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CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS.
Bro. A. F. Rutter, D. D. W. C. R. for Toronto, has called a general meeting of all the Toronto courts, to be held during the latter part of March, to discuss matters concerning the Order in Toronto.

The Canadian Forester for March has just been issued, and contains all the financial reports of the different High Court officers.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF OBBELLOWS.
Elgin Encampment, St. Thomas, has 114 members.

The sixty-seventh anniversary of the Order occurs on the 26th inst. The day will be observed with appropriate ceremonies by the fraternity.

The Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. meets in London on August 11th. As it is the first time they have met there since the Oddfellows' hall was dedicated the London brethren intend to give them a good reception, one that will be a credit to the order and to the city.

Past Grand Masters Henry Robertson, Wm. Macfarland and A. L. Morden were appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge a special committee to try to secure from the Ontario Government such amendments to cap 167, R. S. O., as will permit lodges to invest their funds on mortgage. A meeting of the committee was held in Toronto, but owing to a sudden illness the chairman (Brother Henry Robertson) could not attend. Bro. Macfarland and Morden met and had a most satisfactory meeting with the Hon. A. S. Hardy, provincial secretary, on whose suggestion the brothers named prepared and submitted to him a draft of such amendments as in their judgment were required to legalize all transactions already made, and further to enable lodges to invest their funds on mortgage, etc.

SONS OF ENGLAND.
The quarterly meeting of Lodge Chester was held last Tuesday. There was a large attendance of members present. This lodge is growing very fast. There was an application for membership received. Lodge Chester has decided to celebrate its anniversary on St. George's day, by having a first class concert on the 23rd of April.

District Deputy Bro. J. Lee, of No. 10 District, will be accompanied by several of the officers and members of Lodge Chester, to assist in the opening of a lodge in London to-night.

District Deputy Bro. F. J. Prior, of Excelsior Lodge, Montreal, is to open the second lodge in Montreal next week.

Bro. J. W. Kemping is organizing in the Muskoka district, and expects shortly to have several lodges ready for opening.

Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, will become the property of the Sons of England Hivl Company on the 1st of April.

The new Sons of England Lodge, which is being organized in London, has been formally christened by the officers present. "Dante Lodge."

ROYAL ARCANUM.
The semi-annual reports for the term ending December 21st, 1885, show the Royal Arcanum to be in a most satisfactory condition. On the 30th of June last the number of Ontario members in good standing was 1,339, and to this number 105 new ones have been added, making a total of 1,444 members in good standing on December 31st, 1885. During 1885 seventeen new councils were instituted, and already a good start has been made for 1886 by the institution of councils in Illinois and Arkansas, and before the Grand Council meets in May it is expected that many more will be added to the roll.

MASONIC.
From the Glasgow Daily Mail of Feb. 26th, we observe that Mr. W. B. Col. Moffat, P. G. M., of this city, was present at the annual dinner of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102, of that city, and replied to the toast of the "Army and Navy." The lodge dates back from 1766, and among the eminent brothers who have been connected with it were the Marquis of Anglesea, Zachary Macaulay, Rev. Dr. Black, Sheriff Strathern, Duke of Athole, Bro. Whyte Melville, Lord Trayner, Lord Provost Orr, and Rae Arthur, Sir A. Alison, Sir A. Campbell, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Earls of Stair and Roslin.

Already the people of St. Louis are making preparations for the twenty-third triennial convocation of the Knights Templar, which comes off in that city next September.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, has been pleased to appoint Rt. Em. Sir K. Daniel Spyr, of Barrie, grand chancellor of the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada, a Grand Cross of the Temple. R. W. Bro. Simpson, of London, D. D. S. M., will be present at an emergency meeting of Elgin Lodge, No. 349, A. F. & A. M., St. Thomas, on Friday evening, 26th inst.

There are 9,000 lodges in the United States.

The Scottish Rite holds its thirty-first annual reunion at Chicago in April, when a grand time will be enjoyed.

Notice will be given at the next session of the Grand Lodge of Canada to change the minimum fee for initiation from \$20 to \$25.

The colored Knights Templar of the United States hold their annual encampment in Detroit in August.

The two Royal Arch Chapters of Kingston have been consolidated into one strong body.

R. T. of T.
At the regular meeting of St. Thomas Council No. 35 the following choice programme was rendered:—Reading, Sister Williams; instrumental, Sister Rayner; reading, Sister Fournier; recitation, Sister Davidson; reading, Sister Lines; recitation, Sister Barrage.

The next regular meeting of Elgin District Council, R. T. of T., will be held in Aylmer on Wednesday the 7th of April. An open meeting will be held in the evening in which the R. T. of T. harmonica band of this city are expected to take part.

The District Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance will meet in Aylmer, on Wednesday, April 7th. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held, and in the evening an entertainment will be given in the Baptist church.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bro. W. M. Bushell, D. D. G. M., of Windsor, will visit officially, as the representative of the grand master, all the lodges of the order in Essex. During his visit he will exemplify the secret work, and confer D. of R. degrees.

Three new members were initiated into the Ancient Order of Shepherds last evening, making a total of forty-four members of this order in the city.

THE MASONIC WAR.

Probability of a General Masonic War Throughout the World Over the Quebec-England Dispute.

A recent cable dispatch reports H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, as having cancelled the appointment of the representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Illinois. This means that the severed fraternal ties that bind these two bodies together, and this action is the outcome of a resolution of sympathy and support, adopted by Illinois Masons to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in its fight for exclusive jurisdiction with the Grand Lodge of England.

THE ORIGIN OF THE TROUBLES.
That now intervenes the peace of the Masonic world dates back to the time when the Grand Bodies of England, Ireland, and Scotland chartered lodges all over British North America. Gradually these lodges became obedient to the Grand Lodges formed in the various provinces that now constitute this Dominion, and with the exception of three English Chartered Lodges in Montreal, and one Irish warranted lodge, now working in L'Orignal, Ont., the Canadian Grand Bodies exercise exclusive jurisdiction within their respective territorial limits.

