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GODERICH, OCT. 31, 1877.

The London Times on the C. P. R.

As an evidence of the manner in which Tory organs construe outside opinions into condemnation we may quote a few words from the Exeter *Times*, as follows: "The manner in which the present Government are building the Canada Pacific drawn upon them a severe rebuke from the London *Times*, the great leader of public opinion in England." Now this statement is made in the face of the fact that the *Times* does not utter one word of condemnation of the policy of the Government in connection with the construction of the railway, but simply, on reviewing the report of Sandford Fleming, chief engineer of the work, declaring that its construction is more than the Dominion can undertake at present. It looks upon the work as too stupendous to be undertaken by a country of our dimensions and population, and, looking upon it as possible that English capital will be solicited to advance the enterprise, under this view, counsels English capitalists not to venture their wealth upon a project which cannot be made to pay, if constructed at the present time, for many years. There is no condemnation of the Government's policy in this, only confession of opinion that the work is beyond the capacity of the Dominion to complete. We have always looked upon the Canada Pacific Railway in this light, while the Tory organs, with all the blind partyism which characterizes the majority of them are constantly railing at the Government because the country is not utterly ruined and the railway half completed by this time. With our four millions of population we are too weak financially to carry on the work, which would entail an annual tax of over $22 per head of population if completed within the ten years specified. How long would our Tory friends submit to this, and would they remember their urgent cries for the completion of the work? Not they—then they would be more indignant than ever, and we would not find fault with them. The Government, however, as well as the London *Times*, see plainly the immense nature of the work, and are proceeding with it with due caution. If they were to follow the maniacal prattings of the Opposition press, and carry out the bargain made by Sir John's Government with British Columbia, the country would be groaning under an almost unbearable burden—a consummation, doubtless, which the Opposition in its desire for a restoration to power, wishes with all the strength of its small heart.

It is only necessary, in refutation of this unreasonable and contemptible construction placed upon the remarks of the London *Times*, to quote the words thus construed:

"Mr. Fleming's report, maps and appendices, will enable the reader to obtain an idea of the immense cost the road would involve. It is hopeless to make it a paying speculation within a reasonable period. The districts surveyed are without inhabitants, with some forbidding features, so that the question for Canada and for those interested in Canadian financial well-being, is—How long can the existing Provinces of the Dominion bear the dead weight of such an undertaking as the Canadian Pacific? Judging by past experience at a moderate estimate we may suppose that a generation will elapse before the Canadian Pacific will pay its working expenses. Is it worth Canada's while? Will it ever do any good to British Columbia or to Canada? We doubt it. At all events it must be borne in mind that its construction means probably a burden of at least forty or fifty million sterling, added to the already heavy Canadian debt, before the line has been worked for five years."

The reader cannot possibly discover in this anything that can be construed into a condemnation of the present government, but rather a rebuke of the recklessness of its predecessors who pledged the honor of the rest of the Dominion to British Columbia to build this immense railway in ten years.

Water Works

Of late the question of establishing water works in town has been seriously discussed by many of our citizens, the matter being given a more important aspect by the prevalence of typhoid fever in our midst. Some time ago we published an exhaustive article upon drainage, showing how this terrible disease was so closely allied with bad water and defective drainage. Knowing the character of the surface soil in Goderich, we can readily understand how the wells become tainted with disease breeding properties and acquire an unpleasant taste which visitors invariably remark. The loose, porous soil permits surface water, the contents of drains—which unfortunately, for the most part, run through nothing more solid then sand—and all the decayed vegetable and animal matter from closets, stables and back yards, following the dips of the surface, impregnate the wells in the way with highly poisonous properties. The existence of these properties in the water may not be detected by the eye of many, for it has a clearness that is very deceiving, but when passed through a good filter, the effect both in taste and appearance is very noticeable. If the water from the most frequently used wells in town was to be analyzed, our citizens would be surprised, doubtless, at the impurities contained therein; and we think it would be a good idea to secure such an analysis.

From the country we hear reports of the prevalence of typhoid fever in many sections, and we do not hesitate for a moment in saying that the same causes are at work there. Barn yards are fruitful sources of well poisons, and the best springs may be impregnated with the germs of disease from sources very far removed and which might never be suspected. A proper attention to the drainage of barn yards would obviate this danger in a great measure. In town very little attention has been paid to existing regulations for the maintenance of public health, and to this neglect much of the unhealthy condition of the town is due. There was a time when a Public Health committee existed, and did this institution exist now, aided by an officer invested with proper authority, as in many towns, very beneficial effects would be experienced. In the spring and fall of the year some of the back yards about the town are very filthy, and the neglect of this fact has a serious effect on the public health.—Were this matter better attended to, by the establishment of a competent Health committee and the engagement of an active Health Officer much good would be effected. Individuals should feel it an imperative duty to secure their water closets, and prevent as much as possible the escape of injurious matter into the porous soil; and to make their wells as close as possible. We would strongly advocate water works, if we could see the way clearly to securing our water supply thus at a reasonable expense.—By reason of the scattered character of the town, the expense of laying the needed pipes would be very heavy. The scheme submitted to the people last spring by Mr. Hecker was feasible, and there is no question but that the water is of excellent quality and of sufficient quantity for the town's use.

