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The time-bonored greeting " Merry Christmas "is now order. With words of joy let us meet and part, and not only by empty words but hy good deeds show to the world that not all is dreary and selfish. Remember the poor in their time of need.

THE GRAND TRUNE-A circular has been issued to the employees of the Grand Trunk Railway stating that, in consequence of the great depression in trade and falling off in the Company's business, it has been derermined to discontinue a large number of trains on and after the 23rd inst. The reduction will, it is estimated, amount to about twenty per cent. of the train service, which will necessitate a large reduction in the number of engine drivers, firemen, train hands, and others employed by the com pany. Besides this all employees. on the road, except engine drivers and firemen will have their wages lowered ten per cent. The through freight business being decidedly unremunerative, will be to a certain extent discouraged, and more attentiom paid to local traffic. It is probable that in the course of a few months, the disastrous railway war which has raged so long will be brought to an end, and freight-rates restored to a paying basis. In such a case there is no doubt that the wages of the G. T. R. employees will be restored to their former

VENNOR'S PREDICTIONS VERIFIED. | sufficient moral power in the peo--Mr. Vennor's latest forecasts of ple of this county to give greater remarkable accuracy. He fixed honest poor by providing first for the setting in of a "cold spell" for them accommodation and comfort about the 15th of this month, and, equal to that provided a ready for sure enough, after a period of ex- that class whose comfort and conof the 14th the mercury suddenly is so very solicitions for. We re-

The Earl and Countess of Duffer- committed to him of seeing that in will visit Toronto during Janu- even the innertes of our prisons ary. A grand ball will be give: them by the Lieutepant Government

And now John Knox has been appointed a policeman in Hamilton. and John Bunyan keeps a tavern in Guelph, What is the world ming to. 1

years. Aiken must pay \$1,000, without going into disastrous in-Junkin \$200, and Potter \$800.

The Grangers of Turnberry have | We have now a prison which has the Grangers, they being determinwholesale prices.

A fatal colliery explosion has occurred near Newboat, Wales. Up to latest advices seventeen dead bodies had been recovered, and a be seriously necessary to maintain number of cases of fatal injuries are the order and peace of society notreported.

A special cable despatch to the pose. Were it not for the circum-Globe reports a rise in Grand Trunk stance that it is a prison, the instock, consequent upon the recent mates of our gaol are very much arrangements for an advance on through freight rates.

The United States Senate has appointed a committee of seven its numbers to act with a committee! And we sincerely hope that until appointed by the House in devising some provision is made for the sufmeans to count and declare the electoral vote.

Amnouncement is made of the commutations of the sentences of Belcher the Colchester murderer and of Alden, the minderer o Jefferson, the Hamilton watchman

### New Publications. READINGS AND RECTTATIONS. By R.

they not most mercifully dealt Lewis, Teacher of Elocution ; au-This is a very useful little work of are confident, the desire of every provided by building an addition. 200 pages and will be found of great disinterested well-thinking person service to theaspiring young reader, con- in the county. taining as it does hints and suggestions on public reading. The work comprises, in addition to these hints, a very choice selection of poems from the best authors, both English and American. Very nicely printed and bound.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN INDIA. We have received from Belford Bros., Toronto, a neatly bound volume containing a graphic description of the the palates of us creatures of It was not at all probable that Mr. Panjanb, by Mr. J. Drew Gay, the special correspondent of the London Telegraph. Besides becoming acquainted with the scenes which the Prince viewed, a correct account of the topography of India, and the manners and customs of its inhabitants can be learned by the reader. Copies can be procured by time" at Christmas. at the bookstores.

Belford-Bros., publishers, Toronto.

Price 15 cents.

The sale of this comic almanac has young ladies light a fire in the par- Council had friends at court, and Trade supplied at manufacturers' prices since its first issue. The American edi- lor of evenings and await the coming he questioned whether the govern- by C. A. Cook & Co., Chicago, Sole Agents of their cousins, of course, tion sells for 25 cents.

