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How cheerless were our lengthen'd way
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And cast a glory round the tomb!

Then stay thy tears! the blest above
Have laid'd a spirit's heavenly birth,
Sung a new song of joy and love,
Then why should anguish reign on earth?

Thy dear friend's gone, and thou alone
Must bear the sorrows that assail;
Look upward to th' eternal throne!
And find a friend who cannot fail!

Bear firmly! yet a few more days,
And thy hard trial will be past,
Then, wrapt in glory's opening blaze,
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Go, sufferer! calmly meet the woes
Which God's own mercy bids thee bear;
Then, rising as the baviour rose,
Go! his eternal victory share!

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Warming a Serpent;

OR,

GRYLE DASKAM'S TREACHERY.

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CHAPTER XXVII.

GETTING READY FOR BUSINESS.

The boat from the schooner landed at the same point outside the little harbour of Mountain Island as before, and the islanders were discovered on the beach. The men, seeing that no harm had come to their wives and children through the intruders, and more especially noting that the visitors were not Spaniards, had come forth from their concealment with new-found boldness.

The chief, or governor, or head man, of the little community, was a great, massive-built, ugly-looking African, with hanging under-lip, and great, flat-nose, and wearing gold hoops in his ears was he who had incited the flight of the runaways from Cuba, and had held control over them ever since by force of superior will as well as of superior physical strength.

Daskam singled out this chief, as we may as well term him, by his size, his strength, his air of authority, as well as by the few colored feathers he wore in his hair in token of his rank. Bidding Garley and the seamen wait for him upon the beach, Daskam bade the chief in Spanish to follow him, and the two ascended to the plateau.

Here Daskam turned about and faced the black, eying him sternly.

'Now, where is the white man?' he demanded.

'No sabe!' declared the black, with the earnestness of truth. 'He was here when the ship came. Perhaps he hiding!'

Daskam scoffed at the last suggestion. He knew Saul Heath thoroughly, and he knew that he was as brave an 'coard' less as he was noble and upright. For Saul Heath to go into hiding, leaving a woman unguarded to meet danger, was more than incredible—it was impossible.

'He must have gone up to the top of the mountain to look out—but in that case, seeing the schooner, he would have come down. He must be in the woods. Did he come here in a boat?'

The black assented, narrating the fate of the boat. Then he remembered having noticed that his small skiff was missing from the shore below, and he declared his conviction that the white man had taken his skiff and gone off in her.

'To look for his boat, probably,' said Daskam. 'He may think that she is floating keel uppermost yet.'

It was quite clear to the villain tha the had arrived at the explanation of young Heath's absence. He knew that if Saul Heath were anywhere upon the island mountain he must have shown himself before this. He did not, therefore make any pretence of searching the huts or groves, nor of ascending to the mountain peak.

He fixed his gaze upon the black with an assumed severity that made the burly chief tremble.

Daskam was quick to arrive at conclusions. The islanders spoke Spanish, hence he argued that they had spent some portion of their lives in Cuba. The former had hidden themselves at the approach of white men; consequently, he believed, they were in terror of the law. On finding that the visitors were English they had feared meeting Spaniards or Cubans. Hence Daskam leaped to the just conclusion that they were runaway slaves from Cuba.

'See here,' he said, 'I know all about you and your people below there. You have run away from Cuba, and if I take you and your comrades back to slavery I shall be well rewarded, and you will be flogged within an inch of your lives, separated from your families, and your children will be slaves also!'

The black's face glowed with a sudden lightning. He clenched his hands and made as if to spring upon Daskam, but a timely remembrance of the force below, and the schooner outside, restrained him from any useless act of violence. He saw that he could do nothing, that he was helpless, and his rage gave place to terror, and his dusk of fury to a strange, grayish pallor that told of a awful despair.

'I can save you,' said Daskam, artfully. 'you and your friends and your families. Your lives are in my hands. I can save them all or send you back to slavery!'

'Oh, mercy, senor, have mercy on us!' pleaded the chief abjectly, falling upon his knees. 'Save us—'

'On one condition. The white man who came here with these women is my enemy. He is now gone out for his boat. He will return presently. We shall be gone. You shall kill him for me—'

'Yes, yes, senor!'

'No treachery, mind! You shall kill him this very night! I will come back again in three days' time, and you shall show me the man's dead body. If you show it to me, you shall be spared. If you fail to do so, I will load you and yours with chains and carry you to Cuba.'

'I will do it! He shall die this very night!' cried the chief, in transport of relief at the easy terms offered him. 'Is there anything more senor?'

'Nothing more. Kill him and keep his dead body in one of these huts to show me privately when I come, and you shall live and die here in safety, and no man shall ever call you slave!'

The black arose, protesting that he would obey Daskam's command, and the villain, studying his face, knew that he would keep his word.

'Remember. I shall come again in three days!' said Daskam. 'Be ready for me!'

And with this last warning, he descended the path to the beach.

Garley and the seamen were seated on the boat, which had been drawn half out of the water. At Daskam's command, it was pushed off, and the party, taking their places, rowed to the schooner.

The captain was not on deck, but the first officer was leaning against the railing, and Daskam gave to him the order to weigh anchor and be off.

Then the villain descended to the cabin.

He paused just within the door, an angry light glowing in his eyes. Captain Lang was standing in the little passage dividing two state-rooms, and was engaged in fitting a key to the lock of the room in which Garnet was imprisoned.

Daskam approached him, swelling with anger.

'What does this mean, Captain?' he demanded, roughly. 'What are you doing there?'

The captain started and recoiled a step before the blazing eyes of the young villain. The captain's face was stern and flushed, and his voice had a stern ring in its tones as he answered:

'I am trying to free this young lady, Mr. Heath. Why is she shut up like a prisoner, sir?'

At that moment the schooner gave a little bound, her anchor being raised, and then rocked upon the water, as if balancing herself for flight.

Neither of the men paid any heed to the motion of the vessel. Garley and Jock and the second officer, who had become very intimate with Daskam during the voyage, crowded into the cabin to hear what was said.

'Miss Palm is shut up like a prisoner, sir,' replied the villain, 'because she is one. She is infatuated with this Gregory, and would go back to him even now. I had to bring her from the island by main force. I am my father's representative, Captain Lang, and consequently they young lady's guardian. I intend to take her to my father, and if she will not go willingly, she shall be taken by force.'

Daskam's friends applauded him.

'But, Mr. Heath,' said the captain, a little staggered by Daskam's manner of stating the case, 'Miss Palm should be allowed her personal freedom. She is a young lady, a great heiress, and should be treated with more consideration.'

'I must use my judgment and treat her as I deem suitable,' replied Daskam, insolently. 'I am not likely to forget that she is a lady and an heiress. I shall treat her with the utmost delicacy, but I shall not allow her opportunity to escape and rejoin this Gregory.'

The captain twirled his useless key in his fingers.

'While you were on shore, Mr. Heath,' he said, 'Miss Palm appealed to me to assist her—to give her her freedom. She desires to place herself under my especial protection.'

Daskam studied the captain's face intently.

He saw that the sailor's chivalry was aroused in defence of the girl, but he saw, also, that Miss Palm had not imparted to the captain the name of her protector on the island, nor her discovery of the existence of two Saul Heaths. In truth the girl had not had sufficient time for full explanations. She had protested indignantly against imprisonment, and had appealed to the captain through the locked door to give her freedom, and to set her ashore again upon the island. The captain had been touched by her appeals, indignant at her imprisonment, and resolute upon freeing her when Daskam so inopportunely made his appearance.

'You should know better than that if Miss Palm does not,' declared Daskam coolly. 'How can she place herself under your especial protection, sir, when I am master here, when I am the leader of this expedition, and every one on board, including yourself, is under my orders?'

'Mr. Heath, I protest—'

'Protestations won't alter facts, sir,' cried Daskam, importantly. 'I am the real captain of this vessel. And if you fail to remember this fact you must pardon me for impressing it upon your mind in a manner that will be unpleasing to you. My father is half owner of this vessel, and I can depose you at my will. Be warned and remember your place. Let the young lady alone. I shall deal with her as my father would do. I shall consider her best interests, you may be sure. You will remember, sir, that I forbid your speaking to Miss Palm throughout the voyage.

The vessel was now in full motion, sailing away from the island. The first officer, delegating his duties to the third officer, had come below to witness the scene which he knew was in progress.

This first officer was an Englishman named Dan Close, ambitious to become a captain, and a sycophantic and servile admirer and adherent of Daskam, who had promised to use his influence to obtain for Close the future command of the vessel in place of Lang, whom Daskam promised to depose, upon arrival at Kingston.

The first officer and Garley tittered in concert at the humiliation of Captain Lang under the address of Daskam. The captain, who was quick-tempered, flushed yet more hotly, and exclaimed:—

'Mr. Heath, I demand that you show me respect, while we remain on board together. I am captain of this vessel and I cannot permit even you to address me in the manner you have done!'

'I am the real commander of the John Darrell,' declared the villain, 'and I shall remain such while on board!'

'We are under weigh,' exclaimed the captain, hearing the trampling of feet on the deck and the murmur of a song. 'We are on our way to Jamaica; the voyage will soon be ended—'

'You are mistaken, sir,' interrupted Daskam. 'We are not on our way to Jamaica. The rascal Gregory has escaped from the island and I intend to hunt for him till I find him, if it takes six months. I intend to take him to Jamaica in chains.'

Again the first officer, Garley, and the others clustered around, tittered.

'I seem to be an entirely unnecessary personage on board,' said Captain Lang, hotly 'You insult me, Mr. Heath. You incite my officers and crew to insubordination against me, and forbid me even to speak to the poor young lady shut up in yonder state-room. These things I cannot bear even from the son of an owner of the vessel. I protest against your treatment of me, and under the circumstances, I resign my command into your hands. I shall henceforth be simply a passenger. But I shall present my case to the owners on arriving at port,' he added, significantly. 'And I do not doubt that they will see justice done me.'

'You resign your command,' cried Daskam. 'So be it! You hear him, all of you! Captain Lang resigns his command of the Darrell of his own free will, and against my wishes. I am not troubled at any statements he may make. I have obeyed, and not exceeded, my instructions, but you have all seen from the outset that he was jealous of my authority, and has tried in every way to assume superior airs to me.'

'Ay, ay!' assented the subordinate officers, eagerly.

'Captain Lang's resignation,' continued Daskam, hypocritically, 'placed me in very embarrassing position. I am compelled to choose a captain in his stead. Mr. Close, you are first officer, and I hereby appoint you captain of this vessel in place of Lang, resigned.'

Close, with glittering eyes and eager countenance, accepted the promotion thus tendered him.