But it lays in the hands of the citizens to greatly ameliorate the existing bad state of affairs, by enforcing cleanliness in respect to yards, water closets, stables, &c. Lime is good to purify water, and is a very cheap mode of treating bad water, though some consider it has harsh effects. Those who have greater means can supply themselves with pure water by the use of a filter which Mr. F. Jordan is offering for sale at present. This article is constructed on an excellent principle, and the water after passing through it has a sparkle, clearness and sweetness that is very gratifying.

The matter is one of very great importance, and should command general attention.

SIR JOHN when at St. Thomas a few weeks ago made anything but a pleasant impression upon the people there. Whatever may be the degree of his eloquence or the power of that peculiar "animal magnetism which he possesses," they lost sight of them in the peculiar conduct and actions of the "prince of the people" His appearance on the platform is thus described by the *Journal*: What a contrast between the ideal and the real, when the Chieftain arose. He tossed to and fro like a boat without a rudder. His utterance was thick; his compliments to the ladies had a smack of lewdness, he talked in a circle; he was coarse, slangy and vindictive. One political opponent was a "little animal'; another was a 'shipper-snapper'; a third was a 'parliamentary gorilla.' Men looked at each other in blank amazement. Could it be possible that this was the distinguished statesman to whom they had been paying homage for twenty-three long years? Could it be possible that this was their own Sir John A.? Alas! it was only too true; and by dozens, and scores, and hundreds they trooped homewards, shame-faced and silent; and, long before the chieftain closed, the audience of five thousand had dwindled down to as many hundreds. What ailed the great chieftain, no Conservative has yet told us, but many have been heard to say that it was an insult to the party and to the country to bring such a man on the platform. The Conservatives of Elgin, it is safe to say, will never again gather in such numbers to do honor to Sir John Macdonald. In Elgin, at all events, the spell of his enchantment is broken.

SOME time ago Hon. Mr. Mills made a quotation from a speech made by Sir John in the County of Perth in 1872, which caused the chieftain some trouble. His reply to it was charateristic. He declared that he never was in Perth in his life, and never made a speech there. When it was proven that he had been there in the interests of T. M. Daly—and by the way, he spoke of his appointment to the Privy Council, and that he was about to go home to England to be sworn in, but never did, because of a polite hint given to him after his connection with the Pacific Scandal—his friends rushed to the rescue and declare that Sir John meant that he had never been in the *town* of Perth, when he spoke. Sir John had no reason to believe that Mr. Mills spoke of the town of Perth, for his language was explicit enough, and this cannot home to him as evidence of a deliberate untruth on his part.

A LONDON Conservative paper declares that Hon. Mr. Cartwright will meet the House next session with a budget showing a deficit of nearly two millions. How this paper got hold of this information is a query as Mr. Cartwright cannot himself know for some time yet how the public accounts will stand. It bewails the possibility of the tax on groceries and dry goods being increased, but is supremely eloquent when discussing the probability of an increased tax on whiskey and barley. The tax on whiskey doubtless comes home directly to the interests of the attaches of that journal.

Legal Notes.

FOR CENTRAL.—John Graaley and James Wallace, convicted of larceny, were on Saturday last sentenced to one year's confinement in Central Prison.

LIQUOR CASE.—On Monday John Johnston, of the Western Hotel, was charged before C. Crabb, Esq., by Mr. Stephen Yates, with selling liquor on Sunday, 14th inst., and also after hours on the previous night. The latter charge was dismissed, but a fine of $20 and costs was imposed in the former case.

DISMISSED.—Geo. Kilpatrick, of Exeter, appeared before Judge Toms on Monday on a charge of larceny, and was dismissed. The young man's mind is said to be not altogether sound, and the Great Western Co. refused to prosecute him. He had taken a piece of gas pipe and an iron wheel from the Exeter station, but had been accustomed to take scrap iron from there with the sanction of the employees, who told him to take whatever he could find.

ON DUT.—That an action is to be brought against a certain hotel-keeper for selling liquor to a person whose wife had notified him (the hotel-keeper) not to sell to.—That Mr. A. M. Polley is to bring an action of libel against C. Crabb, Esq., laying damages at $10,000, for the opinion he expressed through the columns of the *Star* on the recent perjury case, declaring the defendant guilty when a bench of magistrates had dismissed the case after hearing evidence.

