

He is not encumbered by too much ceremony; a stiff, high-backed chair bewilders...

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MEMOIR OF DONA MERODES, QUEEN OF SPAIN.

THE poor King remains leaning on his bed, and calling on his physicians...

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It may be spoken on the subject of the late Queen, that she was a woman of a noble and generous mind...

Shepherds All and Maidens Fair.

BY WALTER DEAN AND JAMES RICE.

CHAPTER I.

CLEAR SKY LAND.

Our readers may ask, Where is Arcadia, or Clear Sky Land? We reply, wherever the sun and moon shine...

JOHN BILLING'S PHILOSOPHY.

I have no objection to a man parting his hair, but I shall always insist on his finishing up the job by wearing a short gown and petticoat.

MADAME DE STAEL.

Madame de Staël was born in Paris in 1766, in a very intellectual age. Her father was high in power, his house the resort of the most cultivated talents...

A TU DEMUR.

An associate of the Emperor Charles VI. is much preserved. During the reign of that monarch an order was issued...

THE FAMOUS COBRA DI CAPELLO, OR HOODED SNAKE.

The famous Cobra di Capello, or Hooded Snake, is the most deadly of all the venomous serpents...

ENCOURAGING A REPORTER.

Mark Twain, when younger than he is now, died in his youth of the cholera...

A GOOD EDUCATION.

To read a language well, to write a neat, legible hand, and to be master of the first principles of arithmetic...

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Russian Houses in Winter.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY. (SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF W. G. & N. R.V.)

LISTOWEL STANDARD. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1878.

DEATH OF THE PRINCESS ALICE.

By the death of the Princess Alice, which took place on Saturday morning last, the Queen of England has lost a favorite daughter, and a gloom has been thrown over the entire British nation.

The Princess Alice Maud Mary was the third child of Queen Victoria. She was born on the 25th of April, 1843, and was married on the 1st of July, 1862, to His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William Louis of Hesse and Rhine.

The death of the little Princess Marie of Hesse, says the Times, reminds us that up to the present time her Majesty had had to her no less than 26 grand children, out of whom she lost only five.

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ELMA NEWS.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING.—A meeting of the Elma Conservative Association is announced to take place at Wynn's hotel, Newry, next Monday evening, 23rd inst.

STREETS BURNED.—Early on Sunday morning a fire broke out in a block of frame stores near the market, occupied by A. A. Scott, grocer, and others.

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MORNINGTON.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The council met at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, 17th inst. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CENTRE WARD.

GENTLEMEN.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 17th inst., in relation to the election of a candidate for the office of Councillor for the Centre Ward.

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THE OSBORNE HALL.

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BANK OF HAMILTON.

Capital Subscribed, \$1,000,000. DIRECTORS: DONALD McNEIL, Esq., President; JOHN STUART, Esq., Vice-President; James Turner, Esq., Cashier; Edward Guinness, Esq., John Proctor, Esq., George Hoach, Esq.

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MRS. T. W. RILEY.

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New and Cheap GROCERIES!

C. G. KOCH,
WALLACE ST., LISTOWEL,
TWO DOORS NORTH OF ZILLIAX'S HOTEL,

Informs the public that his NEW STORE is supplied with a large and perfectly fresh stock of GROCERIES, PROVISIONS and the many other necessities of life.

Good Teas, 3 lbs. for \$1.

Good Sugars equally Cheap.

THE BEST CHEESE IN TOWN.

Superior Family Flour,

Oat-meal, Corn-meal,

Barley-meal, etc.

Soaps, Brooms, Molasses, Pure Cider Vinegar, Fresh and Dried Fruits, Canned Fruits, Pickles, Spices, etc. etc.

For the Holidays!

A very large stock of
CANDIES AND CONFECTIONERY
OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

NUTS, RAISINS, CURRANTS, ETC., ETC.,

which will be sold Very Cheap.

Come and see his stock, and ascertain his prices. Don't forget the stand—Wallace Street, north of Zilliax's Hotel.

C. G. KOCH.

LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1878.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

STATIONERS is good and business lively. Fine Tobacco and cigars, at C G Koch's grocery.

The Public School closes to-day for the Christmas vacation.

First-class chopping axes only 75c, at S. Bricker & Co's new hardware.

East Toronto and Monro local elections take place to-morrow, (Saturday).

Apples and other fresh fruits, canned fruits, etc., at C G Koch's grocery.

Listowel is donning her holiday robes. Our variety stores place Santa Claus at a discount.

Go to C. G. Koch's grocery, Wallace street, for excellent fresh raisins and currants.

Misses Hamilton & Taylor's new arrival, about three miles east of this town, will be in operation next week.

At Court.—The balance of our large stock of stoves, at an below cost, at Smith Bros.—Schneider's old stand.

JAMES LIVINGSTON, of Baden, has been nominated as candidate for the Local House by the South Waterloo Reform Convention.

Lobsters, Sardines, pickled salmon, etc., for sale as cheap as anywhere in town, at C. G. Koch's grocery, Wallace street.