'The second officer is promoted to be first officer,' said Daskam, 'each officer with pay to correspond with his changed duties and rank.'

The second officer expressed his delight at this advance.

Captain Lang, actually choking with emotion, could not utter one word, although he tried to do so. He had tendered his resignation as captain in a moment of anger and rebellion against Daskam's treatment of him, but he had no suspicion that it would be accepted. It had been accepted, he was deposed, and he could only make the best of the matter, bearing himself with what dignity he could command.

Yet for some moments he could not conquer his agitation or hide his dismay. But, finally, as Close tittered again, in sycophantic adhesion to Daskam, the captain inclined his head haughtily, and moved away in silence, entering his own state-room and locking the door behind him.

'Captain Lang has rather overreached himself,' exclaimed Daskam, with a contemptuous laugh. 'Come on deck all of you. We'll explain the state of affairs to the crew, who will be pleased with the change of officers!'

They went on deck, and Daskam called up the crew, and stated that Captain Lang had resigned command, and was thenceforward to be only a passenger throughout the cruise. He introduced Close as captain, ordered grog all around, led three cheers for Captain Close, and then went below with Close, and the first officer, and Garley, and opened several bottles of champagne, drinking to the health of the new captain.

'Lang's day is over!' he exclaimed. 'Close will continue to be captain of the John Darrell after this cruse is over, on her ocean voyages. I can promise this in my father's name. You are all right Captain Close, if you keep on the right side of me!'

And Capt. Close determined to act upon the advice and 'keep on the right side' of Mr. Heath's supposed son.

Jock had pressed near to hear all that was said. Daskam espied him at this juncture with an unusual expression of intelligence on his face, and the eager look in Jock's eyes did not please the villain, who dealt the poor fellow a kick that sent him reeling from the spot.—The crowd applauded, and Jock slunk away, muttering under his breath his threats of vengeance.

'My time comin',' he said to himself. 'I can wait. But Mass' Saul have his settlement some day to make! Oh, yes!'

The clinking of glasses, the shouts and laughter of congenial spirits in the cabin penetrated to the ears of poor Capt. Lang, and also to the ears of Garnet and old Phebe, whose anxieties had become almost unbearable. But at last Daskam proposed a return to the deck. Capt. Close and his subordinates ascended first, and Daskam then linked his arm in that of Garley, exclaiming:

'Come on, old fellow, I have something of importance to say to you'

And the two went up to the deck together.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

DASKAM'S SECRET RESOLVE.

The schooner was skimming along under a fine breeze, all sails set, and Mountain Island was already far in the distance, and rapidly growing more and more indistinct. The night was delightful. The stars were shining like young moons, and the air was clear and cool. Daskam and Garley walked the deck, arm in arm. Now and then they halted, and the former adjusted his marine glass to his eyes in the hope of beholding some sign of Saul Heath upon the water.—Once he fancied that he made out a small boat pulling into the shadow of the island, but in the next instant the boat—if it were a boat—disappeared and could not be traced again.

'What are you looking at, Heath?' asked Garley. 'Are you hoping to make out the man Gregory from this distance?'

Daskam flung the glass by its strap over his shoulder and resumed his march. Garley was his intimate friend, but by no means his confidant. As the reader has learned, Daskam was of an essentially secretive nature, and was not likely to impart his secrets to another, except in so far as such confidence was absolutely necessary to the success of his schemes.

'Strange that Lang should have done in his anger and pique just what you wanted him to do, Heath,' remarked Garley, after a brief pause, with a laugh. 'How cleverly you took him up. The beggar was ready to eat his own words as soon as he'd spoken them, but you gave him no chance.'

'I never liked him from the first,' said Daskam. 'He's too jealous of his authority and dignity, and I know that my father will approve my course in accepting his resignation and appointing Close as captain in his stead.'

He did not state what Garley, however, very well knew, that he had insulted Captain Lang grossly more than once upon the voyage, that he had incited the crew to acts of insubordination, and had made the worthy catpain's life a burden to him from the very day of leaving port. He set had himself up as the real commander of the vessel, and set aside the captain as a person of noconsequence whatever, disdaining his advice, and sneering at him openly, and otherwise galling him to the quick.

'I wish I had a father as devoted to me and as rich as your father is, Heath,' said Garley, enviously. 'But you said you had something of importance to say to me. What is it?'

'It's about Miss Palm. Isn't she a beauty? I fell in love with her at sight,' said Daskam. 'But it seems that she was a willing prisoner to the man Grogory, or else that his devotion had won her heart. Women are queer creatures. Gregory ran away with Miss Palm, and she was so touched by this mark of him. It was William the Norman, was it not, who knocked his lady-love down for refusing to marry him and beat her cruelly? And the beating made her change her mind and accept him. Similar tactics seem to have had a similar effect upon Miss Palm.'

'Perhaps she don't really love him. She may think herself compromised by his action, you know.'

'I presume she does. My father desires me to marry her, and I intend to do so. I expect the lady will oppose me, but I shall conquer her.'

'I'm not going back to Jamaica immediately, Tom, and when I do go this girl shall go as my wife.'

'You don't mean it?'

'But I do!' declared Daskam, determinedly. 'I shall make a little romance out of the affair. My father and his father both desired our union; I desired it. She may hold out against it, but I must find means to compel her to my way of thinking. I'll win her consent to become my wife, Garley, and then run into the nearest port and find a clergyman to marry us.'

Garley expressed his admiration of Daskam's pluck and energy.

The latter did not explain his true reasons for this course upon which he had decided.

He dared not take Garnet to Jamaica until her lips should be sealed in regard to her story of her meeting with the real Saul Heath. To do so would be to invite his own destruction. He loved Garnet, and he was determined to make her his wife before presenting her to his father, believing that when she should be bound to him in marriage she would keep his secrets, did she chance to suspect them. His schemes, his prospects in life, his entire future, his safety, even, depended upon his sealing the lips of this young heiress, whose beauty had so attracted him, and whose fortune he so much desired to obtain for himself.

Garley of course knew and suspected nothing of these hidden motives of his friend, any more than he suspected the secret of his assumed identity.

'It will be a great lark,' said Garley, 'to work out your little romance. Lang would never have agreed to it, but you can do as you like with Close. I will give you my assistance in any way you may require. You may find the lady reluctant and even rebellious—'

'In which case I can tame her. The matter is understood between us, Tom, and I have no need to say more. If I need your help, I'll call for it. You'd better turn in now. I have a few words to say to Close.'

Garley went below, and Daskman had a long interview with Close, of very similar import to that with Garley, and won the assurance of the new captain's hearty co-operation and assistance.

Daskam then gave his directions in regard to the sailing of the vessel during the next three days, informing Close that Gregory had run away from Mountain Island, and that he desired to find him, and that, if he did not succeed, he should return to the island three days thence, and look for him again there.

Satisfied with his evening's work, which was not yet finished, Daskam went below. The cabin was deserted by every one except Jock, who, apparently asleep, lay on the floor near Garnet's state-room. A low murmur of voices came from that room, and Daskam approached it, kicking the black aside with unnecessary violence, and knocking upon Garnet's door.

'Who is there?' asked Miss Palm's sweet, clear voice.

'It is I, Mr. Heath!' declared the impostor. 'Can I have a few minutes' interview with you, Miss Palm?'

The girl appeared to consult with her old nurse. Daskam knew that they were inclined to deny him the interview he desired, the hour being so late, but he counted on Garnet's anxiety to know the fate of young Heath, and he did not count in vain.

Presently he heard her voice again, bidding him enter. He took the key from his pocket, unlocked the door, and opened it.

The little state-room was in darkness and first of all Daskam placed a lighted candle in a sconce upon the wall, and then he entered the room and placed himself with his back against the door.

Garnet was seated upon the divan, her hair floating about her in a dusky cloud, her eyes sweet and calm, yet with a lurking terror in them, looking up at him from the shadow of her waving tresses. She was so tender and lovely, so winsome and gentle, that the bad heart of Daskam was thrilled with a strange tenderness for her, and his resolve to make her his wife gathered a thousand-fold more force within the moment.

'I must either kill her or marry her,' he thought, desperately. 'She knows too much to be allowed to go free ever again.'

He glanced at old Phebe who crouched upon the floor watching him with a troubled face.

'I beg your pardon for my untimely intrusion, Miss Palm,' said Daskam in his courtliest manner. 'But our interview on the island was so brief and unsatisfactory that I feel that I cannot sleep until I have spoken further with you. You are now on board the John Darrell, my father's vessel. He has sent me to find you and bring you to him.'

'And you call yourself Saul Heath?' asked the girl abruptly.

'Certainly. That is my name.'

'Are there two Saul Heaths! Have you a cousin or other relative of that name?'

'I have no cousin or relative of that name,' declared Daskam. 'There are not two Saul Heaths. You have been imposed upon, Miss Palm. There is but one Saul Heath of Jamaica, and he is the son of Lorimer Heath, planter and ship owner.'

Garnet fixed a keen gaze upon the villain, as if she were trying to read his soul.

'It is strange,' she murmured. 'The Mr. Heath I know is also Saul Heath, the son of Mr. Lorimer Heath, of Jamaica. One of you, either you or he, is clearly an impostor.'

'I know your sense would tell you that, Miss Palm,' exclaimed Daskam, jubilantly. 'You cannot hesitate between his claims and mine. I come to you in my father's ship, surrounded with men who knew me in Jamaica, and who will vouch for my identity—'

'But who will vouch for them?' asked the girl, quietly.

Daskam started, and bit his lip.

'The possession of the ship is sufficient voucher,' he managed to answer. 'You see me surrounded by friends, you saw him alone and friendless. The weight of evidence is all on my side—'

'Not all,' said Garnet, coldly. 'You have a ship, and friends to vouch for you: he had an honest, noble face that could not have belonged to a bad man. He told me that he was Saul Heath, and though I own you seem to have the greater weight of evidence on your side, yet I will believe him.'

Daskam flushed with rage, yet he could not help but admire her spirit and fearlessness, as she expressed her virtual disbelief in him and his pretences.

'The man is more clever than I thought,' he observed, trying to speak calmly. 'He has played his part very skillfully. I wish I knew who he really is. I should like to confront him.'

'Is he not on board?' the girl inquired with sudden tremulousness.

'He is not. We went back to the island and searched for him, we did not find him. We concluded that he had fled from impending justice, and so came away, giving over the search.'

Garnet had known of the second visit to the island, and had been very sure that Heath was on board. Her disappointment on learning the truth was very keen and bitter.

'I wish I could have found him,' said Daskam, reading her emotions. 'I would have taken him in chains to Jamaica and delivered him up to a court of justice.'

'He went off in a little skiff to find the boat,' exclaimed Garnet, unable to conceal her distress. 'Can anything have happened to him? If not, he must have returned to the island long before this—and found me gone.'

