

Notes and News.

PRINCE BISMARCK's illness has developed into hypochondria, and his death is regarded as a probable event of the near future.

THREE men named James Mackie, Lewis Ross and John Staples were arrested at Omamee, on Saturday, charged on suspicion of blowing open the safe of Mr. Stephenson, of that village, on the night of January 1st, and taking therefrom valuable papers, notes and book accounts valued at \$25,000. Mackie was committed for trial, and the other two remanded for a week.

THE late storms on the Atlantic have been severely felt by American-bound ships, several of which are over due. The *City of New York*, which arrived at New York on Saturday morning, had a tempestuous voyage of nineteen days. The *Austria*, which reached Halifax on Saturday afternoon with the Canadian mails, also experienced very rough weather, her captain stating that it was the hardest passage he ever made across the Atlantic.

THE Irish relief movement does not seem to be taking well on this side of the Atlantic; even in New York, the thing has fallen flat, and in the other American cities it has fared no better. The impression seems to have got abroad that the state of things in Ireland is not nearly so bad as was represented, certainly not bad enough to warrant carrying round the collection box through the length and breadth of Christendom. While we would not say a word in discouragement of any philanthropic movement, we are bound to confess that this impression seems a correct one.

THE famous Tichborne case is to come up again. The claimant, seven years ago, instead of obtaining possession of the estates of the Tichborne family was sent to jail under two sentences of seven years each. One of these terms has just expired, and his friends have moved that he cannot be longer held. They claim that the two terms were concurrent, and cannot be made successive. The matter will come up for argument in a few days, but it is believed it will have to go before the House of Lords for final settlement. A curious feature in the matter is that his friends believe that if they can get him out of prison before the elections come on, they can secure his return to Parliament. It will be curious if they succeed in both freeing him and sending him to assist to legislate for Great Britain and her dependencies.

AUSTRALIA is preparing to come into active competition with Canada and the United States in connection with the supply of meat to England. Beef and mutton are to be exported by the carcase in a frozen condition, instead of in tins as hitherto, the success of the American experiment having encouraged similar trial at Sydney. A steamship is now on her way to England with about sixty tons of frozen meat as a pioneer venture. The refrigerating process will probably be as successful for the longer as the shorter voyage, but the cost of shipment from Australia will be so much greater than that borne by our exporters, that large shipments are hardly to be expected, as the margin for profit will be comparatively narrow. The greatest desideratum in connection with the supply of meat to the British market is some means of bringing the shipper and consumer into closer relations, and cutting off the extortionate profits of the middle-man. Co-operative butcher shops might bring the English butcher to reason.

THE acquittal of the prisoner in the recent Gundlack manslaughter case at London, on the ground that the skull of the deceased was remarkably thin, and that the fatal blow would not have killed a man with a skull of ordinary density, excited considerable criticism. Michigan has a parallel case in the pardon, by the Governor, of a convict named Campbell, imprisoned for killing a man who had a diseased spine. The original sentence was ten years imprisonment, but after half the term had been served the convict was released, the reason given being similar to that which prevailed in the London case, viz, that had the spine of the deceased been sound the blow would not have killed him. These cases raise a new point in murder trials, which astute criminal lawyers will not be slow to avail themselves of. If the theory that an assaulted man is bound to be sound in mind and limb be sustained, invalids and cripples may, we suppose, be killed with impunity, or at most, a short imprisonment. Seriously, it is an absurd and utterly untenable proposition that never should have obtained acceptance in a court of justice.

TORONTO & NIPISSING RAILWAY.

Trains going South—9:05, a.m.; 6:55, a.m.
2:30, p.m.
Trains going North—11:05, a.m.; 3:15, p.m.;
7:25 p.m.

MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.

Trains going North—2:30, p.m.
Trains going South—1:15, p.m.

The Advocate.

"Pro Bono Publico."

WOODVILLE, JAN. 15, 1880.

