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The Ontario Legislature will convene on Thursday of next week, 21st inst.

The Toronto News believes in the electric railway as an investment. It says: "The net earnings of the Galt-Preston electric railway for the first five months of its existence amounted to over \$1,800, or at the rate of seven per cent. per annum on the capital employed in construction. There is money in rural electric roads for the owners."

The Toronto World was mulcted on Saturday last in the sum of one dollar, for libelling E. A. Macdonald of annexation fame. We are surprised that any intelligent jury should value Mr. Macdonald's honor at so ridiculously high a figure! As valuers the jury in question are at least wise enough to place the price at the highest possible figure.

The amalgamation of the Empire and Mail, of Toronto, which took place on Wednesday of last week, ought to place the newspaper business in that city on a pretty safe foundation for the time being. The Empire had never paid, and there was no immediate likelihood of its ever doing so. The readers will not lose anything by the change, neither will the party. Therefore the consummation of the deal is hailed with pleasure by all. May the Mail-Empire prosper.

The storm of the past week has been the most severe and extensive known for many years. Great Britain and Ireland have suffered largely by it. Our own country has felt it from the Northwest to the Maritime provinces. By the way, this storm presented a magnificent opportunity for some of our rather discredited weather prophets to recover their waning prestige, but none of them appear to have taken advantage of the occasion. Possibly they knew all about it beforehand, but because of our unbelief left us unwarned and at the mercy of the disturbing elements.

Almost every newspaper in the Dominion has had its guess as to when the federal elections will come off, and several of them have announced the date for certain, but no two appear to agree. We may therefore be sure that the date has not been decided upon. The election will no doubt be brought on just as soon as the government decides to bring it on, and not a moment before. At least that is our firm conviction. This may be before another session, it may be after a short session beginning in March, or not until next fall. We think probably the World was nearest the truth when it said to look out for it in June.

Appropos of the article in last week's Advance on electric railways, we quote this week an article from the Canadian Engineer which certainly corroborates the opinions advanced by us. We are also informed of a proposition to

build such a line of railway from Stratford to Shakespeare, Ammeree, Wellesley, Kestock, Sebringville, Avonton, Crookdale, Harrington, Youngville and Tavistock. This would certainly be as long and difficult a line to maintain as a line from Thornbury to Durham, and two capitalists guarantee 80 per cent. of the entire cost if the towns interested will pay the rest. Which offer shows a solid faith in electricity as a money-maker.

That Charity Case.

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly allow me to correct a would-be misleading statement which appeared in the columns of your paper of January 31, headed "A Case for Charity." Your correspondent appears to be laboring under the impression that the friends of the widow are not aware of the fact that Mrs. Spence has become a widow. Now, Mr. Editor, I think that it is my duty in doing justice to the friends of the widow to correct the might be wrong idea, as the parents and friends were here at the time of the funeral and Mrs. Spence's father remained a few days after the funeral, and they have helped the widow in any and every way that they knew she required it. In regard to the boys picking up coal, they got permission to pick up coal on the railway track, and by so doing they got all the fuel they required for a time, and then the Lord raised up some friends in the person of Mrs. E. Cann and others, who are called by God to look after the widow and orphan and who have never grown tired of their labors.

I remain yours, etc.,

W. H. BAKER,
199 Lippincott st.

Toronto, Feb. 11, '95.

Anonymous Correspondence.