Before the Grand Lodge in Canada secured recognition from the Mother Grand Lodge of England in 1859, it was agreed by both bodies that these three lodges in Montreal should be guaranteed their right to remain in obedience to England, and this compact has been solemnly observed by the Grand Lodge of Canada up to this date. In 1867

THE QUEBEC LODGES SECEDED
from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and formed a separate and sovereign Grand Lodge for that Province, and were desirous to be supreme within its own territory, and not being bound by the agreement referred to, made repeated efforts to have the Grand Lodge of Canada acknowledge its authority. They steadily refused to transfer their allegiance, and were persistently backed up by the Grand Lodge of England.

Matters continued in this shape until about a year ago, when the Grand Lodge of Quebec, finding its sovereignty menaced, issued, in self-defence, an edict of non-recognition against the lodges in Montreal, and this course was approved and endorsed by nearly all the Grand Lodges on this continent, Illinois excepted.

At the meeting of the Quebec Grand Lodge, held in Montreal in January last, it having been reported that the edict of non-recognition had produced no visible effects on the English lodges, it was decided to

RESORT TO STRONGER MEASURES, and it was resolved by a unanimous vote to issue a general edict of non-recognition against all English Masons, and to sever fraternal relations with the Mother Grand Lodge unless she withdrew her charter from the Montreal lodges before the 1st of July of this year. Here matters rest for the present, and the action of England is awaited with anxiety by the craft in America. If the Prince of Wales' cancellation of the Illinois representatives' commission is an indication of the course that will be pursued by the Grand Lodge of England, it is evident a general Masonic war will result, and the American Grand bodies will not be slow in forcing the fighting.

The Grand Lodge of England has conceded the right of exclusive jurisdiction to every Grand Lodge in America, with the exception of QUEBEC, and leading masons on this side of the Atlantic are at a loss to understand why Quebec is made an exception. The only explanation is that our sister province is a "colony" of England, and the lights of the craft in England imagine that colonial Masons have no rights, which they are bound to respect. When a "sovereign" state in the neighboring republic forms a Grand Lodge, England is prompt in her recognition and in exchanging representatives, and there is nothing to justify her in pursuing a policy of obstruction in Quebec Masonic affairs.

If the trouble is not speedily adjusted serious inconvenience will result to Canadian and American Masons.

VISITING THE OLD LANDS
during the coming summer. A number of American Grand Lodges meet before July, and the craft of Quebec and Illinois difficulty with England will be discussed, and very probably edicts of non-recognition against the latter will be issued. The Quebec lodge has boasted "brotherly love" motto of the fraternity is likely to be severely strained by the Grand Lodge of England does not quickly recede from her present attempt to rule Masonically, not only England, but the entire British possessions.

With the single exception of The Voice of Masonry, of Chicago, the Masonic press of America favors Quebec in this struggle, and The Freemason of this city, not only champions the craft in our sister Province, but urges the Grand Lodge of Canada to repudiate the agreement made with England in 1859, as the most effective method of informing English Masons that the craft in Canada can manage their own affairs.

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THE RAILWAY STRIKE.
It Compels the Closing of Numerous Factories—Frees a Compromise.

Chicago, March 26.—The termination of the yardmen's strike at Kansas City has infused considerable confidence in the minds of railroad officials; before making the assessments therefor, to provide for a reference to the county judge of claims for compensation in respect of lands; and to provide for the completion by a new council of works and proceedings begun by the old.

SUFFERING.
Atchison, Kan., March 26.—Towns in the interior are suffering for necessities of life. The people of St. Louis sent to Kansas City road, forty-five miles distant, for supplies. There is at present only one barrel of coal, and one barrel of a single barrel of kerosene to supply a population of 1,200. At other points remote from timber and coal supplies have given out entirely.

PROCLAMMATION FROM GOV. MARSHALL.
St. Louis, Mo., March 26.—Governor Marshall has issued a proclamation relative to the railway strike so far as it affects commerce in the state. After defining the respective duties of the railroad company and their employees the proclamation continues: "I hereby upon the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, its officers, agents and employes to assist in resuming traffic on the roads operated by said company in Missouri. I warn all persons, whether they be employes or not, against interposing any obstacle whatever in the way of said resumption. I hereby call upon all persons, whether they be employes or not, to assist in carrying out the purpose of this proclamation, and I also pledge the whole power of state so far as it may be lawfully wielded, to protect the said railroad company and its servants in the resumption, and to restrain and punish all that may oppose it."

EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE.
St. Louis, March 26.—The St. Louis Refining and Smelting Company has closed their works, throwing 300 men out of employment. The company has been unable to procure supplies on account of the strike of the Pacific states.

PROSPECT OF A SETTLEMENT.
Fort Worth, Tex., March 26.—District Assembly 78, K. of L., was in session last night, and there were indications that concessions will be made that will result in a settlement.

A St. Louis dispatch says:—The Executive Board of the District Assemblies, 101, 17 and 93, K. of L. has issued an address to the K. of L. and trades unions, and has requested that they be tendered as a reply to statements made by Mr. J. Gould in regard to the strike of the railroad employes of the Southwest.

After quoting from the statements of Mr. Gould a sentence saying that the employes upon his roads have presented no grievances to their management, the address says:—"We have wearied the press and worn the types of the world in stating grievances and demanding an opportunity to present them to Gould and his lieutenants. We have offered through the highest channels that represent us in the nation, to meet him upon any field. We have pleaded and demanded that we be heard. To all this Gould has turned a deaf ear, and now, before the world, we challenge him to bear our complaints. Before the world we impeach his veracity, when he says we have not presented them before the world."

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The Dominion Parliament stands adjourned until Monday.

The Ontario Legislature was prorogued yesterday with the usual formalities. The Lieut. Governor's speech merely reviewed the work of the session, and consequently was neither very long nor very interesting.