ALLEGED THEFT.—Thos. O'Dea, alias Long-fingered Jack, was on Friday night placed in "durance vile" at the instance of John C. Anderson, charged with stealing $7.75 from the plaintiff. Anderson alleges that he was aroused on Friday morning, while in his bedroom in the International Hotel, by O'Dea attempting to take a ring from his finger. Defendant took his departure on being discovered, and it was found that Anderson's purse had been rifled of the money mentioned. A fine shirt and some money was taken from other parties, it was alleged. Both parties were attending the races, and O'Dea is a professional gambler. The case was heard by Mayor Finlay on Saturday, but prisoner was dismissed for want of proper evidence to convict.

Town Council.

The regular meeting of Council took place on Friday evening, the Mayor in the chair. Members present—J. T. Garrow, F. W. Johnston, R. Martin, W. M. Savage, S. Sloane, D. McKay, R. W. McKenzie, M. Hutchison, T. Johnston, Wm. Mitchell, E. N. Doney, Alex. Watson.

Communications were read as follows: From Secord, Cossens & Co., offering to build a timber saw mill to employ 50 men, on condition of the town granting them a bonus of $15,000 and exemption from taxes for ten years; building to be begun next May and completed within the year. The bonus to be paid one-third on laying the foundation, one-third on completion of frame-work and one-third in one month after completion of work. Referred to a committee consisting of the Mayor, Messrs. Garrow, Watson, Savage, and Doney.

From Alex. McQuarrie, in reference to previous applications for use of Drill Shed for skating rink, stating that he would wish it to be understood that the building would be given up to the volunteers if at any time required.

From Davison & Johnston, calling attention to the fact that a promise was made by the Council some time ago to fix a drain in front of his premises, which in its present condition, caused flooding of his cellar, and that nothing had yet been done. Referred to the Mayor and Mr. Watson.

From Mrs. Papst, correcting information given to Council respecting her.—Referred to Relief committee.

Report of Finance Committee, recommending payment of several accounts, was adopted.

Report of Fire Committee was read stating that they had decided not to purchase a fire alarm bell until further considering the matter and seeing whether the new tower would be strong enough to sustain the bell. An alarm bell, weighing 900 lbs., with frame and proper attachments could be purchased for $181 laid down here.

Mr. Savage called attention to the fact that some repairs were required in the old fire hall, and advised that it be fitted up in such a way that it would accommodate the hose reel and engine; which work he ascertained would cost about $100. A saving would be made of $75 a year, for rent and heating. The present engine house is so high above the street that it was dangerous work taking the engine out and down the incline. The old hall could be easier warmed. He moved that the Fire committee be empowered to have the repairs made in old hall, as suggested.

Mr. Watson favored the idea of the alterations, while Mr. Seymour counselled caution in undertaking such a work, and moved that plans and specifications and estimated cost of the repairs be obtained from a competent architect. Mr. Watson seconded this motion.

Mr. Sloane moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the purchase of the alarm bell, in view of the state of the finances of the town be laid over until next year. This motion was not put to the meeting.

On Mr. Seymour withdrawing his motion, Mr. Garrow moved that the matter of procuring and hanging a bell and improving the old hall as recommended be left with the Fire Committee with power to act, provided this do not cost over $350. Mr. Hutchison seconded this motion, which was carried.

The report of the Public Works committee was read, recommending that the proposal of Alex. McQuarrie to rent the Drill Shed be not accepted, as it would endanger the safety of the building from fire and bad usage, and it was not advisable to rent it. It was also recommended that an insurance of $500 be obtained on the building.

Mr. McKenzie moved in amendment to the report, seconded by Mr. T. Johnston, that the proposal of Mr. McQuarrie be accepted, provided the building was left in the same condition on returning it to the town as when received. The former thought it bad policy for the Council to throw this money behind their backs. The curlers used the building, and endangered it, and by smoking. It was the first offer made to use the shed for a remuration, and it should not be lost sight of.

In answer to a question as to whether the Curling Club paid anything for the building, the Mayor said that they had spent $150 in making an addition to the building. The lumber used in this was made of use in the present improvements. The Council granted the use of the building to the curlers for an indefinite time.

Mr. Seymour though the question was whether the building was to be rented at all or not. If it was, the best way was to advertise for tenders for its use.

Mr. Watson said the curlers made a great many improvements in the building, and had a prior claim upon it. They got no remuneration from it, and did not endanger the safety of the building. He thought that, if used for a skating rink a larger rent could be paid; but the thought it wrong to rent it to parties wishing to make money out of its use. He seconded the adoption of the report.

On the motion to adopt the report the following division took place:—For—Savage, Hutchison, Doney, Seymour, Martin, Watson. Against—F. W. Johnston, McKenzie, T. Johnston, Mitchell, McKay, Sloane, Garrow.

Moved by Mr. Seymour, seconding by Mr. Hutchison, that tenders be received by the Public Works Committee, for the use of the building, stating the use required and the sum offered; also that the insurance on the building be effected.—Carried, on Mr. McKenzie withdrawing his motion.