'I think he fled to some distant island,' said Daskam, 'and I shall search for him everywhere. If I fail to find him I shall go back to Mountain Island in three days' time to look for him, and if I find him I shall take him to Jamaica. Justice shall be done the imposter—never fear!'

'That is what I pray also—that justice may be done the imposter,' cried Garnet.

'Let me speak to you of my dear father, your guardian, Miss Palm,' said Daskam, turning the subject abruptly. 'He hoped that I would find you, and he begged me to give his love to you and tell you how anxious he is for your arrival.'

'How did you come to look for me? How did you know where to look?'

'We received letters from England and Cuba that put us on the right track. We found that this Gregory, your escort, had sailed from Havana in a yacht of his own under the assumed name of Smith. As you were a month past due, and as you are a great heiress, it became clear that you were a prisoner somewhere, or that you had willingly eloped with him. The latter supposition was found untenable, and my father sent me to cruise among the islands in hope of finding you. Where's this man Gregory?'

'I do not know. I presume he is sailing the sea in his yacht in search of me.'

'How did you get away from him?'

'Mr. Heath and I escaped from his island in a small open boat. We had been out two days when, worn out, we stopped at the island where you found me. We had been there only twenty-four hours, and would have escaped tonight, but for you.'

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Budget Speech.

SUMMARY OF MR. CARTWRIGHT'S ADDRESS.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.

Mr. Cartwright commenced by the gratifying announcement that the maximum expenditure of the Dominion had, in his opinion, been reached in the year 1875-6. In that year the expenditure was $24,488,000, while the revenue amounted to some $22,687,000, leaving a deficit of $1,900,000. This was in any case a sufficiently grave fact, and if it could be regarded as chronic, would call for very strong measures; but many of the items in the expenditure account were exceptional and temporary, and therefore the existing state of things might fairly be regarded as abnormal. He instanced in this connection the following:—Boundary survey, $134,000; Centennial, Mennonite loan, and grants to distressed North-west settlers, $210,000; minor public works now closed, $980,000; change of gauge and steel rails on the Intercolonial, $250,000. Total from exceptional causes, $1,574,000.

This would reduce the actual deficit from ordinary causes to about $400,000. On the other hand, the reduction on the ordinary expenditures for the six months ending January 1st, 1877, was $10,100,000, against an expenditure in the corresponding six months of the previous year of $10,900,000, showing a reduction of expenditure of $860,000. Current receipts for the former period had nearly equalled those of 1876. If the same results accrued during the current half year it would do much to remove the chances of a deficit on the 30th of June next. Had the harvest of 1876 not proved so far below the average the calculations of the last Budget Speech would certainly have been fully verified. It was also eminently satisfactory to observe that the expenditure of 1876-7 of $24,488,000 was well within the receipts of 1874-5, which amounted to $24,648,716. The decrease in revenue in 1876 had been almost exclusively in Customs, the reduction in which was from $15,351,000 in 1875 to $12,823,000 in 1876. The excise, on the other hand, had increased, and other sources of revenue had fairly held their own, but it would be seen that the loss from Customs amounted to two and a half millions, or much more than the entire deficit. It was only the enormous retrogression of imports that had interfered with the calculations as to revenue that had been made as a basis of calculation as to the future. Mr. Cartwright went back to the position of affairs in the first year of Confederation, 1867-8. That was the last of a series of years of great depression. The abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty, the failures of two important banks, and political events of great significance in that year enjoined especial caution on traders and the public at large. At last period the population of the four older Provinces did not exceed three and a quarter millions. Since that time there had been several years of great prosperity. The population might now be calculated at not much less than four millions, yet the total importations of 1867 were seventy three millions, while those of 1875-76 were only eighty-seven millions, or equal, on a calculation *per capita*, to a reduction of three millions as against 1867, or, if reckoned by the goods entered for consumption, exactly the same as in the last named year. Yet he argued that the enormous increase in wealth should produce under ordinary circumstances a larger *per capita* consumption now than in 1867. Confining himself to the four older Provinces, Mr. Cartwright went on to give a tabular statement of items indicating the growth of the country in wealth and material progress, as foll

CHANGE OF TIME.

On and after June 25th, 1877

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

Express, 7.00 a.m., arriving at London at 10.15 a.m., Toronto at 1.05 p.m., Buffalo at 7.50 p.m.

Mail and Express, 11.45 a.m., arriving at Stratford at 2.45 p.m., Buffalo at 8.00 p.m.

Mixed, 3.10 arriving at Stratford at 6.30 p.m., and London 9 p.m.

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

Mixed, 11.30 a.m. from Stratford.

Mail and Express, 3.10 p.m., from London, Toronto and Length.

Express, 10.00 p.m., from Buffalo, Toronto and Length.

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General Manager.

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GODERICH, FEB. 28, 1877.

The Tariff Changes.

The few changes in the tariff proposed by the Finance Minister are now the chief topics of discussion, the three items of coal oil, sugar and tea being dealt with principally. The reduction of the duty on coal oil from 15 cents on the gallon to 6 cents, and the removal of the excise duty of 6 cents on Canadian oil, has called forth some angry demonstrations from the Tory protectionist press—in fact they fall foul of the entire change. Consumers will look upon the change with favor, for the experience of the last few months, whilst the oil monopoly was in full swing, was sufficient to satisfy all that the manufacturers were fully alive to their interests. The breaking up of the combination a short time ago had a tendency to bring down prices wonderfully, but this could be patched up as long and the consumers be bled as before. The reduction in duty of 9 cents on the gallon will not place our producers at any disadvantage in competition with the American oil producers, for at present prices, under the proposed arrangements, this oil could be brought into Canada only at a price about 14 cents above what our oil is selling at. The abolition of the 6 cents excise duty gives the producers a great relief, and thus the consumer reaps a great advantage, for these reductions mean a like reduction in the price of coal oil to him. Mr. Cartwright estimates that the saving effected by this means to the consumer will amount to $750,000, and some time ago when a 7½ cent reduction in the tariff was proposed the saving was estimated at $1,200,000. Even accepting the former figure, it must be considered very large. The incentive which the present high tariff has given to smuggling, has been duly considered in dealing upon the reduction, and it is well-known that the Custom House was extensively cheated out of its dues. Under the new tariff there will be very little, if any, inducement to smuggle. No complaint can be made that the oil business of Canada is not as well protected as that of the United States, for whilst our tariff is at the rate of about 50 per cent. the latter is at the rate of 40 per cent.

The removal of these two items of revenue will cause a loss to the Government of about $200,000, and in view of the present deficit, the tariff and excise has been raised on malt, beer, ale, porter, cigars, &c., as well as sugar and tea. The two latter articles were deemed the most appropriate for taxation, and being largely imported, the revenue from them would be the more secure. Since so great a saving will be made to the consumer in the matter of coal oil, the slight tax on tea and sugar will be hardly felt. No further complaint can be made about the Montreal sugar refinery.

These changes have been suggested with great wisdom. Whilst a tariff is in existence it is necessary to consider the interests of the consumer as well as the producer; and if revenue is wanted it is needless to impose such tariffs as will prevent importation, or only such articles which compete with home production. Tea is an article which brings a certain revenue, a tax on sugar ensures a large income, whilst offering protection to refineries, and the reduction in the oil tariff makes it the more likely that an income will be derived therefrom. By way of benefitting manufacturers the excise on coal oil is abolished, and by the increase in the excise on malt liquors our home manufacturers are benefitted. Thus Mr. Cartwright's scheme has been conceived in the interests of the revenue, the consumer and the manufacturer, and with great shrewdness.

"No Appropriation."

In the House of Commons last week, Mr. Greenway, of South Huron, asked if an appropriation was to be made to, wards completing the Bayfield harbor works, and Mr. Mackenzie replied that nothing was mentioned in the estimates for that purpose. A question of this import was not proposed on behalf of Goderich, for the evident reason, and seeing that no allowance was made in the estimates for our harbor, that the Government cannot see its way clear to make any further grants at present. The heavy drain upon the country's finances for the past few years, created by the extensive improvements in the canals and the construction of railways, has caused a deficit which demands the exercise of a rigid economy. The rash pledges given by Sir John A. Macdonald's Government have laid the wealthy portions of our country under heavy tribute to younger provinces, and the list of beneficiaries given in Mr. Cartwright's speech indicate how small a chance there was of an appropriation for Goderich harbor. When the funds set apart for dredging were exhausted last summer it was confidently expected that the necessary sum would be voted during this session to complete the work, and make what the harbor is intended to be the best and most commodious on the side of Lake Huron. But the demands which British Columbia, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island and the North-west Territory are making upon the public coffers—supplied for the most part by Ontario—and the loss which the Maritime Provinces have made in the past, have had their legitimate effect and local improvements suffer in consequence. It is a matter much to be regretted, for the harbor might have been completed during the approaching session—a conclusion which would be highly satisfactory to every friend of the town. While we would like to see the Government make the needed appropriation, we cannot object to its policy of economy in this respect and its successful efforts to preserve the Government's integrity by fulfilling the undertaking of the late Prime Minister.

THE vote in Prince Edward on the repeal of the Dunkin Act took place last week, resulting in the Act being sustained by a majority of 248 votes. A very large vote was polled. Prince Edward has now thoroughly established its character as a prohibition county.

NEXT session will be the scene of the debates in the House of Commons without remarking the dilatory and extraordinary which characterize the language of the members. Instead of being ready for discussion, and eager for a division, the Opposition, not to offer suggestions or improvements upon the Government's measures or policies so much as to make trivial motions, which have been defeated, into great questions. The Sarnia and reckless Tupper, the pilant Pope, the trothy, pompous Campbell and the other willing followers have been fitted at the feet of Sir John to harass and abuse to the best of their ability. Sir John is complacent, in the mists he has blown the Chorus so damaging to his character, assured as he has been of the support of his party which in his novility hourly expresses its confidence in his integrity, that then had the leaders of the Opposition has followed his example, instead of the Government, to the disuse of language. It has not, however, fared to utter the silence he passed at the late session of Lord Dufferin's great assent fest. The Government members are equal to the task thus imposed, and the Opposition are reaping more "kicks than coppers," as the reward for their efforts.