THE VOTE.

The Tory press this morning teems with "screeds," and the grand and glorious victory of the government, and the ignominious and unparalleled defeat of Mr. Blake, are dilated upon as though they were really facts. Such screeching will deafen no one to the true meaning and import of the vote. The hanging of Riel was to be made a party question, and the attempt miserably and utterly failed. That is the amount of it, and in thus failing Macdonald, and not Blake, is the beaten and discredited man. The parliament of Canada declined to accept the issue as a party one. Seventeen French Conservatives voted against the Government, and thirty-four members of the Liberal Party voted with the Government.

The vote on Landry's motion of regret at the execution of Riel was as follows:

- Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Amyot, Armstrong, Auger, Bain (Soulange), Beaudry, Bergeron, Bernier, Blake, Bourassa, Cameron (Huron), Cameron (Middlesex), Campbell (Kent), Casey, Gagnon, Cook, Courval, Daoust, De St. George's, Desautels (Maskinonge), Desjardins, Dupont, Edgar, Forbes, Gaudet, Geoffroy, Giguere, Girouard, Guay, Guilbeault, Harty, Holton, Kirk, Labrosse, Landier, Landry (Montigny), Langlois, Laurier, Lister, McMillan (Yamoucheville), Moloney, Masse, Miller, Oumet, Rainet, Robertson (Pictou), Somerville (Bruce), Frow, Vail, Weldon Wells.—Total 23.

- Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Alio, Bin (Wentworth), Baker (Missisquoi), Baker (Victoria), Barker, Barnard, Beatty, Bell, Benoit, Bergin, Billy, Blondeau, Bosc, Bourbonnais, Bowell, Bryson, Burnham, Burns, Burpee, Cameron (L'Assommoir), Campbell (Victoria), Carling, Carleton, Cartwright, Chaplain, Charlton, Cimon, Cochrane, Colby, Costigan, Coughlin, Curran, Cuthbert, Daly, Davies, Dawson, Desautels (St. Maurice), Dickson, Doud, Dupas, Dundas, Everett, Farrow, Ferguson (Leeds and Grenville), Ferguson (Welland), Fisher, Fortin, Foster, Gagne, Gault, Gilmore, Gordon, Grandbois, Guillet, Gunn, Hackett, Glenn, Hall, Kay, Hesson, Hickey, Hilliard, Homer, Hurlbut, Innes, Irvine, Ives, Jackson, Jamieson, Jenkins, Kaulback, Kilmer, King, Kenyon, Krantz, Landry (Kent), Languevin, Le Sage, Livingston, MacDonald (Kings), Mackenzie, Macintosh, MacMaster, MacMillan (Middlesex), McCallum, McCarty, McCraney, McDougall (Pictou), McDougall (Cape Breton), McGreevy, McLellan, Moffat, Montplaisier, Mullock, O'Brien, Orton, Paint, Paterson (Brant), Paterson (Essex), Pilonneau, Platt, Pope, Pray, Reid, Riplet, Robertson (Hamilton), Robertson (Hastings), Ross, Royal, Rykert, Scott, Sorrier, Shakespeare, Shively, Small, Smyth, Somerville (Bruce), Spence, Sproule, Stair, Sutherland (Oxford), Tachereau, Tasse, Taylor, Temple, Thompson (Antigonish), Townshend, Tupper, Tyerhills, Vallin, Vanasse, Wallace (Alber), Wallace (York), Watson, White (Cardwell), White (Huron), Wigle, Wilson, Wood (Brookville), Wood (Westmoreland), Woodworth, Wright.—Total, 146.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Blake distinctly stated that he asked none of his followers to vote with him on the question, notwithstanding that he distinctly understood that it was distinctly understood that the Liberal party were not going to make a party question out of the vote, and that the result of the vote shows that the Liberal representatives in parliament were equally divided on the subject, the Conservative press this morning attempt to prove that Mr. Blake has been repudiated; that he has lost the confidence of his followers, and that the Liberal party is divided and undone.

In the name of the prophet, Boah! Eat the Liberal party in Canada to oat mutton-chop when Mr. Blake does to Is the Liberal party, or any other political party, to be always in everything of one mind, one purpose, one belief, or else stand branded as a broken and decrepit organization? No sane man will honestly say so for one moment, but if he did what would be his opinion of the Conservative party in regard to this same vote? Did not seventeen Tories "bolt" their leader's ticket, and yet we hear no Conservative admission of approaching dissolution of the party. It's a poor rule that won't work both ways.

As the Globe this morning truly says:— Now that the execution has been sustained by parliament and by one half of the Liberal party, the Conservatives can have no excuse for again calling a rally round the corpse. Should they do so it will be clear to all men that the ministry insist on standing on the Regina scaffold, simply for lack of any other platform whatever. It goes without saying that the Tories were ready and anxious to build a political platform over the grave of Riel. The Reformers have declined to assist, and now the Government must stand its trial on the main question. Let Riel sleep. He has been tried and found guilty. A greater than he has now to appear before the bar of justice. Let the trial proceed.

LOCAL RAILWAYS.

Stray Sparks Alighting on Our Reporters.

Fanned into a Blaze of Interesting News. The roadway leading from Talbot street to the M. C. R. station is being graded.

A gang of men will be shortly set to work laying nineteen miles of steel rails on the M. C. R., between Essex Centre and Comber.

On April 1st workmen will be set to work on the M. C. R. putting in large frogs along the line where required. These frogs will be filled in with wood to prevent accidents.

Robt. Holman, G. T. R. spare brakeman, who had his left arm crushed at Canfield yesterday, received more serious injuries than at first reported, the flesh of the arm being crushed almost to a jelly, and the bones badly broken. This is the fourth time this arm has been broken.

The officials of the M. C. R. yesterday inspected the St. Clair branch, and have decided to extend the dock at Court-right about 500 feet, and do a large amount of small repairing along the branch. Messrs. Miller, Hawkes, Carr, and the other officials returned to Detroit last night on No. 9.

