Mr. Postmaster General Smith, bas presented his resolutions, reimposing a tax upon the transmission of newspapers. He proposes to charge one cent each upon all newspapers sent by mail, excepting only ordinary " exchange papers;" being more than any regular rate exacted since 1854. Prior to that year, the postage rate was a half penny. A moderate commutation rate was then established for subscribers; and in 1856, the free transmission came into operation.

The present movement of the Government, then, is a retrograde movement. It brings back discarded shackles upon the newspaper press, and levies a tax upon the diffusion of knowledge which will be felt most heavily where it should be least known. In the absence, of postage, the newspaper circulation has increased inbare been equally benefited. Where, before, no newspaper was seen, papers bare found acceptable entrance; and an impetus has thus been given to the business of publishing, which is visible not less in the increased number than in the improved character of city and village

The proposed -tax, amounting on the year to three dollars and twelve cents upon non-resident daily subscribers, and to twenty-six cents upon every weekly, is excessive. No minister would think of TO CORRESPONDENTS. &c. adopting such rates; but one who desires, under the cover of financial necessity, to strike a blow at the prosperity and usefulness of newspapers. If a tax must be levied, the commutation system of Mr. Malcolm Cameron would be preferable; whilst we believe that its revenue results would be at least equal to those likely to accrue under Mr. Smith's tax. We canparing. The sum paid to the Queen's printer alone admits of a reduction almost equal the probable sevenue derivable from per since we commenced. this newspaper tax; and a score of items might be named, all susceptible of the same process. But the saving of public of new taxes to an improved use of the resources they already have.

We repeat, therefore, that the plea urged by Mr. Smith for the tax is a mere excuse. His desire and his interest are to lessen the influence of newspapers. To accomplish this purpose, he is indifferent to the losses that will fall upon publishers, or the inconvenience that will be experienced by rural readers.

RESOLUTIONS.

On certain matters connected with the amendment of the Post Office Laws, to be moved by the Hon. S. Smith, Postmaster Geheral :-

- 1. That it is expedient that the principle should be kept in view, as closely as possible, of raising from the postage char-ges, a revenue sufficient to delray the cost of the Postal Service; and the revenue to
- mated number of ten millions of news-papers were sent free by post in Canada.
- 4. That previous to 1854, all newspers were liable to a postage rate of e half-penny each, and it is expedient to

American Provinces, or for the United States when not prepaid, such addition to the ordinary rate, not in any case exceed-

Post, shall be liable to such charges for undertaking in Canada. We do YONGE STREET AGRICUL Covernor in Council shall from time to time see lit to make.

in a Parcel, posted for the Parcel Post, shall be a misdemeanor, and to enclose a letter, or writing, or written marks to serve the purpose of a letter, or other endemeanor.

9. That the Post Master General shall not be liable to any party for the loss of any Parcel sent by Parcel Post.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

No Communication of a purely persona paracter, and having no bearing on the gen

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RICHMOND HILL, APRIL 7, '59.

We mentioned in a former number of the York Comwonwealth, that we had assumed the sole proprie-torship and management of that Journal. We also stated that it Journal. We also stated that it Genese county, says:—" With regard to the conduct of the railroad officials, and the conformity therefore with that declaration, we this week issue the not admit, however, that any such tax is necessary. And yet, the process of retrenchment has not got, beyond choesetrenchment has not got, beyond choesefirst number of The York Herald. carpet bag from the pile of baggage at support we have received, and support we have received, and secure his carpet bag at the wreck, and her interest taken in our newspaper since we commenced. We hope by strictly adhering to our principles, as enunciated in our principles, as enunciated in our ANOTHER. prospectus to deserve a continuance that patronage extended to us ready. The York Herald will same process. Dut the saving of puolic of that patronage extended to us already. The York Herald will are determined to keep the expenditure at continue to pay the strictest atter.

a high standards optefering the invention to, and give careful reports of kindness, and with a sincere desire improve our localities.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY AND THE LATE TRAGEDY.

this fearful case, with other important details as published else-cold until the custom house officers had portant details as published elsewhere. Upon carefully looking over all the evidence, which was given before the coroner, we have a sorrowful impression on our minds that want of ordinary engineering superintendence (notwithstanding the attempt to smooth it over) has been the prime cause of such a fearful sacrifice of human and the succession of the su be derived from the existing threepence per half once letter rate does not and annot yield a self-sostatining revenue to the Post Office whilst it is not expedient to increase that rate.