THE following is the division list on indemnity question, which was obtained by some second motion for the Toronto Mail: Yeas—Messrs Dyer, Bethune, Bishop, Brown, Cameron, Chisholm, Geoghegan, Crooks, Ferris, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Hardy, Hargraft, Hunter, Jones, Lander, McCarthy, McDougall (Middlesex), McGowan, McMahon, Meredith, Merrick, Mowat, Parker, Richardson, Rosevear, Sproule, Sutherland, Snetsinger, Tooley, Waterworth, Wildt, Bold, Wilson, Wood—34. Nays—Messrs. Appleby, Chrysler, Ballantyne, Baxter, Ball, Bouffard, Boulter, Broder, Clarke (Norfolk), Code, Cole, Coutts, Currie, Dascoe, Deacon, Fisher, Graham, Grange, Grant, Harkin, Hay, Hodgins, Keas, Kerr, Jones, Macdonald (Simcoe), Macdonald (Kingston), O'Donohoe, O'Sullivan, Paxton, Preston, Robinson, Scott, Sproule, Strange, Williams—34. It will be seen that, whilst 23 Reformers voted for the reduction, only 12 Tories did. All the members of the Government voted yea, and had it not been that Mr. Cameron, the Opposition leader, voted with the Government the result would have been tantamount to a ministerial defeat.

ON THURSDAY last the House of Commons, in accordance with the new enactment, was opened by the Speaker reading a form of prayer. This prayer was drafted by committee, and asks for blessings on the Royal Family, the Canadian officials, the parliaments and the country. Some bigoted newspapers are criticising this observance because the Speaker, being a Catholic, crossed himself and bowed at mention of the Deity whilst reading the prayer, and charge into the thing as a Roman Catholic service. As the prayer was submitted by representatives of any particular church, and is simply read before the members, the actions of any of their fellows are dictated by the observances of their church, under such circumstances, could offend none but bigots. We admire the new custom; and hope that none of this contemptible intolerance, which would kick out any member who crossed himself, exists in the House of Commons.

THE Government having resolved to impose a tariff on tea and sugar, is now being abused by the Tory journals which last year abused them for not doing so. Last year certain of the Government members were accused of being connected with oil rings, and being personally interested in maintaining the high tariff, but now that the tariff is reduced, these chronic fault-finders are more displeased than ever. They insinuate that certain friends of the Government are being intentionally benefitted by this tax tariff, having been warned in time to be able to lay in large stocks before the enactment comes into force. The statement is characteristically extravagant. Mr. Cartwright, in his budget speech—synopsis of which appears on the first page—clearly explains the "why" and the "wherefore" of the new tariff.

THE majority in the Kamouraska election has been reduced to five, and in all probability Mr. Perrault's friends will enter a protest and demand a scrutiny of the votes. For ten years this constituency returned Tory representatives, until Mr. Perrault, through his extensive acquaintance with the inhabitants managed to win the elections by narrow majorities. In this case he had to fight against the powerful influence which Bishop Langevin brought to bear upon his parishoners. This clerical interference in political contests is of frequent occurrence in Quebec, although such Bishops as Taschereau and Bourget condemn the practice, and it continues, to the injurious restriction of individual freedom.

WITH very bad taste the leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature rallied the Premier, in the House on Monday night of last week, on the narrow majority of the successful candidate in the South Waterloo election, evidently looking upon the contest as a very narrow escape for the Government. Both the candidates were Reformers, the riding is thoroughly Reform and the contest was decided really on personal grounds. The Conservatives gave their support to Mr. Merner, because he was opposed to the regular nominee of the Reformers, and are now blowing that they came near beating the Government candidate with a Government supporter!

A MEETING of Tories took place a few days ago at Belleville, ostensibly as a gathering of Orangemen, when resolutions condemning the action of the Ontario Legislature in refusing to pass the Orange Incorporation Bill were passed, for the purpose as is said of facilitating "the restoration of our rights as British subjects," taken from them as they say by a "Government which is ruled by an emissary of his so-called Holiness, the Pope of Rome." One not acquainted with the vein of political buncombe in these sentiments, would consider the country on the verge of a civil war. It's only moonshine, however.

THIS is an age of hyperbole, so to speak—at least we judge so on seeing the remark which one of our cotemporaries, not given to irony, makes in defending Sir John in the Secret Service Fund case, that "not a member of the House of Commons of either party doubts the unsullied personal integrity of Sir John A. Macdonald." We do not sit in Parliament, nor do we speak for any member, but do not hesitate to say that our cotemporary has gone beyond the line of truth in this assertion. Sir John may be an angel and wear angelic plumage under his coat, but we doubt it seriously.

Preparations are being made for the inauguration of Hayes and Wheeler as President and Vice President of the United States. The Democrats are making no opposition demonstrations of importance.

One of those relics of barbarism, a toll gate on the Hamilton and Auncaster road was sold recently to Mr. Hayes, the lessee for the past year, for $1,676.

The number of mills and factories on the old Welland Canal is 39, the capital invested in them being $1,500,000; the number of operatives 1,200 and the yearly wages $6,000.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.

The committee on form of prayer presented their report; they recommended that the opening prayer be read by Mr. Speaker. The report was adopted, and as to the language in which prayer should be read, it was decided that the Speaker should read in the language most natural to him.

Mr. Greenway asked if an appropriation had been made for Bayfield harbor, to which Mr. Mackenzie replied in the negative.

A large number of motions were made for returns of various kinds some of them being one for the number of accidents occurring through railway frogs, for cost of post office printing in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and advertising expenses.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.

The senate was occupied with the discussion on the budget speech.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.

Hon. Mr. Robinson presented a petition to have voting on the Dunkin Act by ballot. Mr. Rymal a Bill to incorporate the Dominion Grange.

"It having been stated, by a member of the Opposition that the Lieut. Governor of Manitoba was speculating in lands, a telegram was read from him positively denying the charge.

Mr. Farrow moved for Orders-in-Council respecting Goderich harbor works.

In reply to an enquiry Mr. Huntington stated that it was not the intention of the Government to make arrangements with the L. H. & B. railway to carry mails.

The utility of building locks and canal at Fort Francis having been questioned, Mr. McKenzie explained that the work would greatly facilitate the carrying of rails and supplies to the western section of the railway, and would cost less than $100,000.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.

Mr. Blake's Bill for the abolition of capital punishment in certain cases was introduced.

After some unimportant business a motion for the production of papers on appointments made by the Government in New Brunswick, which the Opposition stated were given to political friends. It was elicited that two of the former incumbents were too old and one was unable to attend to his office through connection with private business, and the offices were worth about $900 each per annum. A number of other appointments were discussed, one Opposition member stating that an older person than either of those deposed had been appointed to a similar office, but it was proven that this appointment was made by the late Government.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.

The House was occupied for most part in discussing the estimates.

A discussion occurred on the item for parliamentarians, the reference being particularly to prison labor.

Ontario Legislature.

Toronto, Feb. 19.

Mr. Cameron moved an amendment to the third reading of the Bill respecting intestates, that the Surrogate Court judge in the interest in such cases except where there are unknown heirs. Lost by 25 to 17.

Dr. Clarke's motion on repressing vice in Toronto was withdrawn. Mr. Cameron's motion for a return respecting Central Prison inquests was carried.

Toronto, Feb. 20.

A supplementary estimate of $3,000 was passed for the erection of a cheese factory on Guelph Model Farm. Mr. Mowat announced the probable intention of the Government to bring in a Bill on the exemption question next session. Mr. Mowat moved the six months' hoist to Mr. Wills' Bill concerning the incorporation of Joint Stock companies for Dairying, on the ground that it would prove unworkable. Carried by 42 to 27. Second reading of Mr. Bethune's cumulative voting bill was withdrawn.

Toronto, Feb. 21.

Mr. Mowat introduced a bill to have the Dunkin Act come into force on the 1st of May instead of the 1st of July. Mr. Cameron moved to amend the Toronto Bill to provide for the election of the mayor by the council so as to have the mayor elected by the people. Carried by 34 to 30. The House went into committee on the Education Bill. Mr. Patterson moved to strike out the item of $5,600 for the school of Practical Science—lost.

Toronto, Feb. 22.

Mr. Pardee introduced the railway aid resolutions, the aid voted being: Kingston and Pembroke railway, about $100,000; Whitby and Port Perry, $22,000 per mile; to connect Prince Arthur's Landing with terminus of Pacific railway $3,200 per mile; Credit Valley railway $1,000 per mile; Montreal and Ottawa Junction railway, $1,000 per mile; Victoria Railway, 22 miles, $8,000. With reference to the latter it was stated that the Government intends to reserve a tract of country ten miles wide on each side of the road, 66 miles in length, which could be sold to recoup the government.

In the discussion upon the proposed vote of $77,300 for Colonization Roads, considerable was said about the system adopted by the Crown Lands Department in furnishing supplies itself.

Mr. Ross contended that the evidence was conclusive in support of this system, and he thought that the present system was the best.

Mr. Gibson said that pork and flour were tendered for, and thought that the whole trouble of the matter was that the Opposition thought that they had got a good thing, but now found that, as they had been told to-day, "the mountain had laboured and brought forth a mouse—and a small one at that. They could not let that pass, as it was too good a chance for making out a case. He said the large proportion of the goods had been supplied by a gentleman in political sympathy with the Opposition, which was annoyed now at its friends being no longer allowed to fatten at the public crib.

Mr. Ross said he wished to correct the statement made by the member for East Grey with regard to supplies for colonization roads, to the effect that the witnesses before the Public Accounts Committee had stated that the "system pursued by the Government was not a correct or proper one. He read from the reports of the Committee as published in the newspapers the evidence of witnesses to the effect, that with regard to supplies of groceries the system pursued by the Government was the proper one, and that the tender system could not be pursued with regard to these articles. In 1874 the present Government tried the system of tender, but found it ineffective, and they have had to adopt the system of buying from first-class houses, just as a merchant does. A merchant would not ask for a tender.

Mr. Merrick—He would ask supplies, and would not buy as the Government has done.

Mr. Ross—The Government did see samples when buying. He could not see how the receiver could tell in the case of the goods being supplied by tender, that the supply was equal to the sample submitted with the tender. He could see no better plan for the Government to pursue than to buy at the lowest market rates. He thought, however, that in the supply of flour and pork the system of tender might be advantageously adopted.

Mr. Meredith—How do the counties supply their institutions?

Mr. Ross—The County of Huron, which compared favourably with other counties in point of intelligence, endorsed the course pursued by the Government. He said that the lowest tender for pork had been in each instance accepted, the statement of the hon. member to the contrary notwithstanding. He then detailed the circumstances under which Mr. Davis offered to supply at the low price of 4½ cents per pound, which was taken off his hands in one lot and at once. He would not do a meddling business (laughter) and he asks the Government whether it would do. He said that there was no other tender lower than Mr. Griffith's. He did not wish to discuss this matter further until the House was in possession of the facts.

An amendment was made to reduce the amount, and an amendment to the amendment was made, which was satisfaction at the way in which the supplies were procured. The latter was carried by a vote of 46 to 41.

Toronto, Feb. 23.