A Landowner says:—The railway men on this section of the Grand Trunk road say that they have good authority for the statement that their wages will be restored on the 1st of April to the rate paid previous to the reduction made some twenty-two months ago.

Some sneak thief yesterday stole a sealink cap belonging to M. C. R. Conductor T. O'Brien, from his caboose in this city. Mr. O'Brien had left his caboose for about five minutes, leaving his bunch of keys in the door. When he went back to lock the door, the keys were still in the door, but the caboose key had been taken off the ring. On examining his drawer he found that his sealink cap had also been stolen. Detective Hegman is on the track of the thief, and before long he will be captured, as are all thieves who have the hardihood to ply their vocation on the C. S. R. division of the M. C. R.

It has been finally decided, as outlined in last evening's JOURNAL, to make extensive alterations and improvements to the M. C. R. station in this city, and the work will be commenced at once.

The flooring throughout the station will first be renewed, then the different offices will be renovated, the walls painted, and the woodwork grained. It is intended to have this done in time for the annual meeting of the directors, which takes place in May next. Afterwards the other improvements mentioned in last night's JOURNAL will be proceeded with, the two large waiting rooms being thrown into one, and returned, steam heaters put in, new lavatories constructed, and the outside of the station building painted red and steeled.

THE GRAND TRUNK EMPLOYEES.

There is an extreme likelihood of the occurrence of a very extensive strike on the Grand Trunk line, unless the request of the employees for an increase of wages is soon complied with. In view of the constant increase of receipts on the line, and what is considered a violation of the promise when such should be the case to restore the former rate of wages within a certain time, the men have demanded—not asked—that Mr. Hickson shall restore the old rate. Should he not see fit to comply with their request the men hope to convince him that it will be necessary, in the interest of the company, to either comply under compulsion or otherwise to submit to the consequences of a general strike and absolute suspension of business. Rumors were prevalent in the city yesterday that the men on the D. G. H. & M. will submit to very little more at the hands of the officials before insisting forcibly on their rights—action will be supported by their fellow workers—and that a strike may occur there in a day or two. A meeting of the Locomotive Engineers and Firemen was held here on Wednesday evening, and a delegation appointed to wait on Manager Hickson, and ask that the old rate of wages be restored.—London Free Press.

THE GREAT STRIKE.

The long continued strike on the Gould Southwestern system is having disastrous effects on other roads, and the trouble is spreading. An old railroad employe yesterday remarked that the present situation is similar to that which succeeded the general troubles of 1877, and appearances indicated that the same thing would be repeated.

The Detroit Free Press this morning, speaking of the strike says:—The effects of the great Southwestern railroad strike are beginning to be felt in Detroit seriously by the railroad companies and an lesser degree by some of the city's wholesale merchants. For several days the freight business of the roads, and particularly of the Michigan Central, has been steadily decreasing, but the fact has been well guarded and kept secret by the companies. Only yesterday did rumors of the effect here begin to circulate on the street, and Free Press reporters who made inquiries found officials and others reticent on the subject.

Investigation made last night under difficulties, for both officials and employes were reluctant to talk, brought to light the fact that the Michigan Central is now sending out but four freight trains a day in place of twenty-five or thirty which it ordinarily takes to move the freight coming to that road for transportation East and West. The falling off in this respect has been so great that the transfer steamer Michigan Central was laid off several days ago, and the Transport has been found able to do all the transporting of cars across the river. On Friday four Central switch engines went out of service temporarily and were run into the round house and their crews discharged. The Grand Trunk system has also been affected, and since the great strike commenced fully 200 men have been laid off on that road owing to lack of work due to the suspension of traffic in the southwest. The other roads have also felt the influence of the strike, and their business, but not to so great an extent as the roads mentioned above. A special meeting of Union Division, No. 13, Order of Railway Conductors, was held in their hall yesterday afternoon, when it was decided to institute a sick benefit in connection with the division. Members paying fifty cents per month will receive \$1 per week, and those paying \$1 per month will receive \$10 per week, for a period of twenty-six weeks, when either laid up with sickness or injury. The following officers were elected:—J. W. McFerran, president; D. A. Stinson, vice-president; W. Shand, secretary; W. A. Martin, treasurer. Finance Committee, P. Lyon, D. A. Moore and W. H. Ingram. Sick Committee, Messrs. Fry, Cole and Wylie.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Another Letter from Dr. Sinclair.

To the Editor of the JOURNAL. SIR,—In addressing myself to the task of replying to Mr. Miller's last letter, I will present facts and figures, which will prove, to the satisfaction of an enlightened community, the inaccuracy and utter unreliability of his contentions. A due regard for the crowded state of your columns compels me to dispose of my opponent more gently than he deserves, would require to traverse ground already covered, to show that Mr. Miller has been vaunting. His contention, in former letters, was that the county grant to Aylmer was intended to meet the cost of educating pupils who did not reside in the village. His present contention is, that only that portion of the grant beyond the equivalent to the government grant, is intended for that purpose. What next? I ask in all candor.—Consistency is a jewel not found in the diadem of the St. Thomas principal.

"Figures cannot lie," says Mr. Miller. That is not correct. Figures will lie, if placed in the hands of a designing and unscrupulous person. It is only when honestly and correctly employed that they give truthful information. That which in his letter is innocuous (and it abounds) I do not consider worthy of even a passing notice.