Mr. Garrow moved that the sum of $10 be granted the Mayor for his expenses in going to Toronto to confer with H. H. Cooke, Esq., with reference to bonus for the mill, which was adopted. He also drew attention to the erection of the fence on Mrs. Widder's lot at the dock, which greatly interfered with traffic. From examination of the property, he thought the fence was run improperly, and recommended that a proper survey be made.

Mr. Seymour thought Mr. N. Molesworth, who made the original survey should be engaged to the work.

Mr. Doney thought that the fence was improperly placed. A road had existed for 35 years on the west side of Mr. Stitt's warehouse. The matter was referred to Public Works committee and Messrs. Garrow and Seymour, with power to secure Mr. Molesworth's service if necessary.

Mr. Seymour moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that four constables be engaged for service on Hallowe'en night. Carried. Wm. Stewart was appointed for St. George's ward, Thos. McKenzie for St. Patrick's, Wm. Gooding for St. David's and John Yule for St. Andrews.

Moved by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Savage, that the sidewalk on Colborne street, from Mr. Hutchison's corner to below Mrs. R. B. Smith's residence be graded.—Carried.

Mr. Thos. Hood, on being asked, said that there had been a general infringement of the fire limit by-law. He had frequently notified those who had violated the by-law, but they had dared him to remove the buildings, and persisted in not paying attention to his notice.

Mr. Garrow thought an example should be made which would secure the observation of the measure. He thought the Mayor should take legal advice, and instruct the Street Inspector to carry out the provisions of the by-law and made a motion to that effect.

Some of the members thought the limits were too extended.

Mr. Seymour commended the enforcing of the by-law, and seconded Mr. Garrow's motion, which was carried.

Mr. Savage said that the market was deserted, farmers hawking their articles from door to door, and people had no place to go to when wishing to buy anything from farmers. He moved that a constable be appointed to stand at the bridge hill and one at the foot of Kingston street to warn farmers that they must go to the market, or be fined. No action was taken.

Mr. Hutchison called attention to the recent attempts at incendiarism, and moved, seconded by Mr. Sloane, that a reward of $200 be offered by the town, as a reward for the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties.—Carried.

Council then adjourned.

Political Notes.

The election in Arthabaska and Drummond on Saturday resulted in the defeat of Mr. Laurier, the newly-appointed Minister of Interior, by a majority of 29, Mr. Bourbeau (Conservative) being the successful candidate. The Quebec Government brought every possible influence to bear against Mr. Laurier, whose brilliant qualities failed to retain the majority of 200 Conservatives, which the *Mail* says he won last election, in face of this influence. It is probable Mr. Laurier will be brought out in Quebec Centre. There is every evidence of lavish bribery having been practiced by the Conservatives, aided by clerical interference in defiance of Bishop Conroy's recent instructions to the ecclesiastical authorities. The election will be contested.

—In the libel suit Queen vs. Wilkinson of the *Durham News*, tried at Cobourg last week, a verdict of guilty with a recommendation to mercy was brought in. Senator Simpson, the victim of the libel, has been fully cleared of the charges and the libeller of the Tory party soundly rebuked. Judgment is reserved.

The Races.

The Melton Driving Park Association's fall meeting took place on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The weather was all that could be desired, excepting the latter part of the second day which was showery. The trotting was the best that has yet been recorded at Melton Park, although as usual a great deal of jockeying was done, some holding back their horses for fear of obtaining a "record" which might close them out of races that otherwise they could enter. In one case, that of the 3.35 class on the first day and the open trot on the second day, the judges thought they could steal a march on the "jockeying" by placing a driver of their own choice on Grey Eddie thinking that he could be driven better, but Little Ethan, under the tact of his excellent driver, was equal to the occasion and kept his first place; Grey Eddie not showing that speed that it was presumed he could. But the running race was the best of any at the meeting and doubtless had there been a "run" on the first day the attendance would have been much larger. The following shows the result.

FIRST DAY.

1. Purse $120, 3 minute class, to first $60, to second $30, to third $20, to fourth $10. Ploughboy 1st; time, 2.50½; Happy Harry and Lady Moscow were distanced and Comet won two heats and then withdrew for fear of making a record.

2. Purse $150, 2 35 class, to first $60, to second $40, to third $20, to fourth $10. Three straight heats — Little Ethan 1st, Grey Eddie 2d; time 2.45, 2.45¼, 2.40.

SECOND DAY.

3. Purse $120, 2:45 class, to first $60, to second $30, to third $20, to fourth $10. First heat—Little Ethan 1st, Grey Eddie 2d; time, 2.40. Second heat—Little Ethan 1st, Grey Eddie 2d; time, 2.39. Third heat—Little Ethan 1st, Grey Eddie 2d; time, 2.40.

5. Purse $75, run, half mile heat 2 in 3, to first $45, to second $20, to third $10. First heat—Galt Reporter 1st, Gilderoy 2d, Little Bessie 3d, Arabian Queen 4th; time, 0.45. Second heat—Galt Reporter 1st, Gilderoy 2d, Little Bessie 3d, Arabian Queen 4th; time, 0.55.