A long discussion took place on the Toronto Street Railway Bill, which had for its object the settlement of the dispute between the City of Toronto and the Street Railway Company, whereby the latter should keep their portion of the street paved. It was contended that the matter should be settled in Court, upon the agreements existing between the parties to the case, and the Bill was thrown out.

A resolution was carried voting a sum of money to pay certain defaults of the late Judge Wilson, Norfolk, certain sums paid to his heads as Real Representative in behalf of minors, not having been accounted for.

Town Council.

Council assembled on Friday evening the Mayor in the chair and present, the Deputy Reeve and 1st Deputy-Reeve and Councillors Hutchison, McKenzie, Dancy, Watson, Seymour, Sproule, Mitchell, Bingham, McKay, Seagoe, Sloan and Savage.

Communication from Mr. G. N. McDonald stating that Mr. Attrill requires parties now occupying the flats to move off before April 1st; that said parties are mostly poor; that Mr. Attrill offers to give 20·00 feet of lumber to each family to enable them to build temporary shanties; that a site will be required on which to erect said buildings. Referred to Relief Com. to report.

Communication from Messrs. Booth & Son, of Toronto, offering to make a heater for $35. The clerk was instructed to order the heater.

Communications in regard to constable Reed.

Moved by Mr. Garrow, seconded by Mr. T. Johnston, that the matter be referred to a special committee composed of Messrs. Hutchison, Dancy, Watson, Seymour and McKay. Moved in amendment that the papers be read. On division the amendment was lost.

Moved by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Dancy, that by-law No. 2 of 1876 be repealed. Motion carried on the following division: Yeas—Messrs. Hutchison, Dancy, Seymour, F. W. Johnston, T. Johnston, Mitchell, Bingham, Seagoe, Miller and Savage. Nays—Messrs. McKenzie, Watson, McKay, Sloan and Garrow.

By-law No. 2 was read a first and second time and after passing through the usual course, passed.

By-law No. 3 was read a first and second time and Council went into committee, Mr. F. W. Johnston in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Garrow, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the shop licenses be limited to four.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Dancy, seconded by Mr. Savage, that not more than ten be granted. On division the amendment was lost.

Mr. McKenzie moved, seconded by Mr. Seymour, that the persons to whom licenses be granted shall have been in business of their shops exclusively to the keeping and selling of liquors for two years such shops not later than 7 p. m. on every Saturday.

Moved by Mr. Dancy, seconded by Mr. Bingham, that the shop license fee be $125—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Mr. Garrow, that ten hotel licenses be granted: In amendment by Mr. Dancy, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, that eleven be granted. The amendment was withdrawn and the motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that the hotel license fee be $125. In amendment by Mr. Finlay, seconded by Mr. Bingham that the fee be $100. On division the amendment was lost. The by-law was then read a third time and passed.

By-law No. 4 to take possession of a part of ground to compose the continuation of Hinks St. was read a first and second time.

Moved by Mr. Garrow, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that a committee consisting of the Mayor and Councillor Hartlin be appointed to confer with the directors of the W. R. Agricultural Society and give them such guarantee as may be necessary to induce them to hold their next fall show in Goderich.—Carried.

Mr. Garrow moved, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that a railway committee be appointed consisting of the Mayor and Messrs. Bingham, Savage, Johnston and McKenzie to report to the Council from time to time such information as they may deem necessary regarding any scheme that may present itself.

Mr. Bingham called the attention of the Council to the mode of distributing relief and wished information as to individual power of granting relief; the matter was referred to the Relief Committee for consideration.

Mr. Seagoiller was appointed on all standing committees in place of Mr. Bunberry.

A number of accounts were sent to Finance.

Council then adjourned.

Literary Notes.

HUGHES' COMPLETE COMPOSITION, Adam Miller & Co., Toronto.

This is a publication which, from its great utility, promises to become popular in our schools. No. 3 exercise book, intended for senior classes, which is before us, gives full instruction in composition, punctuation and list of subjects, whilst the exercise book proper, is ruled into spaces for first copy of composition, corrected copy, blanks for corrections, and a space for such remarks occasion as the teacher may deem proper. The book will be highly appreciated by teachers, being more systematic and more easier for correction than the present system; and will be satisfactory to scholars, who will feel that they are advancing from step to step. Price, 10 cents. For sale by T. J. Moorhouse.

THE Canada Farmer, a new monthly, illustrated; Lovell Printing and Publishing Co., Montreal.

A revised edition of this work of Lovell's series of school books is before us. The edition is printed from new plates, thus enhancing the appearance of the work, and a considerable addition has been made to the contents, the history being brought down in some instances to 1876. It is a valuable work for reference, as well as a school book, and will give to grown people much information regarding the new Provinces which was not taught in their school days. The book is for sale at the bookstores.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

ONLY ONE TAVERN.—Goderich Township can make the boast which possibly no other equally well settled township in the Province can make, viz: that it has but one tavern. Judging from the way the Good Templars of Holmesville are putting their shoulders to the wheel, they will soon wheel this solitary one to Lake Huron.

FINED.—The case against Samuel Blair, for refusing to send his children to school was decided on Saturday, at Porter's Hill. Blair did not appear.—After hearing the evidence of Mr. John Manson, the magistrate fined Mr. Blair $1 and costs. It is said the case will be appealed.

OWEN LOVELY MEETING.—Last week the Good Templars of Holmesville entertained as many as could get into the Holmesville B. C. church, to an excellent programme of music, recitations and dialogues. At the close Rev. Mr. Smith, Holmesville, addressed the meeting on the evils of intemperance. In the course of his remarks he said that people were not prepared for a measure to make prohibition the law of the land, but he hoped the day was not far distant when the public would be sufficiently educated to demand and sustain such a measure. He quoted statistics the practice of tippling home made wines, which created an appetite for stronger liquors. Every one seemed well pleased with the entire entertainment.—Cov.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

OLD TIMES.—An interesting article on Colborne in 1836 will be found on the fourth page.

LUMBER.—The shipments of lumber last week were as follows: Speed, Cossons & Co., 9 cars; Williams & Murray, 5 cars.

FIRE BRIGADE.—Last week Mr. Thos. Andrews had on exhibition at his meat stall a bird quarter of beef weighing 250 lbs. It was purchased in Toronto and was remarkably fat.

SPECIAL SERVICES.—The series of special prayer meetings which have been held in North St. church lately will be continued this week in Brock St. Church.

FIRE SHIPMENTS.—During last week the shipments of fish were: Jas. Clark, 1750 lbs; John Craigie, 3750 lbs; Wm. Lee, 20,850 lbs; A. Murray, 600 lbs; Chas. Rowland, 1350 lbs; Wm. Stitt, 1200 lbs.

PERSONAL.—Rev. C. H. Channer, of Goderich, attended the meeting of the Alumni of Huron College, in London last week. It was decided at the meeting to establish a University and University College, in the North-west.

SERMON TO YOUNG MEN.—Rev. F. H. Sanderson will deliver a sermon to young men in the North St. Methodist Church, on Sunday evening next. A general invitation is given to all to attend, and particularly to young men.

TO RATEPAYERS.—The town assessors are making their annual tour, and as a consequence property has greatly depreciated in value during the past few days. Those property holders not residing in the town should take notice.

REAL ESTATE.—On Friday last Mr. G. M. Truemans sold by auction, at Lucknow, the Stephenson estate on the Gravel road, West Wawanosh, 50 acres, for $2,950; also the unimproved lot on opposite side of road, 50 acres, for $2,500.

HARBOR MILLS.—Owing to lack in the supply of grain, the mills have been doing very little during the past week, the shipments being 630 bags of flour. On Friday and Saturday, however, 2200 bushels arrived by rail from the West.

ILLUSTRATED CANADIAN NEWS.—This excellent illustrated paper is showing signs of great improvement, and it is now a publication worthy of liberal patronage. Its illustrations are spirited, its cartoons pointed and well executed and its reading matter spicy. It is a welcome visitor to our sanctum, and we wish it a large degree of prosperity.

GENERAL SHIPMENTS.—Among the general shipments last week were the following: Wm. Campbell, 26 tons of land salt and 240 bbls. fine salt; S. Platt, 210 bbls. fine salt; H. Beam & Co., 3 bbls. potash; C. Blake, 7 bbls. potash; Stevenson & Co., 10 bags flour to Mount Hope Convent, London; W. Stitt, 7 bbls. whiskey; Foundry Company, 1,370 lbs. castings.

CHANGE IN BUSINESS.—Messrs. Knox & Rothwell, carriage makers, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Knox has been by card in another column Mr. John Knox will continue the business. The partnership was dissolved because of the boggy exhibited at the Centennial by Messrs. Knox & Rothwell. We understand Mr. Knox has to public patronage, as he turns out very creditable work.

THE BOWMANVILLE ORGAN.—Last week we were shown a very handsome organ, of the Bowmanville Organ Co.'s make, at the residence of Mr. W. J. Weatherald. Its beauty of construction, power and breadth of tone were very fine, the woodwork was very rich, with panellings of rich and highly-polished French walnut. The organs made by this company are highly spoken of. Read Mr. Weatherald's adv. in another column.

A STAUNCH FIRM.—We would be tempted to dry the tears of our readers by the advertisement of Abraham Smith & Co. We need say nothing in commendation of the firm, for Mr. Smith's long business acquaintance with the citizens of Goderich, and his success speak better than mere words of praise. Those indebted to Mr. Smith—not the ubiquitous Mr. S.—will find a very polite invitation in another part of the paper.

WEST HURON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—On Monday a meeting of the Directors of the West Huron Agricultural Society was held in town. It was decided that the fall show be held in Goderich, and a committee was appointed to confer with the Horticultural Society. The members of the latter society, we believe, are willing to co-operate with the West Riding Society in the holding of shows. A joint stock company is mooted, and subscriptions are being taken in the office of Bayfield and Britannia roads, next to Sheriff Gibbons' residence, and filling up the same as an exhibition ground. The promoters of this scheme are conferring with a committee appointed by the Town Council, and the feasibility of the scheme will be reported upon shortly.

THE WANZER SEWING MACHINES.—We are pleased to hear that the Wanzer Sewing Machines have been victorious over all competitors at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, and that they have received the highest awards, viz., THE INTERNATIONAL MEDAL AND DIPLOMA AND THE GOLD MEDAL. This must be very gratifying to Messrs. R. M. Wanzer & Co., the manufacturers, no less than to the general public as it is a triumph in portion of their superiority over American and foreign manufacturers. We congratulate Messrs. Wanzer & Co. on the success their sewing machines have achieved and doubt not but that this victory will increase their output from greater exertions to lead the world in the manufacture of that indispensable article, the sewing machine. Mr. J. W. Weatherald is the general agent for Goderich and vicinity.

