VICTORIA ROAD.

A grand entertainment will be held in the Presbyterian Church, here, on Christmas Day. Tea will be served at 3 o'clock, p.m. after which addresses will be delivered by several reverend gentlemen. The Kirkfield choir will fornish suitable music. Tickets, 25 cents; children, half price. Mr. Thos. Thomson is secretary of an efficient committee, who promise something out of the common to the public on this occasion.

MARIPOSA.

Council met Ist December, 1879. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Broad, that the Reeve give his order on the Tressurer for the following sums : John Sheridan, \$2, for repairing road on 9th ens.; Wm. Hambly, \$3, for work done on road Lots 15 and 16, con. 5; also expenses for Voters' List Court, as per account, \$5.18,-Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that By-Law No. 248, being a By-law to provide for appointing Deputy Returning Officers for helding the Municipal Elections for the year 1880 be received and read a first time.—Carried.

By-Law No. 248 was then introduced and passed.

Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Broad, that this council authorize the Reeve to give Mr. Gallon an order for a safe for the use of the Municipality, the cost not to exceed \$150. -Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Mark, that this Council now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, 30th December next.

JOHN F. CUNNINGS, Clerk.

THE PRESS.

The December number of the Farmer's Advocate is to hand, and is the frest issue of the year. This monthly is no doubt the best agricultural paper published in Canada, and there is none we can recommend so heartily to our farmers as the Advocate.

We have before us a copy of the Midical Record, a monthly journal of medicine, surgery and pharmacy, published at Montreal. It is now entering upon its eighth volume, and is a nest, racy magazine, and contains a great deal of useful information. The subscription price is \$2 per annum.

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THE following statement respecting the exportation of cattle from Canada is pubhished :- The total number of live stock shipped at Montreal was, 17,101 head of cattle, 59,990 sheep, and 3,468 hogs. From Quebec the shipments were 4,000 head of cattle 17,-274 sheep, and 188 hogs, or a grand total from the two shipping ports of 21,112 head of cattle, 77, i81 sheep and 3,656 hogs. The estimated value of this live stock is : -cattle, \$2,111,200 ; sheep, \$771,810, and hogs \$52,-720 or a grand total of \$2,935,730. The value of the forage exported with this stock for food, averaging the trip of each steamship at ten days, is placed at \$92,690, and the estimated sums paid to the various steamship lines for freight is \$583,900.

Some time ago Captain William Gardner of Toledo, i vented a remarkable gun, which was claimed to be the most ingenious and deadly weapon known to modern warfare. The English Government more than a year ago appointed a Com mission of scien ific experts to examine the gun, and ou various ocessions the Commission and some of the most accomplished military men in Great Britain have been present at various trials to test its qualities. The gun proved equal to every demand made upon it, and a telegram was recently received from London saying that the English Government had approved the goo, and would adopt it for use in their srmy. The gan is light, can be handled by two or three men on the field, can be carried in the arms of two men, can be made with do the or single barrels, and made to fire we k deadly precision three handred shots a to unte. Wherever there men can go they ens carry the gun and work it in the field. Hence its vast superiority to all guns that require horses and heavy carriages to transport.

OVER THE PRECIPICE.

Michael Sexton, for many years an employee on the Great Western Railway as watchman on the Suspension Bridge, disappeared suddenly on Friday last. No class could be obtained as to his whereabouts ap to this morning, when it was learned that he had been seen near the river bank on Friday evening enquiring the way to Main street. It being feared he had fallen over the bank search was instituted in that quarter by a party of friends, resulting in the discovery of his body a few hundred yards above the railway Suspension Bridge. The bank at this point is seventy feet high, and it is supposed the fall killed him instantly, he baving the appearance of falling upon his head. There were ten dollars in money and a watch upon his person when found, indicating that the unfortunate circumstance was accidental. The night upon which he was last seen was intensely dark, and it is supposed he mistock the lights on the American side for these on Main street, upon which he lived, and, going in the wrong direction, walked over the bank. An inquest was held by Coroner Robinson this afternoon, when the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Deceased was about sixty years of age, and leaves a family of two grown daughters and a young child.

WHY WE HAVE THE HEART DIS-EASE.

THE SURIT OF MESELS CIRES IN MICH ILY. quently traceable to hereditary predisposition, and in many cases it is produced by conduct which was unavoidable. Cold, dampness, and endeebled nervous system conduce to heart disease; but in the majority of cases-taking all classes of societyits acute exhibition is due to breathing irapure air. Confinement in badly ventilated houses, cellar-dwellings, schools, workshops and factories, is the cause of a great portion of the heart affections so prevalent in this countty.

The impure atmosphere of crowded dwellings seems to have a similar deleterious action on the chief organ of circulation to that which it exerts on the lungs, and thus we find identical conditions favoring the development of both consumption and derangement of the heart. The thorough and o fective ventilation of our rooms and bouses, our courts and alleys, which proves a preventive in the latter disease, will assuredly binder the prevalence of the former. In some cases disease of the heart is produced by violent and continued exertion, such as that of lifting heavy weights and violent rowing; but the use of alcoholic stimulante is a far more frequent producer of cardiag mischief than overwork, and by its indirect effects on the muscular structure of the heart it predisposes, especially in advanced life, to fatty degeneration of the organ itself and of its great blood-vessels.

Tobacco is another potent cause of heart disease, its effect being to paralyze the nerves which control the cardiac function. Medicists have testified to the existence of an appalling amount of heart disease among young men who use tobacco in its different forms.

That the middlemen are reaping the bulk of the profits derived from the meat trade is the complaint made by English as well as Canadian farmers. The enermous importations of meat from this continent led to dealers offering the home farmers reduced prices for their beef and mutton. There was, however, the maccorditable fact that I the foreign meat, which was made a stand. ing excuse for offering the English farmer reduced rates, suddenly disappeared from the butcher's shops, although the importations continued to increase. The farmers have, therefore, come to the sonclusion that the salesmen were paining off Canadian and American meat under the pretence of its being home raised. The Yorkshire farmers have, therefore, united in an enterprise to bring the producer and the consumer closer together, thereby obtaining higher prices for themselves, and the experiment is to be tried at Manchester. If such action is necessary on the part of English farmers, it is more necessary for Canadian producers, who have to submit to many more profits, while the consumer is charged an excessive price. If the home farmers are resolved to raise the price, the demand for Canadian beef would be stimulated, and were co-operative measures adopted, it could be profitably sold under its real name at large profit. - Mail.

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