2. That the letter peatage collections being insufficient to maintain the Post office expenses in some or less charge catastrophe is more or less charge to the one of convergance for a large position of the surface water, which is discharged from about sixty acres of the high table lands to the northward of the Railway. They also find that the means of the transmission of free matter by Postother than the correspondence of the Legislature and Executive Government, on which a charge would be nominal as a source of resenue.

3. That during the last year an estimated number of the millions of news-

That malicious or willfully to destroy detain or delay any parcel sent by Parcel Post, shall be a misdemeanor.

8. That to enclose a letter or letters in a Parcel, posted for the Parcel Post. we shall be very glad to place them at the disposal of the Direcletter, or writing, or writen marks to serve the purpose of a letter, or other enclosure or thing, in a newspaper posted to pass as a newspaper at the reduced rate of postage applicable to newspapers, shall, save in the accounts and received to pass as an additional postage applicable to newspapers, shall, save in the accounts and received to pass as a newspaper and the public right on these matters. Their undertaking is a save in the accounts and received to pass as a newspaper at the reduced rate of postage applicable to newspapers, shall receive the public right on these matters. Their undertaking is a save in the accounts and received to the marks to the pass year, were laid before the society. It was moved by Col. Bridgeton to the marks to the pass year, were laid before the society. It was moved by Col. Bridgeton to the marks to the pass year, were laid before the society. It was moved by Col. Bridgeton to the pass to the pass of the pass year, were laid before the society. It was moved by Col. Bridgeton, the pass of the pass of the pass year, were laid before the society. It was moved by Col. Bridgeton, the pass of the pass year, were laid before the society. It was moved by Col. Bridgeton to the pass of the pass year, were laid before the society. It was moved by Col. Bridgeton to the pass of the pass year, were laid before the society. pass as a newspaper at the rendered rape day of postage applicable to newspapers, shall, save in the accounts and receipts of newspapers publishers which are permitted to pass folded within the newspapers sent by them to their subscriters, shall be a missipart of the procedure vigilant appliances, inseparable from difficulties in its prosecution, successfully and profitably, and moreover, requiring a happy com-bination to keep it in odour with the public.

Mr. William Cox, of Philadelphia, who was a passenger on the train, says:

"We stayed on the spot, exposed to the
storm till 6 o'clock, when a train arrived
from Hamilton, and took us to that place.
Such baggage as could be found was also carried to Hamilton, but the railroad authorities would not allow any of the pas-sengers to touch it, and everybody—ladies and children, as well as the men—was obliged to await the arrival of a government officer to inspect the various articles .-Some of the gentlemen procured articles indispensable to the comfort of the ladies, by purchasing them at the stores. I procured some shoes in this way for Mrs. Gear; others got some stockings. The Hamilton people appeared very indifferent about the matter, and we got no help from them or the railroad men. At last the government officer arrived, but only in time to give us our baggage."

STATEMENT OF MR. WILLIAM SANBORN

Mr. William Sanborn, of Darien, We also stated that it Genesee county, says: - With regard to secure his carpet bag at the wreck, and

Mr. Homer Sackett, of Avon tion to, and give careful reports of Municipal matters, as well as local affairs generally—drawing attention to irregularities in a spirit of him one except at such an exhorbitant price, that he refused to huy, and accordingly come on a star of Superior Delivery. ingly came on as far as Suspension Bridge barcheaded."