A FORMER RESIDENT HEARD FROM.—A friend has returned a short time ago from a trip to England informs us that he met our one-time salt merchant, Mr. Jeff Harrison, and dined with the runaway at his father-in-law's elegant residence in Nottingham. Jeff Harrison had assumed his proper name, Henry Hollwood, and talked freely of his stay in Goderich, expressing no regret, however, at his shameful conduct. The cause of his coming here was a disagreement with his father-in-law, Mr. Leckie, an extensive salt manufacturer, in whose establishment he was employed. The gentleman refusing to assent to his daughter marrying Holwood, the young people took the matter in their own hands, eloped, came to this country and the rest is only too well known. A reconciliation was effected, and our friend while citizen is living in clover. The patent which Harrison introduced here belonged to his father, and is used by him in his salt works.

STRACHAN'S BOAT LAUNCH.—Mr. Jas. Strachan has completed a full-rigged model of his improved boat launch; a description of which has already appeared in these columns, and we understand he moved it to Toronto to place it on exhibition. We examined the model on Monday, as it stood in working order in the foundry, and were greatly surprised at its perfectness of operation. A shaft and pulleys weighing 600 pounds were used as a substitute for the life boat, and this weight was raised and lowered with perfect ease, the brake working to perfection. A great number of vessel captains have examined the model and express high admiration of it, and pronounce it just the thing needed. Doubtless its use will be encouraged by the Government, and in the interests of humanity it should be. In the hands of a disaster at sea, the present system of boat launching is fearfully defective. By this arrangement the boat may be launched (and that on an even keel) by a single person under seconds, whereas fifteen minutes are usually exhausted in the process. Mr. Strachan will exhibit models at Windsor, St. Catherines, Hamilton and Kingston, and doubtless will meet with great success.

Local Notes.

TEAMS FINED.—John Ryan, John Walker and James Welsh were brought before Mr. Crabb on Wednesday last, for being drunk and disorderly. Fined $1 and costs, half an hour allowed twelve hours to pay the fine then locking up.

EUROPEAN EXTRA TRAIN.—On Monday Nathaniel Dupree, the pork thief, appeared before Judge Toms to elect for trial. The judge decided to be tried by the Judge, his trial was set down for Wednesday next.

CROMPTON CORSETS.—Mr. W. H. Robertson has just received a case of the celebrated adjustable Crompton Corset, as well as a large consignment of spring goods.

SEND WHEAT.—Hilliard & Co. are offering for sale a quantity of Spring Barrin Seed Wheat, raised by Mr. W. C. Potter, Colborne. The wheat is well spoken of in their adv.

ELOCUTION FOR LADIES.—Mr. Dudrickson's class for ladies meets each Tuesday and Friday evenings in the Central School House, commencing at 7 p. m., sharp.

LECTURE.—On Monday evening Mr. Jacob Spence, Secretary of the Ontario Temperance and Prohibitory League, addressed a large audience in the Town House Hall. The lecturer treated the question of prohibition in its different phases, and some good arguments were advanced in support of the principle.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—Mrs. Eliza J. Copeland, of Chicago, has purchased the millinery business heretofore conducted by Mrs. S. A. Megaw, and is selling out the old stock at lowest cash rates, in order to make room for a new spring jobbing stock, selected in the American and Canadian markets. See advertisement.

AUCTION SALE.—Owing to the continued illness of Mr. P. F. Walker, his physician has advised him to go to Europe. Mr. Walker expects to start next week, and on Tuesday Mr. J. C. Currie, auctioneer, will sell the household furniture by public auction at the residence. See adv. in another column.

REFORM RATES.—The Montreal Telegraph Co. announces that on and after 1st March, the tariff between Canada and the United Kingdom and France will be reduced to 25 cts. per word. The addresses of persons and firms, limited to two words, registered with the company will be telegraphed free. No charge is made for registration, which may be effected by telegraph.

APPOINTMENTS.—The following are the License Commissioners and Inspectors appointed in this County by the Legislature for the current year: East Riding—Commissioners, W. J. Shannon, John McRae, Robert Miller; Inspector, Donald Scott. South Riding—Commissioners, James Lang, Richard Manning, Hiram Cash; Inspector, Wm. Ballantyne. West Riding—Commissioners, R. L. Doyle (barrister-at-law), A. Worrington, M. D., Peter Fisher; Inspector, Stephen Yates.

ROBBERY.—On Friday evening last, while Mrs. C. Ferguson and the other members of her household were attending evening mass, some person entered the house and appropriated $120. Entrance was effected by prying open the back door, and the thief then proceeded to Mrs. Ferguson's room, pryed open the tin box containing money and jewelry, took therefrom a canvas bag, and took a roll of bills amounting to $120. Two gold pieces, $20 and $5, were left in the bag; together with a watch, rings and other valuables. Some money in a trunk which had been opened, was also left untouched. No trace has been discovered of the thief.

THE CARNIVAL.—The masquerade carnival on Monday evening last passed off great success, the attendance of spectators and maskers being quite large. The costumes were brilliant, and the number of them being furnished by Messrs. Baird & Holman, costumers, Detroit. The hall was in fine condition, slightly rough, and, the presence of the Silver Cornet Band lending an inspiration to the gay throng, the kaleidoscopic procession kept constantly drifting in artistic movements before the audience. Some Bengal lights were burned, which gave a very pretty effect to the scene, but the unpleasant smoke caused so much coughing and sneezing that the act was not repeated. Mayor Finlay and Messrs. A. C. Simmons and Harry Armstrong acted as judges, and awarded prizes as follows:—Best fancy costume, Harry Holmes, Prince Cassimer (Rose of Castile); best lady's do., Miss Katie Watson, Turkish lady; lady's comic costume, Miss Bertha Trainer, Old mother Hubbard; gent's do., James Smith, a Donnybrook Irishman; boy's costume, W. Murray, Turk; girl's costume, Miss Alice Arthur, Fairy Queen. Among the lady's costumes were many handsome ones, of which we may mention the following: Spanish Lady, Miss Ina Hutchinson; Folly, Miss Fairbairn, and Miss Hattie Andrews, Miss Kenyon and Miss Kneex of Clinton, all very pretty costumes; old Mother Hubbard, Miss Alice Lewis and Miss Maunie MacDermott; Summer, Miss Marlton; Red Riding Hood, Bertie Hayes; Queen of Night, Carrie Andrews; Cassiopia, Miss Maggie Hamilton; Maid Marian, Miss Jennie Saunders; Autumn, Lonie Turner. The impersonators of the flower girl, shepherd, Turkish lady and other characters we could not learn. Of the male costumes the most notable were: Claude Melnotte, J. A. Nairn; Turk, G. Andrews; Count Oscar, (Barbleu) A. Mackid; Baron Pompoline (Cinderella), J. Frehl; court costume, T. W. Savage; blacksmith, R. Reynolds; court jester, J. S. Ferguson; Mexican, C. Reynolds; King Henry VI. at 10 years old, Eddie Andrews. Some dissatisfaction was expressed with regard to the awarding of the prize for lady's fancy costume, it being thought that others more entitled to the prize were overlooked. On Friday the weather prove propitious, another carnival will be held before the close of the season.

PROGRESSING.—The taste of the age is improving. This Canada of ours, and with it our own town, is progressing. A marked proof of these promises is the demand for stores of a really artistic appearance, combining elegance with utility. One of this description and fully abreast of the times is that new store presently occupied by Whitely & Elliott, on the north side of the Square, opposite the market house. It is owned by Horace Horton, Esq., and it reflects much to this gentleman's enterprise and liberality that, these "hard times," he is not afraid to make strong efforts towards improving our town and at the same time affording employment for quite a number of mechanics during the dullest portion of a very dull year. We might also mention that the joiner work has been under the supervision of our worthy townsman Mr. F. Smeath, whose desire and ability to do a good job is probably not excelled by any other person in the same line in Ontario, added as he is by the most modern steam planing and wood working machinery and efficient workmen. And a word as to the occupants of this fine building. Messrs. Whitely & Elliott are the right persons in the proper place. We have always been pleased to see the admirable samples of fine china and porcelain and a somewhat aesthetic temperament is required to appreciate this portion of their stock, we have the gratifying assurance from Messrs. W. & E. that the demand has been such that they are prepared to make still further experiments to cater for and gratify the aspirations of the public for a yet further elevation of the standard of taste or demand, adornment, by placing within the reach of all a superb assortment of tea, dinner and chamber sets of French or other china in the highest style of the art. Anything in the line of fine chinaware, glassware or crockery, they can supply at the lowest prices, and, as we have intimated, Whitely & Elliott also intend to keep their grocery department fully supplied with all the choicest goods, a reputation for choice teas, as they give special attention to this line.—As for cigars and tobacco, they have got up proprietary contracts their reputation, for are they not favorably known and referred to for these goods from Havana to Kenwatin.

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Leporte is quite young, about 22 years, somewhat stupid looking, but evidently a very determined character.

BIRTHS.—At Goderich, on the 22nd inst., the wife of Mr. Jas. Sproule, of a daughter.

—At Hay, 61 births, 30 marriages, 14 deaths.

—The editor of the *New Era* received a valentine, and is thinking about it.

—Tuckersmith West has organized a company has paid a dividend of 20 per cent.

—Brussels Council is blocked over the question of a valuator. His Honor advised both appeals, the former without and the latter with costs. The point involved is—Takes in Jones is that an information in such prosecutions requires to be laid before two magistrates. The decision in Yates vs. Hicks is to the effect that the License commissioners have no legal power to fix an hour for the closing of hotels, and their regulation directing such places to close not later than eleven o'clock p. m., was held bad. Both decisions are of general interest, owing to the number of persons engaged in the hotel business. Mr. F. Holt, on behalf of M. C. Cameron, Q. C., appeared for appellants and Mr. T. J. Garrow for respondent. On judgment being given, Mr. Garrow announced that he intended to appeal against the decision of Queen's Bench, to have the points on question finally decided.

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J. H. COLBORNE,

Manager.

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Goderich, Jan. 31st, 1877. 1563-1yr

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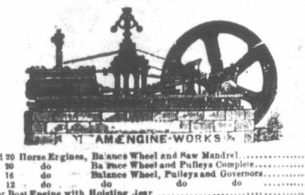

Second hand 70 Horse Engines, Balance Wheel and Saw Mandrel	$275
do 20 do Ba ance Wheel and Pulleys Complete	22
do 16 do Balance Wheel, Pulleys and Governor	275
do 12 do do do do do	200
A Hoisting or Boat Engine with Hoisting Jear	250
Second hand 16 Horse Portable Boiler with Smoke Stack	$150
do 16 do	200
do 20 do	225
do 30 do Tubular Boiler with Smoke Stack, Furnace, Front, Grate Bars, Steam Guage, Guage and Safety Valves, all in Good Order	450

Second hand Shingle and Heading Machine $90, Heading Jointer $40, Heading Plainer $50, Heading Turner $70, Stave Machine with Knife $80.

