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For the Review.

Those links of affection that bound them to thee,

Came to posterity and dwell now in me. And now to thee, Scotland, my homage I pay, Oh who can be able to sunder apart,

With soul-gushing fondness I list to the tales That often are told of thy mountains and vales; And oft do I sing though no listner be near, House and Lot for Sale or to Of Scotland, the land ever cherished and dear: More dear to my heart than bright glittering gold Are the songs that were song and the tales that

Embosomed in memory like gens they are cast, OT No. 20, Queen Street East, Dur-Which cover perchance the grav is of my sires : The land where learning and wisdom are given, And ignorance off from his throne is driven; he land where religion stands to the fore. House and Lot for Sale in The land of a race which by nature is free; Truly proud of thy name I ever shall be.

An Awful Butchery. afraxa Street, Lower Town, Purham. On the lot Five People Murdered by Masked Men.

HORRIBLE FATE OF A LAWLESS FAMILY.

House and Three Acres of Condensed from the Mail. Lucan, Ont., Feb. 4.-This is a flourish. ing village of about 1,100 population, situated on the Grand Trunk railway, twenty-A GREAT BARGAIN. five miles west of Stratford and about three THE Subscriber wishing to leave thi niles east of the junction of the Grand Trunk and Lendon and Huron railways. It posses no peculiar teatures to dis vation, on which is crected a small cottage | tinguish it from a score of other villages in Western Ontario, but it has long possessed an unenviable notoriety, out of all proportion to its size and importance, due to the Priceville P. O. turbulent character of some of the inhabiants of the surrounding township of Bidpeople of the village itself. Biddulph forms a portion of the splendid county of Middle ex, and Lucan is about seventeen miles from London, the county capital. In-Loans Repayable numerable are the quarrels between neighbours that have been adjudicated upon in Lucan by the local magistracy and almost Inst lments, or Otherwise equally numerous have been the cases carried up to the higher courts at London from this section. In these disputes a few families have always been prominent as the leaders of rival factions, but most prominent of all have been the Donnelly family. Durham Among the early settlers in Biddulph was Jas. Donnelly and his wife Julia, from the County Tipperary, Land was plentiful and Notice 2 Farmers cheap in those days, and Donnelly, a stout tical ownership of some six or seven hunthe blood of a fellow-being, and ill-luck PHE great stringency of the Money eems to have attended himself and his amily ever since. While at a raising, and under the influence of liquor, he brained one Farrel with a handspike. A lement view of the circumstances was taken at the The London & Canadian Loan & Agenc trial, and he escaped the hangman only to perish miserably last night at the hands of incendiary assassins. During the father's seven years absence in the penitentiary for the killing of Farrel, his sons grew wild and wayward. The return of the head the house from Kingston seems to have in-Interest half yearly on 1st of May and 1st Novemangurated no reform in the conduct of the ter or may be made payable once-a-year after rest of the family, and the old man and his seven strapping, muscular sons soon became a terror to the country side. Fighting was their chief diversion and actions atlaw their only serious business in life, One

Flannigan, of Clandeboye, started a stage

the Donnellys, and Flannigan was burned tance of the town boundary. out after many broils. Others who crossed DUILDER, Durham, keeps on hand a the path of the Donnellys in a social or THE MURDER OF JOHN DONNELLY. Bullding materials, also a stock of Biouldings in business way, met with similar misfortunes.

held to a bloody expiation by the commis- room, and hearing the shots fired, and see- The little fellow tells a story about masked | gedy. Their names are as follows :- James | tee had had under consideration the petision upon them of an atrocity that exceeds ing his brother fall to the floor, he had the men entering old Donnelly's house after Carroll, John Darcy, James Maher, sr., tion of ratepayers of Sullivan, asking for in horror anything that has ever occurred presence of mind to shut the door and lock midnight, and slaughtering the inmates James Maher, jr.. John Kennedy, Martin grant to open up County line between Bul in this Province. A volume might easily it. Mrs. Donnelly then went to render with shovels, pick-axes, &c. Connor's to- McLaughliu, Patrick Ryder, sr., Patrick livan and Arran, but could not recomm be written descriptive of the occurrences assistance, to the injured man, but he was day was taken under the charge of Chief Ryder, jr., and J. Ryder. They were all the grant. which led up to the terrible tragedy of last insensible, and never uttered another Williams, and was kept from the presence taken to London. night, but the above will suffice to explain word, lingering only ten minutes after the of inquisitive newspaper reporters, of the state of affairs which has fatal shot was fired. Wm. Donnelly, the whom there are about a dozen in the