Mayor Finlay, Capt. Dancy, Messrs. R. W. Sandy and D. Doty acted as judges to the general satisfaction.

NILE.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A most melancholy and fatal accident occurred to Mrs. Davey, who lived with her son, Mr. Davey, near the Nile, on Wednesday evening of last week. The old lady was of weak intellect, and of late has had to be closely watched. Miss Hall, who at present has charge of the house, went to the barn to attend to her duties, when the old lady went up to the stove to take a lid off. The fire blazed up and caught her apron, and her clothes were soon all in a blaze and before any assistance could be given her body was fearfully burned, from the effects of which she expired on the following morning, at 7 o'clock. Her remains were interred in the Kincardine cemetery, on Saturday. Much sympathy is felt for her friends, who mourn her sad fate.

CLINTON.

CENTS, silvered over, are in circulation here, and in a hurry might be taken for quarters. Look out for them.

THIRD CROP.—Mr. Ellickson, market gardener, has produced the third crop of peas this year, of the dwarf variety. He also raised eight beets which weigh conjointly 60 lbs., and celery that measures two feet of blanched stock.

ANNUAL DRILL.—The annual drill of the volunteers of this place, will commence in the drill shed, about the 5th of November. It is intended to put in twelve nights' drill, at the rate of three a week.

FYE PIG.—Mr. John Crozier, of Hullett, has just purchased from Messrs. Edmonton & Snider, of Brant county, imported stock breeders, a fine Suffolk boar, that took first prize at Hamilton, and second at London this year.

SHEEP FOR ENGLAND.—On the 20th Messrs. Spooner, Mooney & Hearn, shipped 300 sheep for the English markets. These gentlemen do quite a business and ship large numbers from Lucknow and Wingham also. The number of their shipments average 400 a week, and frequently they ship as many as 600.—*New Era.*

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

MR. MARSHALL ELLIOTT has been engaged to teach at No. 5 School, for the ensuing year.

Mr. JOHN WOON, while driving home from Goderich on Wednesday evening, had a horse drop down dead on the road.

MR. AUSTIN, late from England, has rented Mr. Peter Cook's farm on the 7th con., formerly known as the Curry Boy's farm, at $300 and a promise to vote for "me man."

QUITE a number of the farmers are getting dog churns, and a great many useless dogs are made to do active service on an inclined plane or circular platform

THE MEMBERS of the Railroad Hall Debating Club, 7th con., Goderich Township, met Tuesday (23rd), with the purpose of reorganizing. There being a full attendance of thirty members, it was decided to meet every Tuesday, at 7.30 p. m., for six months.

MR RICHARD ALDSWORTH, who has been to England several times lately, where he paid 32 cents a pound for mutton chops, intends going to the Paris Exposition next summer. He is going to take one of the Guernsey emigrants, staying at Mr. Naftel's along with him, to act as interpreter for him.

KATE WALKER, who is advancing in years as well as in iniquity, and who left Old Ireland some years ago, and makes Harpurhey her head quarters, is at present ransacking this township begging for eggs, yarn, wool money or anything that she can convert into whiskey. She always has a different tale to tell. At one place she has a son she wants to get out from the "old sod;" at another place her man ain't able to work, and again she has no man at all. Some years ago before she was so well known, she has gathered 40 lbs of wool at a load.—Gen.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

MODEL SCHOOL.—The annual term of this institution closed on Wednesday afternoon last, with [illegible] pupils.

KLEANZIN.—O. [illegible]'s Kleanzin surpasses everything for cleaning silver and plated ware. The ladies will find it to their benefit to give it a trial.

—A RABBIT.—Mr. Wm. Hicks, of Colborne, week before last, had a mess of potatoes raised from seed grown this year. Who can beat this?

CORRECTION.—By mistake the advertisement, relative to the examination of candidates for second class certificates, intimated that applications should be in by 10th Dec., instead of 10th of Nov.

INCREASING.—We are pleased to see that since Mrs. J. C. McIntosh's removal to East St., her business has been steadily increasing. Her stock of groceries is first-class. See advertisement.

BARGAINS in every department are being offered at Moorhouse's. Sweeping reductions have been made in School Books, Mottoes, Fancy Goods, &c., &c. Compare prices before purchasing.

CATTLE AND SHEEP.—On Monday there were shipped to Black Rock from Goderich 345 sheep by Stephen Andrews, 25 head fat cattle by Robt. McClain, and 180 sheep and about 60 head of cattle by Wm. McClain.

SALT.—The shipments last week were as follows: Wm. Campbell, 500 bbls; International Co., 500 tons to Chicago by schr. J. G. Worts; Wm. Seymour, 295 bbls; Wm. Stitt, 50 bbls; small lots, 350 bbls.