Mr. Miller is "heavy" on per caput for Malahide and South Dorchester, but fails to venture a calculation on his per caput principle for the municipalities of the county contributing toward the support of the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute. Mr. Miller ought to know, if he does not, that it is only for the privilege of sending pupils to the high schools that the township pay their respective shares of the school grant. I will employ (although it is with disgust), Mr. Miller's unfair, dishonest and spurious method of presenting a case. Take the amounts given in Mr. Miller's first letter) contributed by each municipality towards the \$5,100 voted for high school purposes. St. Thomas receives of this amount \$1,700. The residence of county pupils attending the institute, as per report for last year, is as follows: Bayham, 1; Malahide, 1; South Dorchester, 2; Aylmer, 1; Port Stanley, 1; Alton, 1; South Dorchester, 2; Yarmouth, 4; Southwold, 5. Total, 138. An application of the rule of three reveals the fact that Malahide pays \$255, Bayham \$128, South Dorchester \$270, Alton, \$225, Port Stanley, \$112, Yarmouth, \$225, Southwold, \$281, per pupil for the education of their pupils at the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute; while Yarmouth pays only \$6.95, and Southwold \$8.68 per pupil for the same attendance at the same school. We will await Mr. Miller's efforts to harmonize with justice his so-called principle, as applied to Malahide and Southwold. It will be observed that 100, of the total 138, are residents of Yarmouth and Southwold, and as those townships are not required to pay district rates, the rest of the amount will very likely conclude that Yarmouth and Southwold enjoy what might be termed a "soft snap." Other municipalities are required to pay a fixed rate into the general fund, and their local district rate, while Yarmouth and Southwold get off "scot free," respecting district rates.

In Mr. Miller's letters, Nos. 2 and 3, the assertion was made that Aylmer pays only \$6 per caput for high school education. I designated this assertion in terms expressive and appropriate, which had the effect of compelling him to modify the statement. He now says that current expenditure costs \$6 per caput, and although nearer the mark, is still at variance with the truth. The figures presented are worked and twisted to do service to the St. Thomas principal in his hostility to the Aylmer school. The following figures, taken from the wages paid to the D. G. H. & M. can be questioned. The total amount of cash paid out by this municipality on account of its high school for the year 1885 was \$365.21, or \$805.21 per pupil. It is to be noted, up to date of the present year, there has also been expended on high school account \$1,489.67.

On account of building equipment and current expenses Aylmer alone will have to raise by direct taxation, and expend, from \$1,200 to \$1,500 annually, for the next twenty years, to support her high school. With facts like these, it can be vigorously denounced Mr. Miller's ungrateful and untrue assertion.

Mr. Miller has practically abandoned his county pupils' plea. I quoted a clause in his letter, and gave the interpretation of the department thereto. The reading public can place an intelligent construction upon it, even if not in accord with Mr. Miller's views. I am extremely grateful for Mr. Miller's professed recitatives respecting Aylmer's interests.

A shade of hypocrisy, however, seems to preclude the sentiment that extracts from his letter, "Aylmer only wants justice"—Aylmer is willing that Vienna, Dutton and St. Thomas shall receive justice. Mr. Miller truthfully says his desire (with his eye) is to serve St. Thomas, and to further this object he has designed to attack a neighboring school.

This is the case: St. Thomas receives the same amount as formerly, but since the Aylmer school is growing rapidly in importance and efficiency, and obtained an increased county grant this year, the cry (palpable justice to St. Thomas) is raised by Mr. Miller. In conclusion, I will give the public the benefit of the secret which provoked this discussion. I dare, at the council, to comment on the institute report—which report I subsequently proved to be inaccurate. For this course Mr. Miller, in the heat of passion, rushed into print, expecting to annihilate the deputy reeve of Aylmer; but that individual still lives, and hopes, in a measure, to assist in bringing about a "consummation devoutly to be wished."

C. SINCLAIR, Deputy reeve of Aylmer. Aylmer, March 24th, 1886.

BELLCOE BELLES.

Two Rival Beauties "Have It Out" on London, March 26.—A remarkable duel was fought on the field of Waterloo yesterday, the contestants being Miss Valayre, a native of France, and Miss Shelby, an American. The duel was the result of a dispute on the relative merits of French and American female beauty. After a stormy altercation between the disputants, Miss Valayre threw her glove in Miss Shelby's face, and a duel was forthwith arranged. The weapons were swords. Miss Shelby was slightly wounded on one arm.

The four seconds were Americans. The latter expressed themselves as satisfied that the duel had been conducted fairly, and that the honor of France had been avenged.

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Ladies' French Kid Button Boots, Gipsy cut, no seams, perfect ease to the wearer. French Kid Button Boots, in the latest American styles. New lines in American Boots for children's wear, half sizes, and spring heels.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

All establishments dealing in DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, and FANCY GOODS, MERCHANT TAILORS, READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS and FURNISHINGS, HARDWARE, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, CRUCKERY, BOOTS & SHOES, WILL CLOSE AT 6 P.M.

STATIONERS at 6.30, and all GROCERS at 7 o'clock, each day, excepting Saturday, on and after THE 1ST OF APRIL, 1886.

It is believed the trading public will concur in the above, and assist this movement in the right direction, by making their purchases before the hours named, and decline to deal with any who keep open contrary to agreement.

A MEETING of the Mercantile Early Closing Association will be held in Hall, Ermatinger Block, at 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, the 31st inst., for general business. All employers, and others interested, will attend.

ATHLETIC

What the Men of Muscle and Skill are Doing. Interesting Sporting Events the World Over.

The annual meeting of the Duffin Lacrosse club, of Ingersoll, was held on Monday evening, for the election of officers and organization for the season. A large number were present, and from the interest manifested there is evidently going to be a deeper interest than ever taken in the national game. The club have applied for admission to the National Amateur Lacrosse Association, and appointed Mr. Jas. Vance a delegate to represent the club at the association meeting.

The Chicagoers are said to have all signed temperance pledges to hold good until October. The growth of baseball may be estimated when one firm alone has made 400 dozen balls daily throughout the winter.

Prof. Low's Sulphur Soap is highly recommended for the cure of Eruptions, Chafes, Chapped Hands, Pimples, Tan, etc. A bad marriage is like an electric machine. It makes you dance, but you can't let go.