EXTRACTS FROM THE ROCHESTER DE

The officers and employees of the road are much censured. They refused to al-We need scarcely offer an apology to our readers, for laying before them the finding of the jury in

rid details of that lamentable af-lear, e're our feelings are enlisted on behalf of the unhappy sufferers in the late calamity. We should on behalf of the unnappy solutions in the late calamity. We should scarcely deem ourselves justified in raking up such unpleasant resistances of railway reckless- city and strength to convey all the water of railway reckless- city and strength to convey all the water of the Eastward of quite sufficient capabilities on the chair. Minutes of last meeting read by the Clerk (G. F. papers were liable to a postage rate of one half-penny seal, and it is expedient to the principle in force prior to 1854, and impose a charge not exceeding one cent euch on all such Newspapers sent by Post-in-Canadda, save "Exchange Papers" addressed to the Editors and Publishers of newspapers, as the Governor in Council may determine.

5. That to promote simplicity and economy in the business of the Post-office, all letters posted in Canada should be prepayment, letters posted unpaid for any place within the Province shall be charged seven and a half instead of five cents per half cance on delivery, and on letters posted for the British Moith American Provinces, or for the United American Provinces, or for the United States of the Un authorities, and the Company's the occasion of heavy rains, when a consequently and on the Great Western Line ourselves frequently, and on one occasion were witnesses to a seene unpleasant, and really dangerous, for which there appeared to be no redress—a seene rather States when not prepaid, such addition to the ordinary rate, not in any case exceeding a double rate, as the Postmaster General may agree upon with the Post Officer Authorities of those countries for the purpose of enforcing pre-payment, and that in order to adapt the operations of the Post Office of the Currency, it is expedient that the internal letter rate be changed from three pence to its equivalent of five cents per half ounce; the charge for advectising a deal letter from three farthings to two cents; the charge for returning a deal letter from one penny to three ceuts, and that in all cases where a one half-penny or penny rate is chargeable, and those rates be changed from one cent and two cents respectively.

6. That parcels other than letters and not containing letters, sent by Parcel.

TURAL SOCIETY.

The usual annual meeting of this society was he'd at Mr. Richard Nichols' Hotel, April 6th, 1859,— Geo. P. Dickson, Esq., President, in the chair. A financial statement and report of the affairs for the past Carried.

Moved by Mr. G. A. BARNARD, and seconded by Mr. J. PALMER, that the thanks of this society be recorded and conveyed to Messrs. Patterson & Bros., for their very handsome donation of \$16 (back premium awarded to these gentlemen for the year 1858) now granted

last year, with some addit names, be elected.—Carried.

for the honor again conferred upon him. In the course of his observation, he expressed a desire, if the funds would admit of it, that a Ploughing Match should be got up in connection with the society. He submitted the matter for the consideration of the meeting. On the sense of the meeting having been taken, on the proposition from the chair, it was decided by a small majority that it was inexpedient for

e present year.
Moved by Mr. Marsin, seconded by Mr. PALMER, that the Annual Spring Show of this Society do take place on Tuesday, the 24th day of

May next,—being the Queens' Birth Day.—Carried.

The premium list of last year was then carefully revised, and several additional prizes inserted.

The Committee of Management having agreed to meet on Wednes-day, the 4th day of May next, the meeting adjourned.

We are glad the Society have selected the Queens Birth Day for their Spring Show. There is a faint probability that the Local Milithat day, if so, of course the public will receive timely notice, should the Society think fit to alter the day. We sincerely hope such an useless Governmental requirement as the "Muster" will not interfere.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN.

The usual meeting of the Council was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Town Hall.-Meni-

onded by Mr. SMELLE, that the further consideration of the business be postponed until the special

to be postponed, for want of a full Board, until the next special meeting.
The Council adjourned to the

13th inst., at 10 o'clock.

In the proceedings before the

Council on Monday last, we were much struck with a strange and unaccountable anamoly, connected with the petitions presented by Messrs. Arksey & Bennett. The prayer of the petition presented by men for the year 1858) now granted to the society.

The President, after a few brief observations touching the report and financial statement of the past year, and thanking the society for the apport and assistance he had received in the performance of his duties, and more especially from the Committee of Management, resigned his seat.

It was moved by Mr. Marsh, and seconded by Mr. Palmer, that Col. Bridgford be called to the chair protem.