DIVISION COURTS.

We are pleased to notice that a bill for the extension of Division Court Jurisdiction will be brought before the Local Legislature for consideration during the ensuing session. That the extension would be a decided benefit to the public any intelligent person cannot but see, as there is no reason why the Division Courts should not be empowered to collect many debts and transact much business now done at the County Courts. The change will no doubt meet with considerable opposition from the bar, as County Court suits are a fruitful source of profit to the legal profession. However, it is to be hoped that the interests of the people will receive proper attention from the Government, and that it will not allow itself to be biased in this matter. The keen interest manifested in the proposed change by the press of the Province is a good indication that it would meet with the unanimous approval of the people.

POLICE TRUSTEES.

During the last few weeks our attention has been so engrossed with the municipal elections that we have passed the election of our village police trustees with but little notice. The duties of the Trustees are not laborious nor do they entail a very large amount of mental ability, but however humble may be the position to which men are appointed over their fellows it calls for a modicum of sound common sense. Messrs. W. C. White, Rod. Campbell and P. McSweyn are the trustees for this year and we think no better choice could have been made. No large sums of money pass through the hands of the Commissioners, nor have they the power to raise any, yet we hope during the ensuing year they will be called on to expend some for us. The sidewalks of our village are not in as good a condition as they might be, and we think that were the matter put before the villagers no objection would be raised to the levying of a small special tax for the purpose of repairing the old and laying new sidewalks. The matter could be laid before the Councils of Mariposa and Eldon, and steps taken to submit the by-law, and we feel sure none would oppose it.

In this connection we would ask if any report has ever been made as to the previous operations of the Trustees, in reference to the building of the last sidewalk. A statement of cost and other information in connection with it would be very useful to the new officials.

AUSTRIA and Germany are about to question Russia on the concentration of troops in Poland. If the reply is not satisfactory they will adopt defensive measures. Russia explains that the concentration of troops in Poland is owing to the fact that they are no longer required in the Crimea and Bessarabia, there being no longer any danger of collision with Turkey—and they are withdrawn to Poland as the more convenient district.

THE distress in Ireland is steadily growing worse. In the district of Skelbog 500 men on the brink of starvation obtained four cartloads of bread yesterday by an urgent representation of their extremity. In Cork bread riots are feared, and the magistrates are asking for additional police. The aided agitators, Davitt, Daly, Killen, and Brennan, are commanded to appear before the Court of Queen's Bench at Dublin on the 16th.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

(Port Hope Guide.)

As our County and Township Agricultural Societies hold their annual meetings for the purpose of electing office-bearers for 1880 and for auditing accounts, etc., early in January, it seems to be a well chosen time to call the attention of the public to some very important matters in connection therewith.

That the old-fashioned County and Township Societies have outlived their usefulness is a fact pretty generally admitted. And it is full time some steps were taken to remedy the thousand and one evils that have crept, unconsciously perhaps, into our Agricultural Societies and are eating out the very vitals of the institution. It is not generally known by the public, we fear, that our Provincial Government expends in each and every year, over \$77,000 on Agricultural and other kindred Societies. There are eighty-one Electoral Division Societies to whom the Government pay annually \$700 each; one that draws upon the purse strings of the Province to the tune of \$550; six that are contented with \$350 each, annually, the whole amounting to the very respectable sum of \$59,350. And in addition to the above amounts, the Provincial Agricultural Association annually asks for "another \$10,000." Our Provincial Association, to all intents and purposes is a close corporation, and the directors laugh to scorn all attempts of the public to pry into their affairs. We ask if it is not time that the Agriculturists of this, the banner Province of this "Canada of ours," should arouse themselves from their apathy, shake off their lethargy, and teach these officious office-holders that they have some rights which even Agricultural Societies are bound to respect.