COMMENCEMENT OF THE ENQUIRY.

people to regard Biddulinh warm - road, where a couple of the were fired night is that talk on the main street to into the air, and a yell set up, and the much for his own san red Dornelly was the perses of those or

granaries of a farmer named Patrick Ryder horror struck at the occurrence and re- took part in the affair be disclosed by him. were burned to the ground, and the Don- mained for some time in the house not his life would suffer the penalty. At nellys were tlamed as a matter of course. daring to venture out lest he should meet sent the hoy is in safe keeping, which goes An investigation was instituted, and ad- the same fate that had befallen the broth- to show that he is possessed of valuable injourned until to-lay, but in the, meantime er. Wm. Donnelly's house is about four formation which will be given to the public zation of long standing in these parts, mile from the track of the Grand Trunk! In reference to the shooting of John hurried most of the unhappy family before railway. It is a log house, and stands Donnelly, the same jury was empanelled, a more awe-inspiring tribunal than the back about fifty yards from the sideroad. and the same foreman was chosen. Magistracy of Biddulph, by deliberately There are several farm houses near by, | jury visited the house of Michael Connors,

murdering James Donnelly, his wife, his and the house cannot be said to be in an I father of the lad Conners, to view the body, sons Themas and John and his neice isolated spot. In fact the section is as whither it had been brought, under instrucpreserved by the dwellers in the immediate throughout the Province. The body of the friends of the family. two bands of assassins engaged, as John about three inches above the groin, there fired the fatal shot.

Donnelly was shot in his brother William's was a bullet wound. door, as described below, at about the same | A visit to the scene of the murder was time that his father, mother, brother and made and the house presented a mournful cousin were being massacred at the home. spectacle. The floor was covered with stead, two and a half miles away. In this blood and the terrified women and children respect the crime was unique, as it was were huddled in the corners trembling at also in the other feature that it was not the approach of every stranger and although committed to the sake of plunder, but in terrified at the dreadful tragedy enacted the name of the wild justice of revenge. scarcely appearing to realize the fearful

The homestead consists of fifty acres of crime that had been committed. land, which, with twenty-five acres at a The murdered man, John Donnelly, is Extraordinary Apathy of the Neighbours. little distance, comprises all that is left of spoken of by those who knew him as the the many acres which Donnellys once con- quietest of the whole family. He was trolled, the rest having been spent in riotous | married man, but had separated from his living and law-suits. Upon this lot of fifty wife, she having left him and married keres, which is the north half of lot G, 18th, another man some six years ago. He was concession, better known as the Roman a stout, well-built young man of about 28 line, stood the log bonse which was the years of age, and weighing about 170

years of age, son of Michael Connors of mediately left. Lucan. The boy was visiting at the house and was sleeping with the old man. As:

POURED COAL OIL ON THE BEDS

out, when he ventured forth and crossed Donnelly, the niece of the old people. The out into the kitchen and I heard him grown By-law 174, advertised for sale, and as the road in his night shirt to the residence interior of the building, or what was the beside the kitchen stove. They threw coal many more as could be purchased at a rate of Mr. Whalen, Sr. The latter let the lad interior, was also strewn with the wrecks oil on the bed, and while they were at it I not exceeding 1014, considering our Counin, but being either terrified or discrediting of stoves, pots, pans, &c., and at six o'clock heard one of them say, "It will burn off ty debentures the best security. The comthe boy's story, took no trouble to immedi- this evening many of the timbers of the old and go out." When it was blazing up committee also recommend payment of ately ascertain the facts for himself. In log cabin were smouldering away. fact the fire seems to have caused no particular anxiety or alarm amongst any of the neighbours, and it was not until between a thorough inspection of the premises, renine and ten o'clock this morning that word was conveyed to the authorities in Lucan that one of the most horrible tragedthat hour the place was crowded. Those line in opposition to a line run by one of ies on record had been enacted in the still occupying seats appeared to manifest some watches of the night, within so short a disliams, of the London police force, who had