Mack, in Toronto Saturday Night, takes this emphatic view of the case:

The question of anonymous correspondence came up for discussion at the Press convention last week. Mr. John Cameron of the London Advertiser brought it up and expressed great anxiety to have some rule passed, and as he dwelt upon the nameless scribbler who assails good citizens his indignation was fine to see. Mr. J. S. Willison and Mr. Pattullo dissented from this view and took the correct stand, as any editor who thinks the whole matter out must admit. In communities where people are known to each other it often happens that a man may write a capital communication upon a subject of local importance, yet if he signs his own name to it his arguments are ignored and his person attacked. His motives are called in question, his past is raked up, his red hair is made a taunt; whereas, had he not revealed his identity, the good sense of his article would have appealed to every reader. There are men—a saving few—who do not push themselves forward, and these would not sign their names constantly to letters in the papers. They would shrink from it, and the community would be a loser. That the right to write anonymously is abused and that reputable people are being constantly barked at, is a disgrace to the editors of the country. The editor should not allow malicious correspondence a place in his paper. If he has not backbone enough to refuse such matter insertion, the sooner he is overwhelmed with libel suits and driven out of business the better for the profession. An editor should regard anonymous correspondence as semi-editorial in nature—in this city some of it, by the way, is purely editorial. For signed articles he is only in a general sense responsible, but for those written over fictitious names he should hold himself to task as closely as for his own editorials. It is not necessary that they should represent his views, but they should be made to conform more strictly than signed articles to what he considers just and fair in method and useful in purpose. A competent editor finds his correspondents who use fictitious signatures a tower of strength to him, but a weakling is worried to his own destruction. In every town and village there are two or three men whose object in life is to keep the editor in hot water. They are always trying to get a dig at somebody—at the schoolmaster over the signature of Pupil, at the preacher over the name of Church Member, at a rival in business over the name of Customer, or even at the Almighty over the signature of One of His Works. The editor, who becomes a tool of a man of this stamp should exchange into the barber business and agree in the apices of every man he shaves.

The Graham Case.

It is quite possible that the Graham damages case will yet go to the courts for trial. The interests involved are so complicated that they cannot be satisfactorily arranged by private effort. The plaintiffs will sue the railway company, the two townships and the Messrs. Neilson Bros., making four defendants to the suit. The courts will have to decide as to what extent, if any, the separate defendants will have to "ante up." This is the mode of procedure at present out out by the lawyers for the plaintiff. In this connection, and to encourage the defendants, we will cite the following case, which, if accepted as a precedent, will act upon the plaintiff's claims like the can of dynamite operated on the goat. It gave him concussion of the brain when he tried to bunt it open.

On Jan. 24, last, at Orillia, T. M. Edmondson sued the township of Orillia for \$60 damages for a horse killed on the concession line at Uthoff by running into a stump. The plaintiff's hired man had been loading bark at the Uthoff siding, when a train coming along scared the horses and they ran away from the driver, one of them finally striking a pine stump which had been pulled and left on the highway by the pathmaster when doing statute labor. Upon hearing the plaintiff's evidence the Judge ruled that the road was such that a man exercising reasonable care could drive on it with perfect safety, and non suited the plaintiff. In the course of his remarks the Judge said it was unreasonable to expect that a thinly settled and partially uncleaned township should keep the roads in as good repair as a more thickly populated and busier section, and that where reasonable care had been taken to remove obstructions and provide a sufficient width for a team to pass safely, no damages could be collected in the event of an accident happening.

The above appears to be a very similar case to the one we have to deal with here, at least we think it should be placed on the same level. We believe the townships will act wisely in letting the plaintiff collect if he can, and from whom he can.

South Grey L. O. L.

The annual meeting of South Grey County Loyal Orange Lodge was held in the Orange Hall here Tuesday afternoon. The County is composed of Artemesia, Durham and Mount Forest districts, and there was a full attendance of delegates from all the districts. The reports from the various lodges in the county showed an increase of membership and the order to be in a prosperous condition. The business was concluded about 8 o'clock, when lunch was served the delegates in the hall. The next annual meeting will be held in Durham on the first Tuesday in February, 1896. Following are the officers elected for the current year: G. L. Allen, Mt. Forest, County Master; Jas. Elliott, Artemesia, Past C. M.; Thos. McFadden, Durham, Deputy C. M.; Jas. Wilson, Dromore, Rec. Sec.; Wm. Anderson, Durham, Treas.; W. C. Allen, Arthur, Fin. Sec.; J. Ritchie, Glenelg, Chaplain; Wm. Stevenson, Normanby, Dir. Cer.; John M. Young, Harrison, Lecturer; Jos. G. Williamson, Normanby, Dep. Lec.; Wm. Eden, Varney, Dep. Lec.—Mt. Forest Rep.