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Moved by Mr. Marsh, and seconded by Mr. Edw. Sanderson, that Geo. P. Dickson, Esq., be relected president of this society for it the present year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Marsh, and seconded by Mr. Marsh, and seconded by Mr. Barnard, and seconded by Mr. Barnard, that Messrs. Henry Jennings and Wm. Sanderson that Geo. P. Dickson, Esq., be relected president of this society for it the present year.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Marsh, and seconded by Mr. Arksey, signed by those parties, explaining the reason they signed Mr. Bennetts memorial. This third document seems to have been altogether overlooked by the Council, otherwise there would, we apprehend, have the concentration of a light of the Experiments are being made at Paris to great concentration of a light of the Experiments are being made at Paris to great General marvest will be found a great concentration of a light of the Experiments are being made at Paris to great General marves will be found a great concentration of a light of the Experiments are being made at Paris to great General marves will be found a great concentration of a light of the Experiments are being made at Paris to great General marves will be found a great concentration of a light of the Experiments are being made at Paris to great General marves will be found a great concentration of a light of the Experiments are being made at Paris to great General marves will be found a great concentration of a light of the present value of the substruction of the substruc of this society for the present year.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dickson, and seconded by Mr. Marsii, that Mr. Bar nard be Secretary and Treasurer for the present year.—Carried a very pointed and warm discussion amongs the discussion among the discussion amo Moved by Mr. Dickson, and seconded by Mr. Dickson, and seconded by Mr. Dickson, and seconded by Mr. E. Sandeason, that the Committee of Management of last year, with some additional names, be elected.—Carried. names, be elected.—Carried.

On the President resuming the chair, he expressed his warm thanks for the honor again conferred upon him. In the course of his observation, he expressed a desire, if the fonds were that Mr. Howland and his processor of the fonds where the the than once that Mr. Howland ab-sents himself when any troublesome or compromising motion is likely to be brought on the tapis. We should be sorry to think so— We believe his business capabiliwe believe his business capabili-ties are of the first order. We would like, therefore, to see mo-tions of importance dealt with as they come up, and not staved off The procrastinating practice en-tails loss of time and trouble on the farmers and others. With respect to the dispute between Arksey and Bennett, we think with the assistance of a friend on both sides,

> We are requested by Mr. Bowman to state that he voted for the resolution giving notice of the intention of the Markham Council to re-establish the By-law that was quashed by Chief Justice Robinson. that resolution was not carried by the casting vote of the Reeve as we stated in our last

tween neighbors.

"HE "GRUMBLER."

We strongly advise all our friends to take it—only \$1. We shall designate it the "Canadian Punch." Its wholesome satire, wit, and humour, are not to be surpassed.

ACT TO SECURE MARRIED WOMEN.

season, I would most strongly impress upon them, as the first consideration, the importance of selecting and securing the best sens; and a most lave usue opportunity show offered, ewing to the large quantity injury I sustain when purchasing the straw,
In not free from all weeds and perfectly Shorts
cean. The necessity of pulning early and
by persons who are properly instructed is
afso of mu h importance, as in many cases
the bargain has been made irrespective or
Oats. the proper management, and the flax has tion greatly injured for the apparent saying of one to two shillings per acre.
Should either landford or occupier he

still prejudiced against its growth, under the impression of its being an exhausting crop, I would here remark that the most convincing of all arguments will be found in observing the crop next in rotation, which has been invariably found to be as good if not the best on the farm, charly demonstrating that such an objection car

This subject will be of no new interest to many of your agricultural readers, as their differences could be easily to many of your agricultural readers, as adjusted. We dislike disputes beis of some years' stanting, and is all some years standing, and snows a steady increase in the quantity grown, which I hope is a sufficient proof that it has been remunerative, even during the time that corn was silling at high prices, so that it is unnecessary for me to show a detailed money value.