HARBOR MILLS.—The shipments last week were: 6 cars and 415 bags bran, 2 cars shorts and 3950 bags and 605 bbls of flour. On her last trip down the Ontario brought 754 bushels of Manitoba wheat for the mill.

HALLOWE'EN.—To-night is the season of fun and frolic, which mischievous boys have made so notorious. The Council has taken some precaution this time, to prevent a repetition of the depredations of previous similar occasions. Boys, be careful!

PERSONAL.—Mr. M. Hutchison attended the Provincial ploughing match, at Ailsa Craig last week, as a judge. Mr. P. Adamson also attended.

—M. C. Cameron, Esq., Q. C., attended the Middlesex Assizes last week, conducting the Crown business.

—Messrs. F. Scougaller, Lachlan Wilson and John McKenzie are seriously ill with typhoid fever at present.

—Rev. Dr. Ure and Rev. O. G. Collamore exchanged pulpits on Sunday evening last.

—Mr. J. R. Miller, J.P.S., last week attended the meeting of the Provincial United Temperance Association in Hamilton. He was elected President for the coming year; Mr. James Wanless, of Varna, Treasurer; Rev. Geo. Jamieson, of Bayfield, Chaplain; Rev. G. A. Mitchell, Wingham, Vice-President.

REMOVAL.—Mr. John Butler has removed his business to the stand lately occupied by Mr. Geo. Acheson, corner of West St. and Market Square, where the Dominion Telegraph office is also located. The billiard hall is being transferred to Mr. Butler's old stand.

LUMBER.—The shipments last week were four cars by Williams & Murray, 23 cars by Secord Cossens & Co., 4 cars by Yates & Stratford. The receipts were 146,000 ft lumber by Secord, Cossens & Co., per schr. Todman, and 270,000 ft per schr. Tecumseh.

THE NEUKTH SOCIAL.—This entertainment on Thursday evening, at the Temperance Hall, was a great success. Much enjoyment was experienced, each gentleman securing a fair partner and all seeming pleased with the prizes which chance had brought them. During the evenings readings were given by Miss Mary Kirkbride and Miss Mary Robinson, and excellent music was furnished by Miss L. Thomson and Miss Emily Mellish. The proceeds amounted to about $15.

GOOD THRESHING.—One of our theoretical mechanics and scientific farmers has made a "find" in the way of threshing machines. He has produced a machine, which after two days labor produced seven bushels of wheat. It did not evolve the grain from its inner constructiveness, but simply threshed that amount. The patentee claims that, as the wind was blowing briskly from the northwest during the two days, it is not to be expected that a much better result could be obtained, but when the elements are favorable he doubts not that he can beat this record considerably. In the meantime keep the thing dark, or somebody may steal the design.

PLOUGHING MATCH.—The Provincial Ploughing Match at Ailsa Craig on Thursday was a splendid success. There were over fifty entries and upwards of a thousand spectators. The following is the prize list:—First-class—John L. Courtice, Goderich township, first prize, the Champion Mower, Oshawa, worth $100; John McGarvin, Chatham, second; John Marquis, Goderich, third; Thomas Steele, Downie, fourth; Wm. Phipps, Stratford, fifth; Wm. Dickson, Elma, sixth. Second Class—Alex. Forsyth, Brussels, first; Jas. Campbell, East Williams, second; John Haggart, Hibberd, third; Wm. Dunn, Downie, fourth; Wm. Thompson, Arkona, fifth; Peter McDougal, Goderich, sixth. Boys' Class—Duncan McEwen, Brucefield, first; Wm. Gardner, London, second; Jas. Dunn, Downie, third; Andrew Ingram, London, fourth. Young McEwen took first prize in this class last years.

TEMPERANCE UNION.—The Woman's Temperance Union has had a large number of "pledge cards" printed, and a committee of ladies commenced this week the laudable work of securing subscribers to the pledge. The card reads as follows: I, John Smith, do hereby solemnly pledge and bind myself to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage during the remainder of my life. Lord help me. I made this pledge to God and to the Christian Women of the Temperance Union of Goderich, Province of Ontario, on the 25th day of October, 1877. Sarah Smith, Witness. Women's influence is great, and in such a good cause we hope it will reap an abundant harvest. We feel sure that the noble committee of ladies who will make personal visitations will be courteously received, if their mission is not successful in each case.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Goderich Branch of the Upper Canada Bible Society took place in Knox church on Tuesday evening of last week. The attendance was large, and the meeting was a success. Mr. H. I. Strang President, occupied the chair, and the report of the formal meeting was read and adopted. This report comprised the nomination of officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Rev. Dr. Ure; Vice-Presidents, the ministers of the town; Secretary and Treasurer, E. F. Moore; Repositor, D. Gordon; Committee, Capt. Gibson, Jas. Martin, Wm. Kay, Jos. Williams, Samuel Pollock, John A. Ball, Wm. Papst, D. Gordon; Collectors—St. Patrick's Ward, Miss Annie Gordon and Miss McKay; St. David's, Miss Beaumont and Mrs. Roy-nolds; St. George's, Miss Sara Davis and Miss Ellwood; St. Andrew's, Miss Cox and Miss Louise Papst; Bayfield Road, Miss Salkeld and Miss Hincks; Huron Road, Miss Hunter and Miss Wilson. The keeper of the repository, Mr. D. Gordon reported that the various expenses for bibles, tracts, book case, sign, &c., for the past year was $292.78; goods were sold of the value of $70.26. After the report had been adopted, the new President, Dr. Ure, took the chair and called upon Revs. O. G. Collamore, Jas. Preston and A. J. Wallace, who delivered short addresses. Rev. W. W. Ross, permanent agent of the Bible and Tract Society, followed in an excellent address on "Our English Bible," which was listened to very attentively. It was announced that the collectors would commence their work at once. The meeting was brought to a close with prayer and praise.