We would be in favor of seeing the law so amended that the \$10,000 that is now paid yearly to the above Association should be divided equally between the following eleven Electoral Divisions:—

1. Stormont, Dundas, Glengary, Prescott and Cornwall.
2. Lanark, Renfrew, City of Ottawa, Carleton and Russell.
3. Frontenac, City of Kingston, Leeds, Grenville and Brockville.
4. Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington.
5. Durham, Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria.
6. York, Ontario, Peel, Cardwell and the City of Toronto.
7. Wellington, Waterloo, Wentworth, Halton and the City of Hamilton.
8. Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Monck and Niagara.
9. Elgin, Brant, Oxford and Norfolk.
10. Huron, Bruce, Grey and the City of London.
11. Essex, Kent, Bothwell and Lambton.

It would only be necessary to confer upon the above divisions all the rights, privileges, and powers now possessed by the "Electoral Division" or County Societies, and let them hold "Central Exhibitions," if you please, instead of Township and County Exhibitions.—Who will second our motion?

ON Saturday night last a load of the citizens of Lemonville visited the Indian wigwam a short distance north of the village, taking with them a quantity of provisions. The visitors were kindly received, and spent a pleasant time with their Indian friends.

MR. T. PAXTON is about opening a new iron mine, near Kinmount. The prospecting was done last summer, and the samples of ore sent Prof. Chapman, of Toronto, for analysis, gave such satisfactory results that it has been decided to proceed with the undertaking, which it is said will furnish employment to between fifty and a hundred men.

MR. W. MCKEE, of McKee Bros., Peterboro', met with a painful, though not serious accident, in their factory, last Monday afternoon, by falling down the open hatchway from the second flat. In falling he struck his left leg against the sharp edge of the flooring, peeling the skin off a considerable portion of the thigh. The wound was immediately dressed and by the evening he was able to walk around a little.

A THEFT was perpetrated at the Mechanics' Institute room, Uxbridge, on the evening of Saturday, 13th instant. While exchanging books, the librarian had laid a pocket-book containing \$22, just inside the wicket on the desk. During the evening some light fingered party managed to steal the pocket-book away from the desk. Besides the money, there was in the pocket-book a gold ring, a key and some receipts. These latter articles were returned on Wednesday last, addressed to the Mechanics' Institute, accompanied by a note written in Roman capitals, intimating that the sender returned thanks, but preferred to keep the \$22.

Our Neighbours.

ORILLIA is agitating for a Mechanics' Institute.

The special audit ordered by the Peterborough Council has found a deficiency of nearly \$1100.

ON Saturday evening, 3rd inst., Mr. T. H. Walshe, of Sunderland, fell down at his own door-step and broke his arm.

AT the last meeting of the Indian Temple, Rama Village, twenty-seven new members were initiated, all Indians.

SEVERAL enterprising persons in Omamee believe salt or coal oil is to be found and are going to dig and experiment.

36 PUPILS passed the entrance examination to the Oshawa High School, 25 from the town schools and 11 from the country.

DURING the year just passed there have been registered in the village of Stouffville 28 births, 33 marriages and 13 deaths.

THE school taxes in the village of Uxbridge for 1879 were:—For High School, \$510; for Public School, \$2090, making a total of \$2700.

THE Sunderland steam grist mill was sold on Saturday last by order of the Court of Chancery, and was purchased by Mr. James Doble for \$7600.

THE annual meeting of the South Victoria Agricultural Society is to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the council chamber, town hall, Lindsay.

THE Oshawa Board of Education could hardly believe their senses when the auditors presented their report showing a surplus of \$1,400 for the past year.

THE Whitby High School expenditure amounted to \$3,469, and that of the Public Schools to \$4,409—making the total expenditure for the year for educational purposes \$7878.

THE Indigent Fund of the village of Uxbridge was, in 1874, \$115; in 1875, \$105.74; in 1876, \$338; in 1877, \$215.50; in 1878, \$202.25; in 1879, \$149.95; making a total of \$1255.82 since incorporation.