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Goderich, Jan. 2nd, 1877.

MILL.

TEMPERANCE.—The following members of Nile Lodge of Good Templars were elected as delegates to the Temperance Convention to be held at Wingham, on Friday, March 2nd, viz:—Bros. W. Ballie, B. Dodd, J. Girvin, Sisters A. Morrow, C. Nancholas, and A. McIlwain.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—At a meeting held in the Church, on 21st Feb, the following officers and teachers were appointed for this year: Officers—J. Echlin, Sup. (re-elected); A. P. Sheppard, Secretary; J. Pentland, Treasurer (re-elected). J. Sheppard Librarian (re-elected). Teachers—Messrs. Hetherington, J. Pentland, S. Pentland, W. Morrow, R. E. Brown, and Misses H. Cantelon, A Morrow and A. Pentland.

WINGHAM,

Dr. Newton, formerly of Port Stanley, has located here.

A musical entertainment will be given by the United Templars, in Prout's hall on Friday evening next. Dr. Macdonald will deliver an address on "Our New Dominion."

The Wingham *Times* last week requested the public to remember the "assembly in Prout's Hall on Jan. 23d," next. This is certainly long enough notice.

A curling match recently took place between the Grits and Tories, resulting in a victory for the latter by one point. All the township have been heard from.

Chas. Milburn had his left hand considerably injured by a saw in Fowler & Anderson's mill, the other day.

EXETER.

Mr. D. Johns has been appointed postmaster in room of Wm. Sanders, deceased.

Officers of Exeter Teachers' Institute for 1877:—H. E. Huston, President; A. McTaggart, Vice-President; Thomas Gregory, Secretary and Treasurer.

A new organ has been placed in the Episcopalian church. It is of the Bowmanville make.

Shop licenses, two in number, have been fixed at $70, and tavern licenses at $80.

Miss Maggie Carling, eldest daughter of Isaac Carling, Esq., and Thos. Bissett, Esq., were united in the bonds of matrimony, at Christ church, on the 16th inst. The affair was a brilliant one, and was witnessed by a large gathering of friends.

Hymn Singing.

Commodore Vanderbilt was a sharp, clear, hard, business man, who made a great railroad convenient, comfortable, safe, and sure for the public, which ought to be grateful for what he did. He sang hymns at the last, and doubtless with sincere emotion. But probably there was not much singing of hymns during the characteristic transactions of his life. "I am glad he liked the hymns," said Mr. Beecher; "but if he had sung them thirty years ago, it would have made a great difference. He did not sing hymns as long as he could get about." The preacher drew a comparison between the deaths of the Commodore and of Mr. Bliss, the hymn-writer and preacher, who perished in the terrible Ashtabula catastrophe. He said, indeed, that it was not fair to compare the obscure sweet singer of Israel with the famous railway king. But as a Christian moralist he felt that he ought to say how much greater a work in the world the singer seemed to him to have done. He did not sing hymns as long as he could get about. It is true of very many more of us than the Commodore. But it is pleasant to think of those who do; of the men and women who, having no ear for music, are yet singing hymns all the time; of lives that poor and obscure and lonely, are as sweet and inspiring as the loftiest hymns. "Be a good man, my dear," said Walter Scott to his son, as he died. He did not say, be famous, be successful, be conspicuous, be rich. To sing hymns, too, is well, but there is something better; for the one thing of which in this life we may be sure is that a good life is a perpetual *Te Deum*.—EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR, in *Harper's Magazine for March.*

DEATHS.

In Goderich, on Feb. 25th, Anna, wife of Mr. Stewart Ward, aged 48 years and five months.

Toronto *Weekly Globe* please copy.

In West Wawanosh on 19th Feb., Robert Elliott, aged 85 years

In Ashfield, on 24th Feb., Robert McBrine, aged 56 years.

THE MARKETS

GODERICH, Feb. 27, 1877

Gold 1.05. Salt, per bbl 90 to $1.0 retail; wholesale 70 to 80.

Wheat, (Fall) ℔ bush (new)	$1 32 @ 1 40
Wheat, (Spring) ℔ bush	1 30 @ 1 37
Flour, (per bri.)	5 50 @ 7 00
Oats, ℔ bush	0 46 @ 0 46
Peas, ℔ bush	65 @ 0 69
Barley, ℔ bush	45 @ 0 60
Potatoes, ℔ bush new	0 60 @ 0 75
Hay per ton	9 00 @ 12 00
Chickens	0 12½ @ 0 15
Butter, ℔ lb	0 18 @ 0 20
Eggs, ℔ doz (unpacked)	0 15 @ 0 18
Beef	6 00 @ 6 50
Pork	6 00 @ 6 50
Hides	6 00 @ 6 00
Wood	2 25 @ 2 75

CLINTON, Feb 27, 1877

Wheat, (Fall) per bush	$1 40 @ 1 45
Wheat, (Spring) per bush	1 25 @ 1 35
Flour, (per bbl)	7 00 @ 7 50
Oats, per bush	42 @ 45
Peas, per bush	70 @ 71
Barley, per bush	0 55 @ 0 55
Potatoes, per bush	0 50 " 0 55
Butter	0 19 " 0 20
Eggs, per doz. (unpacked)	0 16 " 0 17
Hay	8 00 " 9 00
Sheep skins	1 00 " 1 50
Hides	5.00 " 6 50

SEAFORTH, Feb, 27, 1877.

Wheat, (Fall)	$1 35 " 1 40
Wheat, (Spring) per bush	1 27 " 1 35
Flour, (per bbl)	7 00 " 7 00
Oats, per bush	0 43 " 0 46
Peas, per bush	0 68 " 0 70
Barley per bush	0 45 " 0 50
Potatoes per bush	0 60 " 0 65
Butter	0 18 " 0 20
Eggs, per doz. (unpacked)	0 15 " 0 16

TORONTO, Feb. 26.

Fall wheat, $1.30 to $1.50; spring wheat $1.30 to $4.33; barley, 60c to 72c; oats, 50 to 00; peas, 76 to 81; beef, hind quarters, $6.00 to $7.00; dressed hogs, $6.90 to $7.25; butter, tub dairy, 18 to 21; eggs, packed 00 to 00.

MONTREAL, Feb. 26.

Flour, $4.75 to $6 70; dressed hogs, $6.75 to $7.10; grain, nominal.

BUFFALO, Feb. 26.

Hogs, $5.50 to $6.50; cattle, $0 00 to $0.00.

New Advertisements.

BONES.

WANTED to purchase by THE BROCKVILLE CHEMICAL & SUPERPHOSPHATE Co., (Limited) a large quantity of bones for the Manufacture of Chemical Manures. Apply to ALEXR COWAN, Manager B. C. & S. Co. (Limited). Brockville, Ont.

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1567. tf.

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New Advertisements.

Notice to Debtors.

ALL parties indebted to me either by note or book account, will confer a very great favor by settling the same

JUST NOW,

And receive my best thanks,

ABRAHAM SMITH.

Goderich, Feb. 27th, 1877. 1567-tf

NOTICE.

ALL PARTIES INDEBTED

TO THE

UNDERSIGNED

will please take notice that their accounts must be paid

On or Before the 15th of April next,

otherwise we will place the same for collection.

SHEPHARD & STRACHAN,

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OF VALUABLE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

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Has been instructed to sell by Public Auction at the residence of P. F. WALKER, ESQUIRE, ON

Tuesday, 6th March,

At eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

A large quantity of valuable household furniture comprising:

Two easy chairs, a quantity of cane seated chairs, large sofa, handsome needle work ottomans and brackets, card table, Mamask curtains and gilt cornices, sideboard, a large quantity of three ply and two ply carpets, handsome looking glass, vases, valuable pictures, handsome needlework chair, two black walnut bedsteads with spring and hair mattresses and feather pillows and bolsters, one bureau, one dressing table and glass, one washstand and chamber sets, oil cloth, stair carpets, rag carpet, kitchen tables and chairs, cook stove and pipes, first class American base burner parlor stove and pipes, kitchen dresser, a great variety of kitchen utensils, crockery and glassware, electro plate and silver ware, flowers and flower stands and other articles too numerous to mention.

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1566-c

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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1560-1yr

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Signed,

JOHN KNOX,

WM. E. ROTHWELL

Our Sphinx.

By Uncle Ed.

Goderich, Feb. 28.

TRANSPOSED CITIES.

1. Tom tool. 2. Not larches. 3. Warn no sole. 4. Stem her can.

WORD SQUARE.

1. A flower. 2. A precious stone. 3. Part of a ship. 4. A girl's name.

DIAMOND PUZZLE.

Complete this diamond with only two letters of the alphabet.

—E—
—E—E—
—E—

DOUBLE MEANINGS.

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METAGRAM.

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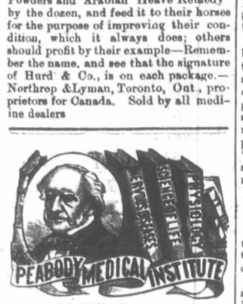

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Sir Walter Scott's House, in Edinburgh, was recently sold at auction for about $13,500.

A piece of Gobelins tapestry has just been sold in Paris for the fabulous sum of $20,000.

Prince Humbert, of Italy, recently initiated the Prince Imperial of France into the rites and mysteries of Free Masonry.

In selecting a husband at seventeen a woman desires good looks; at twenty-five, good habits; and at thirty the man.

Inducements are offered by the Land Department of Florida for 50,000 wealthy Mennonites to emigrate to the orange groves.

Mr. Fukui, the Japanese Consul, is making arrangements in Boston to sell at auction the entire Japanese exhibit at the Philadelphia Exhibition.

The famous war artist of the London *Illustrated News*, Robert Landello, who received three medals for bravery under fire, is dead, at the age of forty-five.

"They must have a very feeble constitution in Congress," said Mrs. Partington, "if they haven't got power enough among 'em to count a few votes. Why, Isaac would do it in five minutes by simple admonition."

One of Queen Victoria's first measures on coming to the throne was to take steps for the payment of her father's debts, and on October 7, 1839, a deputation from the Duke of Kent's creditors waited upon her to present an humble address of thanks. The debts amounted to some $250,000.

The Parish Administrator, Simon Lopinski, in the diocese of Augustowe, in Poland, has lately been banished to Olonatz because he sang with his congregation in the Litany, "Holy Mother of God, Queen of Poland, pray for us." The Governor of Poland has issued a circular threatening every Roman ecclesiastic who may do the same with similar punishment.

