant General for the present.

Mr. Fournier introduced a Bill to prevent enlistment in the service of any foreign State, in cases not provided for by the Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870.

Mr. Mackenzie made some explanation in reference to the Ministerial changes which had taken place. With regard to the withdrawal of the hon. friend the member for South Bruce from the Government, he had merely to state that his withdrawal was not caused by any change of policy or any difference of opinion as to the policy of the Government, but was dictated solely by considerations personal to the hon. gentleman himself. With regard to the appointment of Mr. Huntington as President of the Council and the retirement of Mr. Christie, he might say Mr. Christie retired on being appointed President of the Senate, and that Mr. Huntington was invited to join the Administration, as being a gentleman in entire harmony with the general policy of the Government, and accepted the invitation. The chief explanation was with reference to the appointment of Mr. Dorion to the position of chief justice of Quebec, which had been done on the recommendations of friends considered with his qualifications, and after the proposition had been duly considered and accepted by Mr. Dorion.

The House adjourned until Thursday.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.

In reply to a question with reference to the Act for the prevention of adulteration of food and drink, Mr. St. Just said the government would strive to carry out the law in a way to prevent adulteration of food and drink, and to acquaint the public with any infractions, for the purpose of warning them.

In the Commons,—Mr. Irving introduced a Bill, intituled a Bill for more effectual protection of carriers by land, and the regulation of traffic throughout the Dominion.

Mr. Charlton introduced a Bill to prevent cruelty to animals while in transit by railway, or by other modes of conveyance, in the Dominion.

It was announced that the Government intended to bring in a Bill on the subject of reducing the postage on newspapers. Also that a free postal delivery was to be established in cities.

In reply to a question Mr. MacKenzie said it was not the intention of Government to subsize railway lines which had received grants from the Local Legislature.

Mr. MacKenzie then introduced his amnesty motion, in a lengthy and brilliant speech.

Mr. Mousseau, on Friday, moved an amendment in favor of complete amnesty, which was lost by a vote of 152 to 21.

Mr. Farrow moved an amendment to add certain additional evidence of communications between Archbishop Tache and members of the present Government which being declared lost on a division, the vote was taken on the original motion as follows, namely:—Yeas, 128; Nays, 50.

Sir John voted against the motion.

LOCAL NEWS.

THE fishermen predict a good fishing season next summer, on account of the severity of the weather, which they say is an infallible sign.

OTTAWA CORRESPONDENCE.—We have made arrangements for receiving a weekly letter from the Capitol. Owing to the interrupted state of travel, this week's letter is delayed.

FROSTY.—Although many would not suppose it, Sunday morning was the coldest of the season. The air was perfectly still, the keenness of the [illegible] indicated 18° below zero.

FRESHLAND.—There is one little spot on the river, below the station, which through all the cold weather so far has resisted the power of the elements and remained unfrozen. There are some very strong springs at the spot, and it is likely that is the cause.

LUCKNOW MARKETS.—Wheat 78 to 82, oats 40, barley 55, peas 70, pork 60, hay $14, butter 22, potatoes 75

THE Stratford *Herald* appeared in its new dress last week. Its appearance is very creditable, leaving no traces of its "baptism of fire."

TUCKERSMITH SCHOOL BOARD.—The election of trustees to represent the new township board took place on the 6th, resulting in the unanimous election of Messrs. Doig, Mahaffey, Sproat, McConnell and Walker.

IN MOURNING.—The Masonic Lodge has been draped in mourning in respect to the memory of late Right Worshipful Bro. Mercer. The hall presents a most solemn appearance. All the brethren are required to wear mourning for three months.

FARM SOLD.—Mr. Philip Aubrey has sold his farm, Lot 7, con. 12, H. R. S., Tuckersmith, to Mr. Peter Cooper, of Kippen, for $4,585. The farm contains 100 acres, with good frame outbuildings and a log house and good orchard. Mr. Cooper takes possession on the 15th of March.—*Expositor.*

THE POOR.—The ladies' benevolent association have been collecting funds to enable them to prosecute their noble mission of relief. When the season is so exceedingly cold every one who has the means, should think of the poor and contribute to their relief.

SPINAL DISEASE.—A number of children about Cranbrook have been attacked by a disease resembling spinal disease, and a child of Mr. Benjamin Avery succumbed to the disease after 24 hours' illness. Something similar to this is prevailing in Goderich, although the cases are limited to a very few so far.