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Fresh Teas, Sugars, Coffees and General Groceries, And will sell them at the lowest living profit. By adhering to this plan, and avoiding the common trap-traps of the day, a business has been established on a sure foundation. Intending purchasers may depend on prompt attention and the best value possible. Respectfully,

A. D. LAMSON, West End Market.

Commercial Intelligence. BARGAINS!

Reports received at Geo. T. Clark's Stock and Produce Exchange, over private wires, from New York and Chicago. CHICAGO.

Table with columns: Wheat, Opened, 2 p.m., Corn, Opened, 2 p.m., Pork, Opened, 2 p.m., Lard, Opened, 2 p.m.

London, March 26.—Floating cargoes—Wheat, steady. Cargoes on passage—Wheat and maize, steady. Mark Lane wheat and maize quiet. London good shipping No. 1 Cal., just shipped, 35s, was 35s 6d. Liverpool—spot wheat, moderate demand. Paris—wheat and flour, steady.

For the next two weeks, all lines of General Dry Goods will be sold at prices to astonish the purchasers. There is no use in quoting prices—they are so low that no other special sale in the city can approach. Our object is to clear and make room for new spring goods arriving. Call and see for yourself at Hirsch's old stand, 233 Talbot-st.—MARTIN & Co

We are going to Hamilton, where we already have a business in which we are required. We must dispose of our stock here, and we have only a short time to do so, we offer our entire stock at once

Greatly Reduced Prices, as will secure a ready sale. We have purchased our

SPRING GOODS. We have a choice selection of Prints, Ginghams, Hosters, Ribbons, Millinery, Fancy Dry Goods, Gent's Furnishings, Ready-made Clothing. We have no old bar-trap stock, nor any trash bought with a view to a sale, but we have FRESH GOODS IN THE LATEST STYLES. Come early and secure bargains at Applegath's Closing Sale.

SPRING CLOTHING.

Large and select stock of Tweed Suitings, Just the thing for Spring and Summer wear.

WORSTED GOODS Of all colors. Low Prices and Perfect Fit the motto at A. MURRAY'S, 298 TALBOT STREET.

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SITUATIONS VACANT. GILL WANTED. Apply to Mrs. J. Griffin, 91 Metcalfe street.

GENERAL SERVANT. Wanted immediately, in small family. No children. Apply at Abdallah House, Wilson avenue. M. Ketchum.

WANTED. A lady or gentleman to canvass the city of St. Thomas and county of Elgin for good selling articles. Address—Aunt E. Bishop, St. Thomas.

MISCELLANEOUS. TO LET. Dwelling house, 9 rooms, lately occupied by G. W. Rogers, north side Talbot street. Also, 5 acres of land, suitable for offices, in Exchange Block. Apply to John Farley.

TO RENT. That large brick driving stable on Talbot street, opposite C. S. & Park. Possession to E. M. Yarwood on the 1st of May next. Apply to E. M. Yarwood.

TO LET. Brick cottage, 104 Metcalfe street, containing five rooms, hard and soft water, and a good supply of fuel on hand, with or without a barn. For further particulars, apply to Messrs. Burns & Schulte, Exchange building, St. Thomas.

W. F. Boughner has removed to 4 doors west of Post Office where he will show the most complete assortment of English and American Hats and Men's furnishings ever shown in this city.

Weather Report. Toronto, March 25.—Lake—Fresh, west and north-westerly winds; generally fair and a little cooler.

HERTS. Roach—At Tallahassee, Florida on the 19th inst. the wife of M. C. Roach, formerly M. C. Southern Passenger Agent, of a daughter.

LOCAL JOTTINGS

Rev. J. B. Tuttle, of Brookville, has accepted a call to the Seymour, Ind., Baptist church.

Mr. Daniel McIntyre, grain buyer, of Glenora, is dangerously ill with congestion of the lungs.

A company of Woodstock capitalists propose to renovate the Opera House in that enterprising town.

On Monday afternoon of last week, a son of Jos. Crafts, of Camden, had his leg broken while felling a tree.

Dr. Wilson, M. P., and G. E. Casey, M. P., arrived in town to-day, and remain over till Monday.

Russell & Co., manufacturers, Inver-soll have made an assignment, but hope to resume operations shortly.

An electoral union is being organized in Oxford to enforce the Scott Act, and the work is under the oversight of Rev. Mr. Kettlewell.

The old Grand Trunk waiting-room, in which poor travelers had to wait, at Woodstock, has been mounted on trucks and removed to London.

Maneytown is to have a new council house. Indian Agent Gordon has asked for tenders for the new structure, which will cost upwards of \$4,000.

Nerwich raised \$150 and secured the holding of the South Oxford station show at that place. Ingersoll only went \$50 and Tilsonburg \$100.

A number of loaves of bread were distributed on Talbot street last night, owing to the door of Mr. C. Herendeen's delivery wagon lying open.

Was Molton, while engaged in cutting bolts on concession 1, lot 20, Chatham, was struck on the head by a limb of a falling tree, and dangerously injured. His recovery is doubtful.

Mr. F. J. Glasing, the founder of the Woodstock Review, is a leading member of a company formed for the purchase of a large tract of land near Ontario, California.

The inevitable Irish comedian Joe Murphy appears at the Opera House in "Kery Gow" on the 31st inst. Sol. Smith Russell will appear in the side-splitting comedy, "Feix McKusik," on the 4th of May.

Acting Crown Attorney Donahue has received instructions from the Government to furnish Mr. John C. Idington, Q. C., who will conduct the crown business at the assizes, with full particulars of all the criminal cases on the docket.

Mr. C. Macdougall, Q. C., has been retained to defend the man Smith, who will be tried at the Simcoe assizes on the 10th of April for the murder of Armstrong, in Middleton township, whom he killed by shooting a ramrod through his body.

At the police court this morning Mr. Charles Wieg, who keeps a billiard room in the east-end, was charged with keeping two billiard tables for hire, without taking out the necessary license. He was fined \$5 and costs.