WHEAT.—On Saturday the schr. W. E. Rathbun left port for Kingston with 4034 bushels of wheat shipped by Wm. Cameron & Co.

[illegible] CALVES.—On Monday [illegible] Mr. Jas. Watson, baker, [illegible] calves. The young [illegible] quite frisky.

[illegible] ATION.—On Sunday next the [illegible] will hold confirmation [illegible] St. George's church, at the usual hour in the morning. There are twenty candidates for confirmation.

COAL.—Last week Wm. Lee received 200 tons hard coal by schr. E. W. Rathbun; Wm. Stitt 100 tons by same vessel; Ogilvie & Hutchison, 500 tons by schr. [illegible] 500 tons by barge Mary Robertson.

MANHATTAN SHAFT.—Last week the repairing of the broken crib work was completed, and the clearing out of the shaft commenced. There are three gangs of men employed, relieving each other every eight hours.

PAINTING.—[illegible] Austin [illegible] men and [illegible] Sabbath School [illegible] pair of handsome bronze vases, as an expression [illegible] organist and teacher in the school.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.—Among general shipments from the station last week were 23 rolls leather by Kirkpatrick Bro. & Co., 8 bales sheepskins by Shoolock & Chapman, 2365 lbs. bones by E. Rose, and a considerable quantity of apples sent as gifts to friends.

ELEVATED WALK.—The new elevated walk on the north pier, for the safety of the lighthouse keeper in going out to the outer light in stormy weather has been completed. It is 700 feet long, is elevated about six feet, has its iron railing and cost $270. Mr. Henry Mallon did the work.

BUSINESS.—The freight receipts at the station last week show an increase of about $3,000 over the same week last year. An engine has been working night and day between the dock and station removing grain from the elevator and attending to other freight. Special trains have been sent out daily.

SWEET POTATOES.—Mr. A. McD. Allan, of this place, this year tried the experiment of growing sweet potatoes from seed sent from Nebraska. Plants were raised in a hot bed, which after being transplanted out grew wonderfully, and without extra care produced a fine yield. One of the potatoes weighs 3¼ lbs. These delicious potatoes may be easily raised here.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Monday, while workmen were at work in the drain connecting with the new tank at the head of East Street, and while Geo. Biddulph was stooping to lay a plank in the bottom of the drain, the bank caved in. Biddulph was almost covered up under the sand, and was kept in a very unpleasant predicament for a few minutes. Beyond a few slight bruises about the head he escaped without injury.

CURLING RINK.—Last evening it was the intention of the Goderich Curling Club to consider a project for erecting a mammoth skating and curling rink this coming winter. Since the action of the Council with reference to the Drill Shed, the club desires to have a building of their own. We think the project would prove profitable if well conducted.

SUMMER HOTEL.—We learn that Mr. H. Y. Attrill has given Mr. Wm. Headley, of Goderich, the job of fitting up the fine residence belonging to the former, on the Point, for a summer hotel. No more beautiful locality could be selected. It will be ready for occupation next season, and it is intended to have accommodation for 300 guests.

A BIG MANGOLD.—On Monday Mr. Robt. McCulloch, lot 27, Maitland con., Goderich township, brought to this office a mangold wurtzel of immense size, grown on his farm. It measured 2 ft. 8 in. in length, was perfectly solid, and weighed exactly 20 lbs. It was grown from Bruce's (Hamilton) seed, purchased from F. Jordan, at whose store it is now on exhibition. We doubt if this mangold can be beaten in either weight, solidity or good growth.

FISH RECEIPTS.—Last week a considerable quantity of cured fish arrived from the Fishing Islands by the prop. Ontario and schr. Star, the latter arriving on Thursday night with all the fish that had been caught. Wm. Lee received 293 packages, Wm. Stitt, 300; Chas. Howland, 200; D. Ferguson, 75. The season has not been a good one, partly owning to the rough weather. It was reported that one of the boats had been lost, but this lacks confirmation.