> on.-If we may judge from what we hear on all sides, tew Princes have ever succeeded in reaching such a height of un-popularity as his Imperial Highness, and this solely because it is believed that all are completely under his control, and that this control is exercised for fatal purposes. So strong is the feeling I allude to, that in the Senate, all pliant as it is, the demand of the addition to the Imperial dotation was received in the most ungracious manner possible, and some who owe much to the present regime made strong observa-tions on the strangeness of the demand. The Senate will, of course, yield on this, as they do on every point; but the feeling will be all the more aggravated that they are called upon to be generous to one in fortunately so impopular at this moment Times' Correspondent.

| Col. Bridglord, and D. Smellic, Esq.,—Mr. Jeffrey, Deptity Recyc, in the chair. Minutes of last meeting and the continued of the continued o

meeting, on the 13th inst.

An application was made by Mr
Arksey for a By-law to establish a
certain road from the 2nd concession, across lot 43, belonging to
Mr. Jesse Bennett.

Petitions from Mesers. Arksey
and Bennett, for and against the
cestablishment of the said road,
were presented, numerously signed.

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Tron inquiries we have made, and from
is hereby given, that it is the intention of the
said Connell on the 23rd day of April next,
was believe. There are many of our
well-to-do larmers in the country than some people would
have us believe. There are many of our
well-to-do larmers in the country of Wellington who have considerable quantities of
arbit in their storehouses. A correspondbit in their storehouses. Correspondbit in their storehouses. A c

Col. BRIDGEORD moved, sec-anded by Mr. Smellie, that the FLAX CROP. THE LUNCH.—On Saturday afternoon, a From the Correspondent of the Norfolk News DEAR STR.—In think my chances of obtaining secress this year, and inducing the Dundas and Hamilton, and to ply on Buranthers to extend the growth of flax, are lington Bay. The Mayor of Dundas and more probable than heretofore, occasioned by the extreme low prices of all cereals, and not only the partial but in many cases the total nature of the bean and pea crop the total nature of the bean and pea crop of Lands McKenzie, daughor last year, so that I hast it will prove ter of the Mayor of Dundas, dashed a that your columns have not been taken up bottle of champagne across the cut-water, with a subject which at this time is wholly and christened the saucy little craft the devoid or microst, and you will therefore Valley City, and the cheers of the byording the by giving insertion to the lew standers. Subsequently the enterprising remarks i desire to make with regard to builders and owners, the Brothers Maleune cultivation of this voltage and important crop.

To those who purpose growing flax this

TORONTO MARKETS.

THURSDAY, April, 7.

Fall Wheat, 7s 9d to 8s.

Shorts \$24 per do.

Barley and Rye are quiet and purely nominal, at 3s a 5s per husbel.

Oats.—Current price is 2s 10d per

Eggs by the quantity 12c a 13c and

retail 15e per dozen.

Poultry is scarce, and 3s per pair has been uaid for checkens.

Potatoes are scarce at 65c a 75c per

Apples \$5 per barrel.

Butter is scarce and wanted at 26c a 27c per lb.

Cheese —\$11 a \$12 per 100 lbs.

1 fay + \$12 a \$18 per ton. Straw \$7 a \$9 per ton. -Glebc.

Dew Advertisments.

NOTICE.

Proposed new By-Law for re-establishing the School Sections in the Town-ship of Markham.

TEREAS, by a judgment obtained in the Court of Queen's Bench, Hilary Term. 1859. In the case of HAACKE 22, Tax. MUNICURALIY or MARKAN, the By-law of the said Township numbered 77, and initialed. "A By-law to re-establish and form new School Sections." has been quas-hod, and whereas the said judgment set forth. "that the By-law haying been generally considered as illeval.

Sections." In a bean quashed, and whereas the said judgment set forth "that the By-law having been generally considered as illegal, has not been enforced or acted upon, that it did not properly define the limits of the school section; that the inhabitants of the old section, 16, have always since gone or acting under the old law, and raising rates accordingly, without regarding the new divisions, which as igned various portions of it to other sections."

And whereas many of the reasons set forth in said judgment for quashing said By-law are unfounded in fact—lst. The stremmt that the By-law was generally considered as Begul, and that it has not been enforced or acted upon, is without foundation: But, on the other hand, it was generally considered as legal, and has been seted upon in good fatth, in every School Section in t e Township, during a period of three years and upwards.

210, The statement "that it did not pro-