At half past two o'clock a. m. the in- tectives Phair and Murphy, was present at scared nearly to death. I went down to manby, Dep.-Reeve of St. Vincent and the Constables who attempted to arrest them mates of Wm. Donnelly's house were the enquiry. He was of great assistance Donnelly's to stay there while the old man mover be appointed to enquire into the were shot, clubbed and terrorized, and wit- aroused by a loud knocking at the door. to the coroner, and acted as cross-examin- went down to Granton." nesses and juries were too slow to assist in The occupants for the night consisted of er. The detectives are busily engaged in carrying out the law against them. A few Wm. Donnelly and his wife and his brother making enquiries among the people, who he told with a good deal of nervousness, Law so as to reduce the number of County years agoRobert was sent to the penitentiary John, and a man and his wife named do not appear to be over communicative. and with caution. It was evident to the Councillors, and report at this session. for a deadly assault upon a constable, and Hogan. A lamp was lighted, and the in- The evidence of John Whalen, Joseph, reporter that he was holding back some- Carried. had only recently regained his freedom. mates proceeded to dress themselves, when Whalen, and their father. Patrick Whalen thing concerning the murders, and had it Mr. McNicol said the motion was really Upon one occasion the volunteers had to be a loud and imperious voice called out, was taken. The Ceroner, acting under the not been for cautions constantly made by the Warden's idea. He did not wish to get called out to keep the faction in awe. Barn | "Will, I want to see you." John Donnelly advice of Chief Williams, said he would have gone into min- popularity by it, but only wished tor an burnings, mutitations of horses and the de- then said that he recognized the voice, and not at present call any more witnesses in ute discriptions of the intruders, and per- expression of the Council on the question. struction of agricultural implements became started for the front door, which he open- the case. After a short consultation, the haps mentioned names. He is the only of frequent occurrence, and as the Donnel ed wide. Simultaneously with the opening jury decided to adjourn till Wednesday available witness and unraveller of the Pedlar, That the Treasurer cause to be ys had a bad name, they were made the of the door two guns were fired, and the evening next. scapegoats for every-depredation perpetrat- contents entered the body of John Don- The boy Connors, who escaped from the his timely secretion underneath the bed ing the arrears of each municipality down ed. It is only fair to say that while they nelty, who staggered back and fell to the burning building was not called. His evino doubt richly deserved much of the odium floor, exclaiming, "Will, I am shot; dence, it is said, will be of a damaging murdered Donnellys. heaped upon them, they were often blamed Lord have mercy on my soul!" By this character, and rumour says it will implifor the misdeeds of others, and have been time William Donnelly had reached the cate many persons living in the township. cion of being concerned in this terrible tramade this long-settled and wealthy portion the meantime, day are ton or a of Canada so notorious; and has caused side and de proceed out of the laury

a so-called vigilance committee, an organi- miles from Lucan, and about quarter of a in time.

Bridget. There is remarkable retisence thickly populated as ordinary country places tions of the Coroner, and by request of special prizes, is to be presented to the neighbourhood of the tragedy. The excite- murdered man, at the house of Michael A post mortem examination was held ment, though interse, is suppressed, and Connors, in Lucan, was laid out in a coffi: his evening. The wound, which there are none of those loud expressions of in the half nude condition he was at the probability caused death, a rifle shot in the \$100 to build approaches to bridge on indignation and demands for justice which time of his cruel taking off. It presenter neighbourhood of the right groin, was shown are heard under similar eircumstances in a shocking sight, and one which will remain to have been produced by a bullet thought other communities. Every stranger is sus- impressed vividly upon the memory. About to be from a Minie rifle. Not long ago a piciously scrutinized, and even the honest four inches above the right nipple, there Minie rifle was stolen from the militia reporter seems to be regarded as a spy or a was nearly forty distinct shot wounds, armoury in this place. A piece of paper detective. Hence the facts are unusually which from their size indicated that the affixed to the body of the deceased was 174, presented report of the same. The difficult to get at, but what has been ac- gun from which they were fired had been shown to be part of a paper published in report gave figures in connection with Byquired by careful inquiry among a demora- loaded with slugs. These wounds alone London, Out , called the Catholic Record. lized community may be summarized as were sufficient to have caused death. In The piece of paper in question was, no follows :- It would seem that there were the base of the abdomen on the right side doubt, used as a "wad" by the person who