INCENDIARISM.—Last week two attempts were made to set fire to the block of buildings between West and Colborne streets, both of which fortunately failed in their ultimate object. Early on Wednesday morning Mr. Geo. Grant, grocer, was aroused by the unpleasant effects of smoke pervading the atmosphere of his bed chamber, and on making an examination he found the back door of the store to be on fire. The flames were quickly subdued, and on examination traces of the work of an incendiary were discovered, in the scraps of loose paper about the door and the evidence of the use of coal oil to make the material more inflammable. The fire had been set directly in the corner of the door-way and had burned its way through the door, the frame and sill, which is of hardwood, and into the cellar, making a hole about a foot and a half in diameter. Had the cellar windows been open, a draft would have been created, which would have quickly spread the flames to the adjoining inflammable material, as it was the flames made a slow way. While this was the topic of conversation, another diabolical, though worse conceived, attempt was made on the same evening. At about nine o'clock Mr. D. Gordon, while going along St. Patrick's street saw flames in the Club Rooms, and immediately the alarm was given. Other persons noticed the flames, and a number of persons who happened to be in the billiard hall rushed up stairs, and after some hot work extinguished the fire, which was burning in the refreshment room adjoining the Club's billiard room. An examination proved that the damage was slight, consisting in the destruction of a sideboard, the smoking of the ceiling and paper and the destruction of the carpet. The evidences of incendiarism were quite apparent. One of the doors of the sideboard had been broken off, part of it whittled into shavings, and these with some shavings found in a lumber room adjoining had been placed in the sideboard and set fire to. In order to hide the light, the shavings had been partially covered by a board, taken from beneath the stairs on the lower floor, placed and from the door in a santing position against the sideboard. The window was opened a little to create a draft. It is likely that the incendiary, who had laid his plans carefully, had decided upon this early hour for his work, knowing that entrance to the rooms would be prevented after ten o'clock, the lower door being closed. To the fact of the deed being done so early in the evening, we may attribute the salvation of the block. The engine was quickly on the spot but its services were not required. Mr. Hugh Dunlop, the owner of the building, has no suspicion who the incendiary is and to others the thing is wrapt in mystery. This makes the fourth attempt to fire this block, since the 1st of July, and recognizing the great peril the Council offers a reward of $200 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties, while Mr. Geo. Grant offers a reward of $50 for the capture of the party who set fire to his store. In connection with the first effort we might mention that a can of coal oil, belonging to Mr. Grant, was stolen from the hall leading to his family apartments on Tuesday afternoon, and no doubt by the villainous "firebug."

—One hundred bushels of oats were threshed in eighteen minutes on lot 15, 6th con., Morris, recently.

—Hector McKellar, first mate of the steamer R. N. Rice, of Detroit, and brother of Mrs. John Buie, of Blyth, died on Wednesday.

—Mr. Samuel Wilson, a well-to-do farmer of Usborne, died in the London Asylum last week.

SEAFORTH.

From our correspondent.

STREET LAMPS.—Our street lamps will be in full operation by the time the bright nights of winter arrive.

NEW ENGINE-DRIVER.—His engine-driver named Mr. J. Geering got scalded at the Seaforth station on the 22d inst., by the bursting of one of the pipes. His face, hands and arms suffered most. He hastened to Dr. Campbell's office and had his arms dressed.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—Mr. Simpson, lecturer for the Sons of Temperance, delivered a very instructive and able address in the Good Templar's Hall, on the evening of the 22d inst.—He was invited to come again.

"PHYSIOLOGY AND PHYSIOGNOMY."—This was the subject of an excellent lecture delivered by Prof. McAllister in the Town Hall on the evening of the 25th inst. The Prof. gave great satisfaction in his delineations of character by walking, &c. He also taught his audiences how to read character by means of the physiognomy. He touched upon phrenology, and drew cartoons on the blackboard—causing great merriment. The Seaforth Prize Brass Band was in attendance.

STANLEY.

SUICIDE.—A very sad affair occurred on the Babylon Line in the Township of Stanley on Tuesday of last week. A young man named James Templeton committed suicide by hanging himself in a barn. On the morning in question young Templeton partook of breakfast with the other members of the family as usual. After breakfast a younger brother went to a neighbor's to thresh and it was supposed that James had gone to the field to plow. When noon arrived the usual warning for dinner was given, and after waiting a considerable time and the young man not making his appearance, his sister went out to the stable to see what was keeping him. After looking around for a time and not seeing anything of him, she went to the barn to look for him there. She found, however, that the barn door was scarcely fastened in the inside. This circumstance aroused her fears that something was wrong, and she at once sent for her brother to where he was threshing. On arriving the brother burst open the door, and was horrified to see James suspended from a beam in the barn by a rope which was around his neck. He was quite dead. He had got into a buggy which was standing on the barn floor, had tied one end of the rope around a be