PERSONAL.—R. Hooton, Esq., M. P., has been appointed to the Banking and Commerce Committee in the House of Commons.

Mr. Mason of this town, and Mr. Wm. Donaghy, well known here, passed a successful examination at Ottawa before the Board of Excise two weeks ago. They are now in a position to undertake the most arduous duties of an excise officer.

VALUABLE COLT.—Mr. Robt. McCullagh was the other day offered, by Mr. J. P. Fisher, the sum of $300 for a young cold a year and a half old. The colt is a beautiful bright bay in color, possessed of fine points, and was sired by Mr. Fisher's celebrated coach horse "Peacock." It took three first prizes at Seaforth, Clinton and Smith's Hill in 1873.

TEA MEETING AND LECTURE.—The anniversary sermons of Brock Street Methodist church will be delivered by Rev. J. Graham, on Sunday next at 11 a. m and 6:30 p. m. On the following Tuesday evening a tea meeting will take place, when the Rev. W. Williams, of Hespeler, will deliver his famous lecture on "Bernard Taleasy." Mr. Williams is a splendid speaker, and those who attend will enjoy a rich literary treat. Tea will be served at 7 p. m. Good music will be furnished. Tickets 37½ cents.

A LOOK-UP WANTED.—The night-watchman has proved a great boon to the town, and the number of arrests he has made since he began his duties, must had the effect of quieting the conduct of the rowdy portion of the town. He has picked up a good many persons too drunk to be able to walk, and with much difficulty taken them to jail. The jail is rather far away from the Square, where most of his duties are performed, and we think it would be well to make some provision for "drunks and disorderlies," in the Court House or some place near to the Square.

CRUEL TREATMENT.—A case of unnatural conduct is reported from Goderich Tp. A man, whose name is withheld, has had in his charge a boy and girl who were brought out from England last summer. They are both orphans, and instead of receiving the treatment which should be accorded such unfortunates, they were sadly abused. The boy was forced to sleep in one of the out houses during the cold weather, and the young girl was treated very harshly. The neighbors have kindly taken charge of them.

FIRE.—On Wednesday morning last, about 6 o'clock, our citizens were aroused by the cry of fire, and tumbling out of their comfortable beds they found that a stable in rear of Mr. Wm. Campbell's store was in full blaze. A crowd soon collected, and by dint of the most strenuous exertions, the fire was confined to the stable, although the adjoining house received a severe scorching. The fire origionated from cinders in the ash box which was kept in the stable. The stable was burned to the ground.—*Expositor.*

TEACHERS INSTITUTE.—The Teachers' Institute of the Varna district will hold its regular meeting on Saturday, 20th inst, in the school house at Varna. In connection with the meeting there will be given an entertainment under the auspices of the teachers of the district, consisting of readings, addresses, &c., in the Temperance Hall, on Friday evening, 16th inst. Among others, the following gentlemen will be present to take part, viz.; Messrs. Strang, Miller, Turnbull, and Sheppard. A pleasant time is anticipated.

A ROMANTIC FISH STORY.—On Thursday Mr. Henry Horton purchased a fine trout for which he paid $1.25, and placed it outside the store to draw the attention of customers. It had just been purchased from Mr. Horton, we believe, and before it was taken away to deliver it, a Highland lassie named Kirsty McLeod, who it is said is not perfectly sane, came along and appropriated it. She took it to Mr. D. Ferguson's store where she sold it to a gentlemen for five York shillings. Mr. Horton happening to pass that way shortly after, recognized the fish. The surprise of both gentlemen was mutual, and after inquiry was made, the young woman was arrested, she being placed in jail and the fish put in the custody of the proper official. The young woman appeared before Judge Toms on Monday, and was sentenced to three weeks imprisonment, at hard labor.

BESOMS AND STANES.—A match at the roaring game was played on the rink on Saturday between the East and West of the town. The ice being in splendid condition, an exciting game was expected. But as the result of game below will show, the Eastern men were sadly defeated. It is hoped by this defeat they will not be discouraged, but go in at the next return match with the full determination to regain lost laurels. We hope they will have better luck next time.

East.	West.
Sheriff Gibbons.	F. Adamson.
T. J. Moorehouse.	Thos. Hood.
Thomas Dancy.	Col. Ross.
James Thomson, Skip—7 shots.	M. Hutchison, Skip—29 Shots.
George Evans.	Harry H. Smith.
Alex. Kirkbride.	Archd. Dickson.
Elijah Martin.	Jas H. Findlay.
Henry Horton, Skip—18 shots.	Capt. Cook, Skip—25 shots.