LAST year the marriages in Ontario numbered 13,005. Considering that ladies have the privilege of popping the question in leap year, the marriage returns for 1880 will probably show an increase.

IN Rama, Mr. Jerome Gaudaur found a copper sleigh-bell, in the heart of a sound maple tree, eighteen inches in diameter, which he was splitting up.—The bell was about twenty feet from the ground, and was clean and new in appearance.

THE registrations made with the Clerk, for the Town of Peterborough, during the month of December were as follows:—Births, 16; Marriages, 16; Deaths, 4. The total number for the half-year ending 31st December, 1879, were as follows:—Births, 79; Marriages, 39; Deaths, 28.

A WIDOW named Mrs. Pelb, 4th con. Markham, was shot, on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., by a young man named George Earnest, who had been employed some time on the farm. The woman is expected to die. No cause is assigned for the deed. Two shots were fired. Earnest states that the gun went off accidentally but cannot explain the second shot. He is under arrest, and is said to be insane.

ON Tuesday, 6th inst., while trying to move the portable engine which runs the sawing machine at the Nipissing Station, Uxbridge, Wm. Decatur, owner of the machine, and Rodney McKay, each met with an accident.—The engine is fixed on wheels, and as they were trying to shove it forward the rear axle broke, letting the engine down, and turning the wheels against the sides of the boiler, catching McKay's hand on one side and crushing his little finger, and on the opposite side catching Decatur's arm and giving it an ugly bruise.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday, the 7th inst., Mr. Abraham Grandsen, of the east half of lot No. 32 in the 6th con., Fenelon, met with an accident which terminated fatally while cutting firewood in his own bush. A tree which he was felling lodged in another, which made it necessary to chop it clear of the stump, and when this had been done and the tree commenced to fall, a long and heavy limb broke off, flew backwards, and struck Mr. Grandsen senseless to the ground. He was taken home at once and a messenger sent to the Falls for Dr. Wilson, who arrived as soon as possible, but the unfortunate man, who never spoke after the accident, died about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. His injuries consisted of a broken leg and a wound over the right eye, and the doctor is of the opinion that death was caused by extravasation of the brain, but the skull was not fractured, though the nose was broken. Mr. Grandsen was, apparently, about 40 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children.—Gazette.

JOHN McTAGGART, Kirkfield,
Commissioner in B. R., Conveyancer.
GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT.

MONEY TO LOAN, IMPROVED FARMS FOR SALE in the townships of Cardon, Bexley and Eldon. Sole agent for the sale of the celebrated and unrivalled HOOSIER GRAIN DRILL, and other farm implements manufactured by Noxon Bros., of Ingersoll, Ont. First-class Sewing Machines for sale. Also agent for the sale of PIANO-FORTES AND ORGANS, of the best manufacture. Also agent for Jacob's Lithogram.

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W. G. STODDART.

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ALL parties in my debt will oblige by paying in full on or before the 23rd of this month, as all accounts not then paid will be placed in Court without fail.

G. C. SMITH.

Woodville, Dec. 10th, 1879.

FRAMING TIMBER

SHINGLES!

CHEAP.

PARTIES contemplating building will find it to their advantage to apply to

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NORTH VICTORIA

E. D. Agricultural Society.

Twelfth Annual Meeting!

THE twelfth annual meeting of the above Society will be held in the TOWN HALL, at VICTORIA ROAD STATION, on Wednesday, the 21st day of January, 1880, at the hour of 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of (1) receiving and disposing of the Annual Report of the Society.

(2) The election of Officers-bearers and Directors for the ensuing year.

(3) The election of a delegate to represent the Society at a meeting to be subsequently held of all such delegates of division No. 5, whose duty will be to elect a member for "The Agricultural and Arts Association," for said division.

All members of the Society are respectfully requested to attend.

JOHN McTAGGART,
Secretary.
Kirkfield, January 3rd, 1880.