Mr. George W. Morgan, druggist, who recently disposed of his drug business at Peterborough, has arrived in this city, where he resided for years. He intends to reside here in future, having purchased the residence of Mr. H. B. Pollock.

A fair audience was present at the Congregational church last evening. The sermons were pleasing and instructive, consisting of comic and scriptural views, of which there were a large number. Rev. Mr. Allworth described each of the many scriptural views shown.

Rev. D. Hutchison preaches his farewell sermons as pastor of Centre street Baptist church next Sunday, morning and evening. He and his family will leave for Bradford next week, where he preaches his first sermons as pastor of the Park avenue Baptist church on the first Sunday in April.

A very pleasant social was held last night at the residence of Mr. James Patterson, 178 Wellington street, under the auspices of the Wellington street Methodist church. The house was crowded, and about \$15 was realized. The programme consisted of recitations, readings and music by leading members.

Mr. T. D. Millar, of Ingersoll, has forwarded to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition two large cheeses weighing 1,238 pounds, made from the milk of 1,238 cows; weight of milk, 12,280 pounds, equal to 614 gallons each. He also sent ten others weighing 67 pounds each. They were made specially for the Exhibition.

Geo. McCabe, who at one time resided at Ingersoll and afterwards in London, was in Woodstock on Tuesday looking for a lawyer. He wanted to prosecute a town newspaper for publishing the story that came from Dada, relating how he had attempted to poison his third wife, but got poisoned himself. It is reported the editor consented to apologize.

Sandford, the champion skater, gave a first-class exhibition at the east end rink last night. His toe and heel were the best ever seen in the city. To-night and to-morrow night ladies will be admitted free to the exhibitions, which will be repeated. Be sure to see Sandford.

The statement of mortuary statistics for the month of February shows that the deaths in Montreal were 314, in Toronto, 239, Quebec, 142, Hamilton, 118, Halifax, 73, Winnipeg, 20, Ottawa, 56, St. John, N. B., 42, London, 44, Kingston, 21, St. Thomas, 18, Charlotte town, 11, Guelph, 19, Belleville, 8, Three Rivers, 26, Chatham, 28, Sherbrooke, 13, Peterborough, 8, Sorel, 25, and Fredericton, 12.

The other evening, on the farm of Mr. John Sharpe, three miles east of Forest, Mr. Daniel McPherson, of East Williams, was engaged in feeding a hay-packing machine, when he unconsciously turned his left foot the wrong way. The packer closed in on the limb, which he could not remove, though he saw the consequence when too late. His foot was painfully crushed. The limb was amputated just above the ankle by W. Whipple, formerly a clerk with J. J. Blackmore & Co., now manipulating the piano keys with the Josie Mills Comedy Company, which is under the management of Haywood, who ran the dime show in this city, was married on the 17th inst., at Alvington, to Miss Minard, daughter of Mr. Thomas Minard, chair-maker, who lives near Sparta.

Chas. A. Gardner appears as the Opera House to-night. The Brooklyn Times says of him. Chas. A. Gardner, as "Karl, the Peddler," jumped into popular favor last evening, as was evinced by the frequent galle he received to appear before the curtain. Karl is a fun-loving Dutchman, and his songs are new. He sings something after the style of Joe Bonnet, but much better, and the audience is considerably surprised to learn how his story turns out. The theatre was comfortably filled, and if Mr. Gardner receives his just dues, there ought to be a sign "standing room only" displayed early in the evening hereafter.

BLACK ROCK IN ASH ES.

\$700,000 Worth of Property Destroyed. Several Fatal Accidents Feared.—The Fire Still in Progress.

Special to the JOURNAL. Buffalo, March 26.—A disastrous fire is now in progress in Black Rock, the whole town being nearly destroyed. The fire is now under control. The North Buffalo mill, Gilbert's starch works, Gustin's wagon and blacksmith shop, Phillip's large grocery store, were burnt to the ground. Several small out-buildings were also destroyed. The loss is between six and seven hundred thousand dollars. The houses are still burning in the neighborhood. The whole neighborhood is moving, and considerable damage to furniture has resulted. Ladies are fainting, and there is general consternation all around. It is the

LARGEST FIRE ever known in Black Rock. Up to time of giving this do not know of any loss of life. One lady, who had been operated on this week for cancer, had to be taken out of her house when it was all in flames, and removed to one which afterwards caught, and she again had to be moved at 2 1/2. Her life is in jeopardy. It is reported that one or two are more seriously injured, but not fatally. How the fire started is not known. The whole of Buffalo fire department is at the scene. The fire is now raging.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

R. Matters, grocer, has put in a telephone. Rev. H. Banwell, of Port Stanley, preaches to-night in Trinity school house at 7:30.

Supt. Morford and Asst. Supt. Moore-head left for Detroit to-day to attend a meeting of division superintendents.

The M. C. R. contemplate extending the Peterborough branch to the distance of one mile to accommodate mill owners in the vicinity.

An emergency meeting of Elgin Lodge, No. 249, A. F. & A. M., will be held to-night at 7:30. D. M. Simpson, of London, will be present.

Her many friends will regret to learn of the death of Miss Annie McNulty, which took place this morning. The funeral will be held on Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

Mr. W. H. Crank, while lifting a large fitting in Messrs. H. Brown & Co.'s store, Hiawatha street, yesterday, had his side bruised by the fitting falling upon him, but he is around again to-day.

This morning a M. C. R. lorry, loaded with hay, stuck in the mud in front of the Horton market, and it required two teams to pull it out. The street needs paving badly.

Mrs. Jackson, wife of Rev. T. W. Jackson, of West Flamboro' circuit, and formerly of Brownsville, was agreeably surprised by the ladies of the Copetown appointment with the presentation of a handsome gold watch, valued at \$50.

Mr. Ketchum, of Strathroy, was in Alvington last week interviewing some of the business men in reference to the establishment of his snuff and rak factory in Alvington. Mr. Ketchum's proposition was not considered feasible.