Married.

HOPKINS—PORTER—At the residence of the bride's father, Proton, by the Rev. Geo. Hartley, Mr. John Hopkins, of Carman, Man., to Jennie, daughter of John Porter, of Proton.

MERRICK—LATIMER—At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. E. S. Rupert, M. A., on the 5th inst., Thomas Merrick, of Nebraska, to Esther Ann Latimer, of Eugenia.

The Markets.

Carefully Corrected Each Week		
Flour.....	\$ 3 15 to	\$ 3 65
Fall Wheat	55 to	55
Spring Wheat	55 to	55
Barley.....	31 to	31
Oats	27 1/2 to	28 1/2
Peas	51 to	51
Butter	14 to	14
Eggs, fresh	14 to	14
Potatoes bag	50 to	50
Pork	4 75 to	5 00
Hay per ton	7 00 to	8 00
Hides	3 00 to	3 00
Sheepskins	25 to	25
Geese	6 to	6
Turkeys.....	8 to	8
Chickens per pair.....	25 to	40
Ducks per pair	40 to	50
Wool.....	15 to	16

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of Tristram Chislett, of the village of Flesherton Station, in the County of Grey, general merchant, insolvent.

The insolvent has made an assignment to me for the benefit of creditors under R. S. O. 1887, Chapter 124. A meeting of creditors will be held at the office of Henry Barber & Co., No. 15 Wellington Street East, Toronto, on Thursday the 31st day of January 1895 at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the appointment of inspectors and the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate. All persons claiming to rank upon the estate of the insolvent must file their claims with the undersigned on or before the 25th day of February, 1895, after which date I will proceed to distribute the estate having regard to those claims only of which I shall then have had notice.

HENRY BARBER, Trustee.

Toronto, Jan. 25th, 1895.

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All logs must be sound and green.

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10 feet 4 inches and 15 feet 6 inches long, 18 to 24 inches diameter, \$4.25 per 1000
24 inches and over in diameter \$4.50 per 1000

BASSWOOD
12 feet 6 inches long, as large as possible. \$5.00 and \$5.25 per 1000 according to size and quality.

MAPLE
12 feet 6 inches, 18 inches and over diameter, \$4.50 per 1000
RED BIRCH
12 feet 6 inches, 18 inches and over diameter \$4.50 per 1000

Spot Cash Paid. The Toronto Hoop & Veneer Co.

Snaps!

for **The Season** —AT— **RICHARDSON'S.**

We will dispose of a lot of Millinery at from 25 to 50 cents on the dollar. A lot of ribbons 20 to 50 cents a yard, all to go at 10 cents. 10 to 20 cent ribbons all to go at 5 cents per yard.

Furs. Collars and Muffs at 60 cents on the dollar.

Mantles. At reductions from 20 to 50 per cent or half price. We have not many left but they are new and good styles.

Dress Goods 42 and 44 inch winter costume cloths at 20 and 25 cents per yard.

We have a few ladies' Fur Capes left which we will sell at very low figures. Men's Fur Coats from \$12.50 up. Reversible Fur Coats, water proof.

10 pairs of Blankets, all we have left, and will be offered at job prices to clear out the line.

Heavy Frieze Overcoats, dark grey. Fawn and Brown at \$5.50, \$7.50, and \$8.50. These are reasonable goods well made with tweed linings and wide storm collars.

A large, general stock of men's, youths' and boys' Overcoats at greatly reduced prices.

Purchased this week to arrive 125 packages Fine, New Season Japan Tea. 2 carloads of Sugar direct from Refinery.

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