Rev. Scott and Norris, of Listowel, are to take part in the anniversary soiree at Hunt's Church, Elma boundary, on Monday evening next.

Come along with your money and get stores at your own prices for the next thirty days. Smith Bros.—Schneider's old stand.

Sign.—The Apostolic Church, where and what? Rev A F McGeorge will preach on the above subject next Sunday evening in the Congregational Church.

Call at the Standard office for Christmas cards, handsome ball programmes and fancy circulars. We have an elegant stock, which we are prepared to print very cheap.

T. CHARLES has a large stock of choice hams and breakfast bacon at his Pork House on Main street. He also deals in pure lard, beautifully rendered, sweet and cheap.

Ma. R. Woods, our efficient "Chief," has been appointed Railroad Constable on the P. D. & L. R. No. 1. No doubt the interests of the road will be well looked after by Mr. Woods.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—Handsome albums, beautiful vases, fancy China ware, and elegant shell boxes, just the thing for holiday presents.—remains cheap, at Dr. Michener's book and drug store.

The thanksgiving collection for the poor of the town, amounting to \$7.00, is in the hands of J. W. Bell, who is ready to distribute the same whenever worthy application is made.

A choice stock of beautiful bound family and pocket Bibles, Testaments, Church Services and Church music books—very suitable for holiday gifts.—at Dr. Michener's book and drug store.

HOLIDAY RETURNS.—The P. D. & L. R. will issue returns tickets at one and one-third fare during the Christmas holidays. Reduced fares will also be in vogue on the G. W. R. at the same time.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.—Chatterbox, "Wide-awake," "British Workman," and a great many other illustrated periodicals; also illuminated toy books and fancy Christmas cards, in endless variety and cheap, at Dr. Michener's book and drug store.

NEW TIME TABLES.—A new time table came into effect on the G. W. R. last Monday. For changes see Railway Guide in another column. A slight change has also been made on the P. D. & L. R. The train which formerly left Listowel station at 1:20 now departs at 1:10 p. m.—ten minutes earlier.

OFFICERS FOR 1879.—The following are the officers of the L. O. L. No. 617, Listowel, for the ensuing year: A. M. Morrow, W. M.; A. F. Lister, D. M.; Rev. H. Cooper, Chaplain; G. Zilliox, Treasurer; T. H. Heathers, Secretary; W. W. Wood, Lecturer; Committee—A. S. Deavitt, James Rogers, George McKeever, Thos. Healdy and James Brown.

The celebrated Downie cheese, the best in town, for sale at C. G. Koch's grocery and Provision store, Wallace street.

REVEALING.—The candidature of Dr. Dillabough for the Revesby Ward, will meet with the approval of a majority of our townsmen. The present Reeve, Mr. Hay, does not appear to have kept as clean a sheet as the electors would wish, and the time has come for him to give way to worthier men. Mr. Hay has held the office of Reeve for four years, and it is now time to let some person else, in turn, fill the position.

CANDIDATES.—As near as we can learn the following candidates for municipal honors are now in the field: For Mayor, J. W. Scott; for Reeve, T. E. Hay and Dr. Dillabough; for Deputy Reeve, T. G. Fenell and J. A. Hacking; Councilors for East Ward, Dr. Nichol, A. S. Deavitt, Alex. McDonald, B. B. Sarvis and J. G. Treanin; Centre Ward, John Osborne, Jacob Hepler, A. D. Freeman and Adam Austin; West Ward, John Binning, John Page, W. G. Hay and R. Shields.

C. G. Koch, Wallace street grocery, sells 3 lbs of good Tea for \$1.

TAXES.—Considering the "hard times," the taxes of this town for the current year are being paid with commendable promptitude. The total amount collectible this year was something over \$12,000. Of this amount \$658 were paid in previous to the present week. On Saturday, which was the last day for receiving taxes without an additional 5 per cent, about \$4,000 were taken in at the Treasurer's office. About \$2,400 is the full sum remaining to collect. Wonder if our Grit friends can see in this any indication of the ruin which the foreboding of the National Policy is spreading over all parts of Canada?

A full line of Skates, at rock bottom prices, at S. Bricker & Co's new hardware.

PRESENTATION.—Previous to separating for the holidays, the pupils of the Listowel High School presented Mr G F Metzler, who has occupied the position of assistant teacher of the school during the past year, with an address expressive of their esteem for him and regretting his departure. The address was accompanied with an ornamental inkstand and time piece combined, and a gold pen. This expression of kindly feeling on the part of the students was suitably acknowledged by the recipient. Mr Metzler leaves to resume his studies at Belleville college, where he expects to graduate next year, after which we understand that it is his intention to enter the ministry of the M. E. Church.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION.—We are pleased to notice that Prof. Holmes is engaged in organizing a class of singers with a view of rendering the above, and probably another of the Cantata, "The Haymakers," should he find sufficient volunteers to warrant the undertaking. As this Cantata will require the aid of all the better voices of our town, we trust Listowel will be behind its sister towns in giving its hearty support and proving itself to possess first-class musical talent. The costumes for "Esther" are pronounced gorgeous and dazzling, and with the scenery of our new hall, the rendition of this piece will doubtless be a magnificent affair. The concert will take place on Friday and Saturday evenings in the Temperance Hall.