The railroad hospital is now without patients. The nurse in charge requests all citizens who can spare a plant or a bouquet of flowers to send them to the hospital. Hardly a person in the city but can spare a flower plant or two, and occasionally send down a bouquet, and if they know how to cut and dress the sick person they would not fail to donate such as they have. Old linen is also required.

Kate Morris, a domestic at Mr. S. Martin's, Talbot street, who was taken to the Home on Monday, suffering from inflammation of the lungs, died in that place this morning. The deceased has no relatives in this country, having come here some months ago from Aberdeen, Scotland.

Samples of the cloth to be used in the new Canadian Wheelmen's Association uniform, have been received, and may be seen at this office. It is expected that the new uniform will be very generally adopted by members of the association, although its use is not compulsory.

Bob Johnston, who broke into a house at Morcovon two weeks ago, returned again last week and repeated the operation, but got caught. He was committed to jail Saturday to stand his trial.

A large quantity of pipes and tobacco and other articles were found in his possession which now await the proper owner.

On Wednesday afternoon a young man named Wm. Hamilton, stopping at David Malcolm's, lot 13, concession 7, East Zorra, was working with others on a straw stack, when it gave way, and fell on him. He could not be rescued before life was extinct. He was a native of New Mills, Ayrshire, Scotland, and was in Canada a year. Last season he was engaged in the Inverkerk cheese factory. He was a cousin of John F. Tribe, Tisonburg.

The trustees of Grace Church have decided to thoroughly renovate it. The seats will be upholstered, new carpet put down, and the walls frescoed by Mr. W. R. Bevirt, in the latest style of the art.

About 8:30 on Wednesday night the dwelling of Mrs. Martin Lewis, a widow residing about half a mile from Salford, was totally destroyed by fire. A young man fell down the cellar stairs, and the lamp he carried exploded, scattering the oil upon everything around, and in an instant the whole cellar was a mass of flame. The youth had difficulty in escaping with only a shirt and overalls on. Total loss about \$2,000. Insured for \$300.

Mr. Frank Glass, of Tisonburg, is in the city, and will be present at the meeting of the council to be held to-night to discuss the advisability of granting a bonus to Mr. Glass' proposed poultry factory. He states that they already employ twenty-two men in Tisonburg.

Personal. Oakley D. Howland, of Detroit, is visiting at Mr. John McLean's, St. George street.

Rev. Mr. Brown, who preaches in Knox church on Sunday next, is in the city, the guest of Mr. A. Murray.

The Misses Hutchinson, who have been visiting friends in Norwich for three weeks past, have returned home. Mrs. A. Rose has returned home from London, where she has for the last few weeks been receiving treatment for cancer on the face. She has been greatly benefited thereby.

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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Campbell's Store at Lawrence Station Completely Destroyed.

Our Lawrence Station correspondent writes—The large brick store owned by J. D. Anderson, of London, and occupied by Mr. Wm. Campbell, was burned this morning at 2 o'clock. The fire broke out at 12:30, and in a few minutes the building was a mass of flames. The loss of stock amounts to between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Insured for \$3,700, with Mr. D. C. McKenzie, of St. Thomas.

A Close Shave. Another case has come to light in which an individual did not know enough to leave the coal oil can alone.

Mr. Z. V. Patterson, of Chatham, on Tuesday morning in starting the kitchen fire thought he would use a little coal oil to get it going and off. She had the can in her hand and was about to pour in the oil, when she tripped on a bit of torn carpet and fell heavily, her head striking a small table, which was a couple of feet high. Lamps, oil, and table rolled all together, and of course rapidly ignited. Mrs. Patterson's clothes taking fire at the same time. Luckily Mr. Ferring's brilliant style. The tables were in a few moments more would have been a horrible catastrophe.

Apron Bazaar. An apron bazaar was held yesterday afternoon and evening in the basement of the First Methodist church, under the auspices of the Auxiliary Women's Society. There was an immense number and variety of aprons, sweeping caps, etc., offered for sale, and they met with ready purchasers. In the evening there was a large number of visitors present, and the ladies in charge of the apron and refreshment tables were kept busy attending to the numerous customers. The refreshment table was provided with abundance of tea, coffee, ice cream, cake, etc., and was liberally patronized. During the evening Miss Aggie Sutherland played a number of selections on the piano in brilliant style. The tables were in charge of Mesdames Baird, W. O. Foster, A. A. Burns, J. Haddon, W. Risdon, J. Stacey, Evenden and T. W. Crothers, and Misses Vaud and Wait, and others. About \$60 was realized.

There was a rumor yesterday, and for some days past, that Miss Hughton had left the Catholic church choir. On making inquiries, it was learned from the very best authority that there is no foundation for the rumor, and, therefore, no reason for the petition gotten up in connection therewith.

One evening last week Mrs. F. Maret, of Tisonburg, fell part of the way down stairs and received a severe fracture of the left thigh. Drs. Joy and McKinnon set the fracture and Mrs. Maret is doing as well as could be expected of one of her age, but it may be some time before she is able to get about again.

Miss Fogg is showing a very remarkable assortment of new spring hats and bonnets, at James Currie & Son's.

Shot in Port Huron.

Port Huron, March 26.—Capt. Duncan McCaig, a man well-known, especially among those interested in marine business, was shot in the forehead while standing on the sidewalk in front of Capt. Currie's residence on Stanton street, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, causing his death three hours later. The weapon from which the fatal shot was fired is believed to be a double-barreled shot-gun, found in the home of James Moore, who resides next door to Capt. Currie, one of the barrels of which had been recently discharged. Emma A. Moore was arrested and confessed the crime. She is the divorced wife of Duncan McCaig. They were married in 1879, and two children were born to them. Soon after marriage McCaig began to drink and abuse his wife, and on Jan. 17th, 1885, Mrs. McCaig applied for and secured a divorce, \$1,000 alimony, and the custody of the children.

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