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The following account of an interview with the boy O Connor is given by a correspondent of the London Free Press .-

Johnny O'Connor is a stout little boy, of 11 years of age, who lives with his mother in the eastern portion of Lucan. At first sight he would not be credited with precocity, but after winning his confidence and the air of strangeness is gone, he speaks with a good deal of freedom and sense. His story is one of the most wonderful in the annals of crime, and is appended as he told it in his mother's house:--"I am eleven years of age. I went out to Donnel ly's about 4 o'clock yesterday evening, and John Donnelly, Bridget Donnelly, the old man and the old woman, and Tom Donnelly was there. Jack and Tom put in the scene of the murder of the major portion pounds. Of all the Donnelly family, he horse, and we all went in to get warm. Afof the family, Michael having been stubbed seems to have been the only one against ter that Jack went into the barn, and put to death a few weeks ago in Waterford, and whom there was very little ill-feeling. The the harness over the neck of the pony and Patrick and Robert being absent, the one theory of the murder is that the "regula- went to Will's, where he wanted to get the in St. Catherines and the other in the neight tors" had resolved to kill Wm. Donnelly, cutter to go to Granton to day Phursday). bourhood of St. Thomas. The inmates of and that they went to the latter's house for Then we sat down and ate a few apples, the house last night were the father, the this purpose, and, not knowing that John had our supper and went to bed. I slept mother the son Thomas, and the neice, was stopping there for the night, they pre- with the old man in the front bedroom, o'clock some men came in and pretended

they arrested the old man and Tom. Tom Coroner Hossack, of this village, empan- lit the candle, and then they put handcuffs the only surviving witness of the terrible elled a jury in the forenoon, and visited on him, but I don't know whether they was adopted. scene, he is the centre of interest in the the rains of Jas. Donnelly's house, situated handcuffed the old man. Tomasked them Moved by Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. case. His recollection of the details is about four and a half miles from this place. to read the warrant, and while they were McNaught, That Messrs. Sing, Gamey. naturally confused and as his story upon There a sight met their gaze which made standing there a whole lot of men jumped McKechnie, Murdoch, Christoe, White and oath remains to be told, his knowledge of the the strongest heart quake. Among the into the house and commenced to beat Cleland be a special committee to enquire personnel of the murderers has not yet been burnt embers of the structure were the Tom with sticks. I heard the row and and report at present session on salaries developed. What he tells is substantially charred remains of the four victims of the jumped out of bed, crawled undernoath, and efficiency of officers of Council, and that between one and two o'clock, a num- vengeance of the red-handed murderers. and hid behind the clothes basket. Tom recommend any change if necessary.ber of masked men entered the house un- Near the front door on the outside were ran out of the front door, and I heard them Carried. heard, and, after arousing the old man, observed sever I pools of blood which had hammer him with sticks, and then carry told Thomas that they had a warrant for been covered up by order of the coroner, him back into the house again. One said him, which they proceeded estensibly to with boards to prevent the snow from re- "hit that fellow with a shovel and break his the Deputy Master and Registrar-inexecute. Almost simultaneously the room moving the marks. In the inside of the head open." Then one of the men ran up Chancery, the committee considered it the active man, assisted by his seven boys, in which the boy slept with the old man front door the neighbours point to a lump and struck him three or four blows on the duty of the Council to furnish him with was entered and an attack made. In the of cinders, which they state are the remains head with a shovel. I heard him yell and cffice, light and fuel, and recommending confusion the boy whose presence in the of Thomas Donnelly, who is supposed to fall. Bridget Donnelly ran upstairs. The an annual payment of \$50 a year for that dred acres. But in an evil hour nearly house was evidently unknown to the assail- have been struck on the head with a shovel old woman was at the kitchen door, and I purpose, which if not accepted, then Chairants, clambered over the foot board and by one of the bloody gang, and in an un- heard them striking them on the head with crawled under the bed. After the murderers conscious state forced back by them into sticks. She yelled, and then everything rent two rooms, providing they cannot be had finished their hideous work with spades the burning building. To the left and was quiet. Some one asked where's the furnished in the Court House. In referfurther in doors is another lump of charred girl ? and another voice said 'I guess she ence to communication of W. Armstrong; humanity. This is said to be the old man must be up stairs.' Then a lot of them in reference to stationery, the committee and fired the interior of the house. The Donnelly. In the kitchen apartment were ran upstairs, but I couldn't hear any noise, recommend payment of \$10 for 1879. The boy remained in his hiding-place after two more bodies. One is said to be that of and they came down in a few minutes and committee also recommend the purchase their departure until the fire drove him Mrs. Donnelly, the mother, and Bridget said 'it is all right,' The old man went of four debentures of \$1000 each, under they left. There were about twenty of several accounts, and in reference to the them, but I didn't see whether they were all matter of re-adjustment or re-valuation of The jury, composed of villagers, after masked or not. After the bed was blazing County, recommended that no valuators be and the house began to burn, I crawled out appointed, but that original valuation be turned home, and was summoned to meet from underneath the bed. As I passed the basis of assessment. through the kitchen I heard Tom and the The report of Finance Committee was again in the town hall at seven o'clock. At old man breathing, but could not see their adopted