FOR THE CHILDREN.—A great variety of toys, elegant wax and china dolls, sleighs, rocking horses, children's musical instruments, and such a host of nick-nacks as would surprise old Santa Claus himself—very cheap at Dr. Michener's book and drug store.

COAL OIL.—Go to S. Bricker & Co's for your coal oil, 20 cents per gallon.

Warranted pure cider Vinegar, excellent for table use, for sale at C. G. Koch's grocery and Provision store, Wallace street.

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EXAMINATIONS.—The Intermediate Examinations of the High School are at present in progress. There are sixteen candidates, including some who are competing for municipal honors. The examinations are being conducted by Mr P S Davis, B.A. of Stratford High School. The examinations for entrance to the High School in this place commenced on Wednesday, 18th inst. There are some fifty candidates for admission, a large proportion of whom are from the High School in this place, and are very much appreciated by the community. In the absence of the Public School Inspector, the examination is taken charge of by the chairman of the Board, the Rev J W Bell, M.A.

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The Finance Committee recommended the following accounts to be paid: John Binning and Adam Austin, expenses to Hamilton on fire hall business, \$10.50; W. G. Hay, for interest on the Wright & Welch Bros. for lumber, \$111.09; Goddard & Green, \$3.65; W. Bradley, indigent relief, \$1.95; W. Clinie, lumber, \$2.26. A motion was passed to the payment of the same. It was moved by T. E. Hay, seconded by A. D. Freeman, that the Mayor is hereby instructed to purchase once a year of coal suitable for furnace—carried. An account from W. Clinie for funeral expenses of indigent person, was laid over. An account from D. Campbell for indigent relief, etc., amounting to \$2.15, was passed. A communication was read from Oran T. Phillips, complaining against assessment. Several other complaints were heard, which were all laid over till next meeting. A petition to the Legislative Assembly, asking for a route to the extension of the Stratford & Huron Railway north of Listowel, was introduced for the signature of the members of the Council board. A. Austin objected to Council signing the petition until the Railway Company explained their course in regard to a protest entered on the minutes of Listowel Council proceedings on the 17th June. The Company had broken faith with this municipality in adopting the Palmerston route, and he deemed it advisable to withhold further endorsement of the Company's schemes until said protest is acknowledged and a guarantee given that the railway will be built on the west side of this town. Mr Austin's charges were replied to by Mayor Scott, who stated that the abandonment of the Palmerston route and the substitution of that by way of Palmerston was due to the action of the municipalities interested, those along the latter line of route offering much greater inducements. He would rather see the road going by way of Palmerston than stop here in regard to the route of exit from this town. The Mayor stated that Messrs Tisdale and Wright had recently assured him that they had no intention of taking the road east. He could not see how signing the petition would do any harm. His worship also stated that Col. Tisdale proposed holding a public meeting in Listowel for the purpose of explaining the course to be pursued by the Company in extending their line from Listowel westward. Geo. Towner spoke in favor of signing petition. T. E. Hay objected, and seconded Mr Austin's motion to hold the petition over until the Company had given a bond that they would not take the route east of the town. The petition was laid over. By-law appointing Robert Wood, Collector of taxes, and naming his sureties, was passed through its various stages and adopted. T. E. Hay asked permission to make explanations regarding his conduct as Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committee. He had been charged with hiring men for corporation work and paying them out of the Listowel fund; also with paying large wages to incompetent men because they traded with Clinie, Hay & Co. It had been stated that the road and bridge money passed through his hands, and that it had been paid in cheques on their firm. He had been charged with handling town money and having an interest in contracts for graveling outside of the town. These charges Mr. Hay emphatically denied; he stated that they were utterly false, and challenged any person to find a man who had taken anything by request out of Clinie, Hay & Co's store. He had a hundred paid in cheques, \$35 was the limit that had passed through their hands, and the list traded out. He had never asked any man to trade his account out at their store, in one case. In regard to Jas. Gangan's contract for graveling, they had done the financing part of it. Of \$656, the amount of contract, they had received but \$125 in trade. Mr. Hay denied that the firm had any interest in that contract. The question was asked if Mr. Hay or the firm had an interest in a team which had been employed by the corporation, and which Mr. Hay replied that they had a claim on the team, but do not own it. In answer to questions, Mr. Hay stated that he was not prepared to give statement of all the contracts let by the town, or of the expenditure in the West Ward, but would report at next meeting if required. Mr. Hay then tendered his resignation as Road and Bridge Commissioner. It was moved by A. Austin, seconded by J. Hepler, that the Council charges against him of using his position as Road and Bridge Commissioner to his own personal profit, that the Council fully believes that said