The Legislature of the Isle of Man has lately taken some very active measure in order to preserve and keep in good condition the many interesting early monuments which that little island contains, including Runic stones, treen chapels, tumuli, barrows, stone circles and crosses, sculptured stones, incised slabs, coins, ornaments and ancient instruments of war and husbandry.

The Paris hairdressers have decided that wigs should be worn at balls and on all grand occasions. From a fair young woman will appear on the same day as a modest-looking brunette at the family breakfast table, with jet black locks at an official dinner, where a grave demeanor is requisite, and with coquettish golden tresses at a lively ball.

It is related in a Paris paper that a Russian prince, while intoxicated, became so infatuated with a young actress that he ordered a jeweler to sprinkle a handful of diamonds upon a bouquet to be presented to her. The story goes that he drew 200,000 francs to pay for them, and the next day made the discovery that the jeweler had taken the liberty to substitute paste diamonds. The prince admitted that he had done right.

Odds and Ends.

He—"Whoose sweet?" She—"Boat of us." He—"Whose plumb-pudding is oo?" She—"Ooze."

"What did you get?" she asked as he returned from a two days' deer hunt.—"Got back!" was his cool reply.

Girl:—"How much is that big turkey a pound?" Dealer:—"Twenty-five cts. a pound?" Girl:—"Give me about half a pound."

"The nearest that I ever was to hell," says Bro. Jones, was when I was in Toronto." Ah, I yes, Parson; you were mighty sick there, sure enough.

Judge (sternly)—"Officer, if this exhibition of unseemly levity is repeated, you will clear the court room." Officer (expectorating! on his hands)—"You bet I will."

What this country needs, says one of our town ladies, is a religion which will make a man feel that it is just as cold for his wife to get up and build a fire as it is for himself.

Boarding-house Tactics.—Mrs. Lirriper:—I'm 'appy to say things is a lookin' up agen. My 'artiest geneleman 'as bin and got himself crossed in love. Mr. Todgers:—Lor! well, I a pose I'm unfort'nate; but mine's the 'ungriest lot you ever see, and I never 'as the luck to get domestic 'flictions among 'em as 'll take away their appetites.

At a railroad station two gentlemen belonging to the district were warming themselves in the waiting-room, when a son of the Emerald Isle, "rather out at elbows," entered the room. One of the gentlemen, characteristically humorous, said to Pat, "I'll be after giving you my chair to warm yourself for a sixpence." "Will you?" was the reply.—"I'll be after lettin' you keep it for a shillin'; and it's meself that has much need of one just now."

Section 15.

The following complimentary remarks regarding Mr. Joseph Whitehead, of Clinton, we clip from the Winnipeg *Herald*, of 27th Jan:

It is a matter of congratulation to be able to chronicle the presence of Mr. Whitehead amongst us, whose arrival was announced yesterday. That gentleman's energetic character was displayed in the very efficient manner in which, although laboring under many serious drawbacks, he began and completed to the satisfaction of all concerned, the contract for the St. Vincent branch. We watched during the winter with intense interest the ups and downs concerning the contract of Section 15, and when the intelligence reached us that it had been let, and that Mr. Whitehead's name was mentioned as the man, we felt assured that active measures to push forward this work would be taken upon his arrival. So it has turned out, scarcely giving himself time to recover from the fatigues of his journey from St. Paul, he is found making arrangements for the thousand and one items of preliminaries, purchasing axes, blasting powder and provisions from our merchants, besides employing 300 axe-men. But as formerly he is good for it.

His contract is extensive, the first business is to get out ties. As soon as the ground can be turned, the grading between Point Douglas and Selkirk will be pushed through. From these indications we may conclude that Winnipeg and Selkirk are to be connected as soon as possible by iron bands.

It is desirable that this portion of the road should be finished, as it will facilitate the construction of that portion of the road running eastward to section 15. The great expense of teaming that distance will be done away with. Mr. Whitehead will, after a while, leave Winnipeg for some point south, in order to purchase two locomotives, and platform cars. Putting all these things together we may confidently expect that during the summer, the iron horse will begin his career in our midst.

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Colborne in 1836:

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE FIRST MUNICIPAL RECORD OF THE TOWNSHIP.

As we promised in our last issue we herewith present a few extracts from the first record kept of municipal matters in Colborne, which is furnished us by Mr. John Morris. The first meeting recorded, as mentioned last week, took place at the primitive village of Garbraid, in the Crown and Anchor Hotel, on 4th Jan., 1836, "in the terms of Statute 5, Wm. 4th, c 8." Mr. Daniel Lizars filled the chair, and, as is duly recorded—not after the fashion of the present—, there were present the following of the yeomanry, who probably represented a fair portion of the population: Capts. Dunlop and Luard, Messrs. J. Galt, J. Dickson, D Clark, A. Green, J. Stacey, another A. Green, J. C. Tims, J. Morris, W. Bell,—Walters, J. C. Campbell, W. Scott, H. Hyndman, A. R. Christie,—Clouting, M. Fisher, R. Darlington, R. Cunningham, J. Annand, J. Kerr, J. Davidson, Wm. Young, J. McClean, C. Ross, Jas. Campbell,—Lydingham, S. Cutting, H. Brace, Richd. Darlington, P. Somerville, D. Brough, D. Don, J. Payne, J. Patterson, J. Calloway, W. Lawson and—Allan.

The meeting being duly opened, the work of electing a clerk was proceeded with, when Messrs. J. C. Tims and James McClean were nominated. We have no evidence that the contest ran upon a political issue, but the excitement ran pretty high, and before the matter was finally decided a scrutiny of votes took place and a protest was entered against the decision of the meeting. The first vote was favorable to Mr. McClean by a majority of four, whereupon a scrutiny was demanded. Two votes were withdrawn, because the parties voting had not the necessary qualification, one of them being Mr. McClean, who entitled himself neither to be a householder nor freeholder, but that he holds lot No. 40 in the Village of Garbraid, but has no deed or freehold qualification for the same." Other votes were objected to and qualifications examined, after which Mr. McClean was declared to have a majority of two. Mr. Hyndman thereupon protested against this election on the ground that Mr. McClean was not a householder, and that Richard Darlington persisted in voting after his vote had been challenged. All these items are recorded in the minutes, which are very comprehensive, giving a tran script of all the communications received or sent out officially, of all the commissioners', path masters', fenceviewers', and other oaths, of all the warrants issued, in fact of everything said, done or discussed in connection with the affairs of the township. The clerks of the present time would be severely taxed if they had to keep as voluminous a record of public affairs as was done in the times of which we write.

In these days the Towhships were ruled by Commissioners, and at this meeting the principal duty was to elect these representative men. Not much trouble, apparently, was experienced in this, and although six men—Michael Fisher, Daniel Lizars, Henry Hyndman, David Clark, John Annand and Richard Darlington—were nominated, the first three were elected by good majorities, Mr. Fisher for Eastern Colborne, Mr. Lizars for the centre and Mr. Hyndman for the West.

A contest ensued for the assessorship, between Messrs. David Clark and R. Christie, resulting in favor of the former, who at once nominated his opponent as collector, but Mr. Christie declined "in consequence of having performed the duties of assessor during the previous year." Mr. John Patterson was then elected collector, Mr. Wm. Young seconding the nomination.

Fence-viewers and pound-keepers having been appointed, the by-laws of the township were re-enacted regarding fences and animals. The provisions regarding animals are unique, and we here present them:

Resolved that bulls shall be free commoners.

Resolved that no stallions shall be allowed to run at large.

Resolved that rams shall not be free commoners.

Resolved that pigs shall be free commoners.

Resolved that all stray dogs shall be liable to be impounded, and to be treated as stray cattle.

(What a blessing that would be now.)

It was finally resolved that the first two feet of rail fences "should be five inches between the rails, that in the next two feet the openings shall not exceed five inches, and the height of the fence be 4½ feet at the upper end of rider."

The meeting concluded after a vote of thanks had been tendered to the chairman, Mr. Daniel Lizars, for "the disinterested and able manner in which he conducted the meeting."

We doubt not that, at this stage of the proceedings, the "fun waxed fast and furious" and mine host of the Crown and Anchor did a thriving business. In those days there was more freedom and cordiality existing between the inhabitants, and with a jolly fire such as the old inhabitants have seen roaring and blazing in the capacious fire place, the January cold without and with abundance of cheap but excellent whiskey from the Goderich distillery to hand, those so inclined in all probability had a merry time.

On the following day the newly appointed commissioners met to discuss a communication from Mr. Jas. McClean, resigning the office of clerk. Mr. I. C. Tims was duly appointed in his stead.

On the 16th day of January the commissioners met again at the same place, when the clerk presented a very elaborate report of his transactions in the interim. Mr. Robt. Darlington, the persistent voter, appeared and was given to a summons to answer for having voted at the public meeting without possessing the necessary qualification. He was fined five shillings, and his name withdrawn as overseer of highways.

It was "resolved that one shilling for pounding and 1s 3d currency for feeding animals per diem shall be taken by each pound keeper," who were allowed "twenty-five pounds of hay or other equally nourishing food. After the divisions had been prescribed for overseers of highways and pound keepers districts, the clerk was directed to issue a distress warrant against Robt. Darlington "for the penalty imposed this day." At the next meeting, which was held at Meadowlands, the beautiful residence of the late D. Lizars, Esq., the above mentioned warrant was ordered to be placed in the hands of the Township constable for service.

The constable served the warrant and took a tea-pot from the house of Mr. Darlington by way of distress, and then he had returned it by order of Mr. Hyndman, who had undertaken to pay the fine." The latter gentleman was given fine, on 18th May, or about three months after above date.

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Mr. Sam Ingram of Sedgley, Mich., lost two promising sons, aged about 8 and 9 years. A day or two since he found them putting nails in their mouths, and cautioned them against it, and told them a story of a boy who stuck his tongue into an iron lamp-post on a cold morning. The boys remembered the story, and yesterday one of them took a dare to see whether the cold would stick him. The morning was intensely cold, and the boy went up to a lamp-post and stuck his tongue fast. He screamed, it was just as the old man said, he went down to his father's place, his mouth full of blood, where the boy told him what was the matter. Upon taking a mouthful of blood, he said, "Boys, nothing much. I've been to a Goderich old lamp-post and I guess I've got a dreadful cold. I'll have to go home to-morrow."

An organ was recently stolen from a church in a parish in Scotland, and a member of the congregation, after not smoking a month, said to his wife, "Jean, the organ was stolen last night." "Weel, man," was the answer, "ye ken fine," "Ken the answer, "ye ken fine," "Ken the answer, "ye ken fine," "Ken