HIGHLY CREDITABLE.—A writer in the last issue of the *Star*, who declares that its columns "are open to all so long as communications are left off the question," presenting a piece of dogrel poetry which is entirely personal, remarks that the article is equal to "the famous Caledonian stuff that the post Bellamyne" writes for this paper. This is meant for our talented friend Mr. Bonnetyne. We can listen to such stuff as the *Star's* correspondent may compose with patience, so long as his disgusting abuse is directed against ourselves, but when Mr. Bonnetyne's reputation happens under his corrections imputations, the offence to public taste thereby given cannot pass our notice. "Fanny Funnyside" looks modesty and sense, and the single production has received a public appreciation of its [illegible] praise of its discreteness, and although we pay no attention to its professions, yet we really thought they had more tact than to allow Mr. Bonnetyne to be thus ungenerously insulted through its columns.

EAST RIDING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—A meeting for the formation of the East Riding of Huron Agricultural Society was held in Parker's Hotel on Friday last, the 5th inst., Mr. T. Gibson, M. P. P., in the chair. A good attendance was present, and no doubt a larger number would have attended had the weather been less severe. Mr. Gibson, in explaining the object of the meeting, read a letter from Mr. R. R. Robson, Secretary of the late North Riding Agricultural Society, anent the redistributed Ridings, and also a circular from the Bureau of Agriculture in reference to the same subject. The following officers were unanimously elected: President—Mr. W. G. Hingston, Morris; 1st Vice President, Mr. J. R. Miller, Morris; 2d Vice President—Mr. Wm. Grove, McKillop; Treasurer—Mr. John Lockie, Brussels; Secretary—Mr. Daniel Stewart, Brussels. Directors—Messrs. Thos. Strachan, Grey; Thos. Gibson, M. P. P., Wingham; J. W. Stifel, Grey; Charles Wheeler, Morris; Samuel Beck, Turnberry; John Cummings, Hullett; John Broadfoot, Morris; Donald McLauchlin, Grey; William Thompson, Howick. Auditors—Donald Scott, James Ferguson. Moved by Mr. Donald Scott, seconded by Mr. John Lockie, that Dr. Coleman, of Seaforth, be representative from the East Riding Society to the Provincial Agricultural Association. Carried. Messrs. John Lockie, Brussels, and Robert Brown, Grey, were unanimously appointed delegates to the Annual Provincial Gathering.—*Post.*

MECHANICS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OYSTER SUPPER.—The members of this society, on Friday evening, assembled in the dining room of the Colborne Hotel to enjoy a few social hours and to partake of a supper gotten up in the best style of the proprietors of the "Colborne." The bill of fare was lengthy, and every dish was well prepared and tempting. About fifty persons were present, the greater portion being members of the Society. Among the invited guests present were Col. Ross, M. P. P., Messrs. M. Hutchinson, J. Smith, J. Passmore, and Wm. Whitely. After justice had been done the more solid portion of the feast, the tables were cleared and C. Crabb, Esq., who acted as chairman—Mr. Wm. Wright acting as vice-chairman—proposed the usual loyal toasts. Then followed appropriate toasts, which were duly responded to, that of the "Officers of the association" being replied to by the President, Mr. Kirkbride, and the Vice-President, Mr. A. Williams, in fitting terms. The health of the chairman was proposed and drunk with great enthusiasm, and Mr. Wright the proposer said that Mr. Crabbe, although independent of the benefits of the Society had been one of their most industrious and energetic members and held the position of Treasurer to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Crabbe in responding spoke appreciatingly of the object of the Society, and recommended certain improvements which might be made with benefit. The Society was in a flourishing condition, but the members comprised married men mostly, and he hoped an effort would be made to induce young men to join and consitute a society for the benefit of Mechanics generally. In the course of the speeches Messrs. Ross and Hutchinson expressed a desire to become members of the Society, as did Mr. Whitely and others, and suggested improvements and an extension of the objects of the Society. Songs were sung in excellent style by Messrs Clucas, A. Saunders, Duncan, Rhynas, Kirkbride, McCreath, and others. The party broke up about 12 o'clock after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Huron Harbors.

In the report of the Minister of Public Works we find the following, relative to the Bayfield, Port Albert and Goderich Harbors.

BAYFIELD HARBOR.