THE ACTON FREE PRESS | Our Prisons and our Poor

To the Editor of the Free Press. We have from time to time n

ticed in looking over the minutes of our County Council that two Council that the debentures had subjects of some public interest to been handed over to the H. & N. much attention as to have consider- tised, the tender prices were 101

able time spent in discussing them. and 1011. He took the responsining to make some provision for the same time as the C. V. R. maintaining and sheltering the unfortunate but honest poor of the county, and the matter of enlarg. \$10,000 on presentation of ing and making more commodious and comfortable the institution already provided for the unfortunate dishonest of the county. But as the former and by far the niore important and deserving of the two,

was introduced by no authority baving compulsory power, but de pends for its commencement and for its carrying on to completion, on the moral support it will receive from the inhabitants of the county when brought before them; and as the latter comes down with all the power and all the authority that accompanies the beheats and the commands of a government official, county are beginning to feel the weight of a-burden of indebtedness which they will have to bear for many years to come; we very much fear that the comfort and convenience will be first attended to, of that class of the community who make it the object of their pu suit to maintain an existence

preying upon the property, und need be on the persons of that portion of the people who by honest pursuit of their various and respeclive avocations maintain all from the Queen on the throne of the realm to the poor unfortunate who is thankful for a piece of bread or a night's shelter. But while we say that we fear this state of things may be, yet we hore that there is

cipal of these grants, but Mr. Young had proved his case to be the weather has been verified with heed to the wants of the suffering an exceptional one and as the sum asked was small he would vote that it be granted. He was prepared to municipality on its merits when it ceptional mildness, on the evening venience the Inspector of Prisons came up. Mr. Barclay had not been infell to extreme cold, which promises peat it, that we cannot believe that structed by the Council of Milton

to continue. His "probabilities," the moral sense of the people of to ask for a single cent. He could during the past two years, have county of Halton would think of readily understand why Oakville been nearly all fulfilled. He such a strange mis application of should be a rendezvous for tramps. ter, which could hardly be refused promises abundance of snow this their generosity. We can easily It was situated about half way be. The aid of the Legislature would understand how that Mr. Langmuir | tween the two chief cities of the remedy this. There would also be petprovince, a comfortable day's jourin his anxiety to fulfil the trust ney from either of them. Considering the small amount asked, the been long much felt. greatness of the evil, so a bly set | should be properly cared for ; but forth by Mr. Young, he was preis just as easy to understand how pared to support the motion.

it al it is for him to overstep the it as of prudence in enforcing gaol improvements, and so put that portion of the community who are the burden-bearers to a great amount of unnecessary expense, Arthur Aiken, John Junkin and and that at a time when the coun-Dexter Potter have been convicted try is already under the pressure of ton County. He said it had been of corrupt practices in the Lincoln overdone speculation, and strainelection, fined \$200 spiece for each ing every nerve to reach the peaceoffence, and disqualified for eight ful shore of "prompt payment"

withstanding all the moral influ-

better provided for, and far more

of them were when in the enjoy-

ment of their abused freedom.

were they only as comfortably situ-

hear no more about comforts and

"Now is the Time."

OBSERVER.

comfortable than ever the majority

ences that are at work for that pur-

that reason he had got it done previous to asking for a grant. Col Clay thought every munici-The Grangers of Turnberry have We have now a prison which has bought a corner of Wingham Cem been found quite sufficient for our pality should pay the cost of intermarking that the difficulties of the past year would not have been overcome Tumber, Lath etery for their own use and behoof, small county for the past twenty provements on their border lines, from which we infer the "ruling years and over, and with but very | But the practice had been different passion is strong in death" amongst little improvement might do just in the past, and as Mr. Rameay as well for the next twenty years. had got; the work done in good ed to secure even their graves at We cannot see the wisdom of mak. faith he thought the County ought ing our prisons a desirable place of to pay the account.