ghastly mystery, and had it not been for printed with the minutes a statement show would doubtless have shared the fate of the to the latest point possible before minute Eleven men have been arrested on suspi- The report of the Road and Bridge Com

One thousand stove and iron moulder are on strike at Pittsburg, Pa.

se. D. o. rertin, the well-known Lon- ment on first and nors knows too don Candy man, it is said, has fallen heir to utilize the labor of ed that should to about \$4,000,000, by the death of Hor- prison walls. them who see D. Pemin, of Marshall, Michigan.

County Council: Continued From the Times

THURSDAY AFTERNOON. A petition was read from 40 of the Township of Melanethon, relative t construction of a siding : also a s tion from Jas. Masson, Esq. Master in Chencery, relative to office rent. Severa other communications were read, and referred to the respective commit

Moved by Mr. Middleton, seconded Mr. August, That the Warden and Clerk be requested to forward to the Board of Directors of the T. G. & B. R. a petil asking for the construction of a siving in the Township of Melancthon, as requeste in petition Carried and Visquis

By-law No. 278 appointing Auditors and By-law No. 279 appointing High Scho Trustee were passed." Tende Jannom

Moved by Mr. Cleland, seconded by Mr. Read, That before the usual grant be given to the three Riding Agricultural Association of this County, that a statement of their affairs, showing receipts and expenditure, number of members, and amoun domited by individuals of companies as Council.-Carried. of saw broger ad

Mr. Sparrow gave notice of motion that he would apply to-merrow for a grant of The deputation on behalf of the construction of a House of Refuge, then addressed

The special committee relative to By-law law, and recommended that interest on debentures be applied to figuidation of coupon

The Council went into committee of the whole on above report. The report was passed in committee without amendment The Clerk was instructed to report tomorrow the number of vagrants committed to gaol in 1879, cost of maintenance, constables' fees, and other expenses attending arrest, amount of stone broken, and amount derived from sale of fees.

The report of special committee on Bylaw No. 174 was adopted. Mr. Sing then read report of County Property Committee. The report stated the committee had had under their consideration the matter of removing broken stone from the gool yard, and recommending that a written agreement be entered into with the corporation of Owen Sound to remove all broken stone as required by the

The report was adopted and the Council adjourned till 10 o'clock Friday

ERIDAY MORNING. The Council met at 10 o'clock. Minutes of yesterday read and confirmed. Mr. Cleland read report of special com-

the latter a young woman of about twenty, suffied when the door was opened that the wino has buly been our from Ireland a year, man who came to it was witham, and hat the middle room,—next to us. Tom sless of bonded security held; and stated that in the kitchen. Between twelve and two after examination and enquiry the committee were satisfied that the Council had ample security. On motion made and seconded report

Dr. Christoe read report of Finance Com

heads or their faces, on account of the Moved by Mr. McNichol, seconded by interest in the proceedings. Chief Wil. darkness. When I got outside I couldn't Mr. Murdock, That a special committee. see any one, and I then went over to old consisting of the Reeves of Artemesia, Meabeen telegraphed for, and arrived with De- man Whalen's and woke them up. I was ford, Collingwood, 1st Dep.-Reeve of Norpropriety of memorializing the Legis This was the little fellow's story, which lature of Ontario to amend the Municipal

are printed.

On motion the report was adopted A metion was made by Mr. McCles seconded by Mr. Games, in rislizing the Government the Vagrant Act, as to amount of

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