Bayfield harbor has been thoroughly surveyed and examined. It has been on more than one occasion brought under the notice of the Department, notably in the report of the Engineer-in-Chief, dated the 7th May, 1872. The striking feature of the harbor is the failure of the crib work, constructed in 1853-54, and hence the fruitless expenditure of $20,000, which has caused much ill-feeling. The River Bayfield has its outlet at this spot, and it is charged with much alluvial and gravely matter, which is carried to the lake when the current is strong. When the latter is languid, the matter held in suspension becomes precipitated, accordingly the harbor has become very shallow. It was reported in January of this year, that the autumn and winter freshets had entirely cleared away this deposit. An examination was made into this matter, and it was found in no way to be the case the depths remaining the same. If measures could be taken to accelerate the motion of the current, it is not impossible that the deposits might be much lessened, but the total avoidance can scarcely be hoped for. While the southern pier is utterly valueless, the northern pier is in good preservation. A harbor could be formed, generally of nine feet, with the depth of 11 feet 5 inches at the entrance, without very heavy expenditure. It is proposed to extend the northern pier 50 feet, with an arm to the south-west of 200 feet. The south pier being in the worst possible condition, it is proposed to construct a new pier 30 feet wide to the north of it. Starting from the shore line it will run a deitance of 150 feet in a north westerly direction, and thence run generally parallel to the upper portion of the north pier, a distance of 591 but, being at its termination 140 feet from it. The harbor will require to be dredged to the depth required, to the shore line. Thus the inner portion of the harbor will remain untouched till some future occasion. The cost of these works is estimated at $46,000, of which $10,000 will be paid by the township of Stanley. The design having been approved of, tenders for the work have been let.

PORT ALBERT.

Port Albert is about 11 miles north of Goderich, and at the foot of the Nine-Mile Creek. A small pier has been constructed at which vessels can load. The sum of $6,000 was appropriated at the session of 1873 to the improvement of the harbor. Similar difficulties are to be found here as at the discharge of other rivers, a deposit being cast up by the lake, and removed by the winter or spring freshets. It is considered that a small breakwater to the south might have the effect of preventing this deposit from forming, and accordingly it is proposed to drive some piling on the beach, and to run out 75 feet of crib work to the south. The structure, it is hoped, will retain any deposit which the lake may cast up. It is also designed to lengthen the northern pier 60 feet, with a small arm to the south-west of 50 feet. Vessels drawing eight feet of water will be able to come into this harbor. The Department has allowed the municipality of the township of Ashfield to conduct this work under the superintendence of the Department Engineers. The municipality accordingly advertised for tenders, and, with the sanction of the Honorable the Minister, awarded the contract to Messrs. Johnston and Graham, who have begun operations, and the work will be completed this season. All the approaches to the harbor were carefully surveyed.

GODERICH.

Situate at the mouth of the River Maitland, on the east coast of Lake Huron, sixty eight miles from Toronto. It is also the terminus of the Buffalo Branch of the Grand Trunk Railway. The work under contract to Messrs. Harvey and Karnan, and a tributary which has been in progress since 1871, was completed in the fall of last year. The northern pier is 1,355 feet, and the southern pier 1,520 feet long, the width between the piers been 200 feet. At the breaking up of the ice in 1873, the southern pier was injured. It was not [illegible] immediately to restore the damaged portion, but the work is now under contract and will be done this fall. The inner basin has an area which has been dredged out of nearly twelve acres, with fifteen feet depth of water, the depth between the piers. During the heavy gales, the harbor has rendered much service to vessels seeking shelter, and is generally easy of access. The docking, in which the town is interested, has been completed south of the harbor. It is designed to change the course of the river, turning it entirely to the north of its present discharge. The current will therefore pass between the piers, and the harbor proper will thus be relieved from the influence of the descending stream. Two lines of cribs work, sixty feet apart, each line being twenty feet wide, will be extended obliquely across the harbor, and the spit of sand at the mouth will be cut through to admit of the passage of the water from the Maitland to Lake Huron; the northern line being continued as a retirement wall to the lake. The intermediate space of sixty feet between the cribs will be filled by the material obtained by dredging.

The West Riding Show.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

DEAR SIR.—In your issue of the 3rd inst. I find an article devoted to the West Riding of the County of Huron Agricultural Society formed on the called A. M. Ross, Esq., our member for the Riding. You report of the formation of the Society is all right. The members elected are gentlemen of the highest standing in the community, and no doubt will try and make