Mr. Ramsay said if such a rule babitation at a time when crime is was to be made he would be perfect greatly on the increase and when the rigour of the law is found to ly satisfied, but objected to this case being made an exception to

TOWN LINE IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Warren said that according to law the minor municipalities handsome volume bearing the above were responsible for these improve- title, from the pen of the well-known ments, so that until the County by author, James D. McCabe, of Philadel by-law undertook to make town lines County roads, the responsibility remained where it was.

referred to the committee on roads and bridges which reported in embellished with over 300 fine engrayfavor of a grant of \$100 being given lings of buildings and scenes-a superb fering honest poor, who have not a to cover the cost of the improveplace to lay their heads, and are ments, Mr. Ramsay paying the

The consideration of Mr. Langated as those are whose misconduct muir's report on the County gao has brought them within the walls laid over at last meeting was taken

of our common gaols, that we will up. conveniences for those who, were so much need of a new gaol as some people thought. All that was rewith, would have fewer comforts quired was proper means of classify. are then taken into the Main Building. Toronto: Belford Bros., Publishers. than they now enjoy. This is, we ing prisoners, and this could be and are carried successfully through it

Haldimand occupied a position ments of each of these edifices, and the similar to that of Halton. There rare, beautiful, and wonderful collections the recommendations of Mr. Langmuir had been carried out at an Now is the time when all con- expenditure of \$15,000 of which template the approach of Christmas amount the government paid half. I county. Mr. Barber said the Council had Now is the time when turkeys got to the end of their rope as re-

and geese are beheaded to gratify garded the building of a new gaol.

Now is the time when merchants | Mr. Ramsay said Mr. Langmuir | article produces such wonderful effects Now is the time when merchants | Mr. Rainsay said Mr. Langmuir | Try it, call for Wood's Improved Hair | was not omnipotent. Mr. Langmuir | Restorative, and don't be put off with | was not the government, but mere- any other article. Sold by all druggists Now is the time when single ly a government servant. The in this place and dealers everywhere. ment would force them to go to a for the United States and Canadas, and by LYMAN BROS, & Co., Toronto.

large expense in making a gool that was not needed. From the Oakville Express report.

Halton County Council.

ment, in the Town Hall, Milton.

bentures. The same day

Mr. Young moved, seconded

support the motion, if Georgetown

was granted a similar sum. There

had been latterly a great many

was kept open all night for their

tramps relieved there. The lock-up

Mr. Warren was opposed to the

notion. It was quite enough for

the rural constituencies to maintain

their own poor. He himself had

found shelter for four or five on

Col Clay was opposed to the prin-

Mr. McEnery,-That the sum

ad been paid.

Mr. Clements said the stone The Council niet on Tuesday the could be obtained within three or Spring Wheat. Glasgow 12th inst., pursuant to adjournfour miles of Milton, and could be New Spring Wheat The Warden reported to the put down as cheap in summer as Barley

Col. Clay said all were agreed the inhabitants of the county have. W. Ry. Co. He said that a claim upon one point—the necessity of Potatoes, per bag was made at the time for arrears of improving the gaol; all they dif- Butter have been brought before that body; interest which he refused to grant. fered upon was the nature of these Eggs. and that each received at loast so When the debentures were adver- improvement. He had been informed on good authority all the alterations necessary could be done Ducks We refer to the matter of begin. billty of purchasing \$10,000 worth, for \$8,000. No doubt before long the gaol would have to be altered and purchasing those muturing at and it would be as well now to make enquiries and confer with Mr. Langumir as to the details of trustees handed over to the company the alterations he deems necessary.

Mr. Ramsay moved that Messrs. proper certificates; since then, the J. Warren, M. Clements and H. balance, less the amount reserved Foster be a committee to consult for the section of the road between with Mr. Langmuir. He thought Georgetown and the County line, something should now be done. He did not believe the committee was The Finance committee presented so stupid as to build a fancy ga a report recommending the payment of several accounts which was to please the whim of any one.

Col. Clay suggested that Warden's name be added. Clements thought Mr. Ramsay ought to serve on the committee. The motion was carried with these hundred dollars be granted and paid to the treasurer of the Town

of Oukville to assist in maintain-Moved by Mr. Young, seconded ing the large number of indigents by Mr. Warren, that it be an in which from the geographical posa time when the ratepayers of the ition of Oakville are thrown upon struction to the clerk of this cound pay charges and take the animal away, that municipality. He said there county council of the county were 15, 20, and even as many as 25 relieved some nights. Last Peel, that this council is prapared winter over 1900 poor outcasts had to appoint a committee, or adopt been sheltered and fed by the people any other means that may be deemed advisable, to confer with them on the subject of a poor house. Mr. Barber would be willing to

Mr. Foster said the county Inlton was prepared to build oor house of their own if neces-

Mr. Warren thought that the county of Halton was plucky and able enough to build a poor house but if it was found that one for the two counties could be carried on at less expense, it certainly was worthy of consideration; at present the rural municipalities had to support their own poor and also to contribute to the support of the poor in

Mr. Barclay thought it would b much more simple and effective to have a poor house of our own, we have one at all. It was easy to see that difficulties would arise as to the management and apportionment of running expenses.

Col. Clay said we must have one of our own. A difficulty would arise, no doubt, from residents other counties adjoining seeking shelty jealousies as to where it should be ocated; but all these could be overcome, as the need of a poor house had The motion was then carried.

VOTE OF THANKS. On motion, the Warden left the chair, shich was taken by Mr. Barber. The motion was then carried, on Col. Clay moved, seconded by Mr oung, that the thanks of this Counci e presented to the Warden for his able nd courteous conduct in the chair. He Mr. Ramsay presented an account paid that gentleman no empty compliment when he said that he had managfor improvements on the town line between Nassagaweva and Welling. ed the County business the past year with remarkable ability and zeal in the nterests of the people of the County. ustomary in the past for the Mr. Young endorsed the remarks of County to assist in works of this he mover of the resolution. The Warnature. It was urgent and for | den had presided over the deliberations of the Council, ably, fairly and imparially. He felt great pleasure in sec-

The Warden made a suitable reply had not the Council stood by him, and supported him so firmly. The Council then adjourned.

----A Very Valuable Work. The Illustrated History of the Centennial Exhibition, with a full de

and all the Objects of Interest ex hibited in them. The National Publishing Co. of Philadelphia have issued a large and hia. The intense interest everywhere manifested in the great Exhibition, and the eager desire to obtain a complete

and connected account of it, will un-On motion the account was questionably cause this book to have an extensive sale. The book is a complete and vivid description of the Exhibition, volume of 874 pages. It is not a dry list of the articles exhibited. The Author has written from his own personal not able to help themselves, but balance. The report was adopted. knowledge, having gone through every county GAOL. part of the great World's Fair, notebook in hand, recording the vast and varied information contained in this work. He has received the constant and sympathetic assistance of the Centennial authorities, and has enjoyed Mr. Warren said there was not peculiar advantages in its preparation. He takes us through the Exhibition

grounds, and makes us familiar with every object of interest in them. We and through every building, large and small, in the grounds. We are told the The Warden said the County of story of the construction and arrange

which they contained are graphically The book is sold by subscription only and the publishers want agents in every

The Oldest and Best Restorer is Found in using it. Wood's Improved Hair Restorative | Agent Money to Loan or Borrow. is unlike any other, and has no equal Langmuir would stand any more The Improved has new vegetable tonic Now is the time when mince trifling. The gaol would have to properties; retores grey hatr to a glossy pies are considered one of the be built in the year 1877, and the natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh necessities of household decorations. sooner it was set about the better and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to prema- Dobts Collected on Commission. Now is the time when juveniles for all parties. The stone could be turely bald heads; removes dandruff, husave up their coppers to have "a got out cheaper now than in sum- more, scaly eruptions; removes trrita mer when there was no sleighing. tion, tiching and scaly dryness. No

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Acton, Dec. 6, 1876,

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Acton, Dec. 12, 1876.

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