Agents for the Grey Review

Geo. H. Middleton,	Dundalk.
Alexander Silvester,	Priceville.
Colin C. McFayden,	Glenelg.
Daniel Keith,	Holstein.
Alexander Taylor,	Bremen.

THE REVIEW.

Durham, April 7. 1881.

—The Greek question is still unsettled. Turkish ironclads are preparing to move and Turkish troops are massing on the frontier, while the Greeks are drilling and arming and determined to compel an acknowledgement of their rights by the arbitrament of the sword. Meanwhile the other European powers are actively engaged in trying to avert war. The Ambassadors at Athens have agreed on an identical note to be submitted to the Greek Government and recommended the acceptance of the terms offered by the Porte. It is not likely that in these circumstances the Greeks will take the responsibility of firing the first shot.

—Lord Beaconsfield has been dangerously ill for some days, and although hopes are entertained of his recovery he is considered by his physicians to be in a very precarious state. Speculation is rife as to his successor. The Earl of Salisbury, who is by far the ablest man in the Conservative party, is looked upon as being too much of the fossilized Tory. Lord Cairns is of plebeian origin, and therefore is not acceptable to many, while the Duke of Richmond, would only be in reality the figure-head of the party were he chosen leader. The hopes and aspirations, however, engendered by the illness of the ex-Premier may be set adrift by his recovery, although it is confidentially stated that he intends resigning the Premiership so soon as the present session is brought to a close.

—The question of the "increased cost of living" under the N. P. has on more than one occasion been pondered out in these columns. In a recent issue of the 'Globe' it is very conclusively shown that this increased cost of living presses far more heavily on the working classes than upon any other. For instance, in the matter of woollen goods chiefly used by the laboring classes, such as cheap tweeds, cheap over coatings and worsteds the increase of price produced by the N. P. is from 150 to 200 per cent. On medium priced woollens, as fine tweeds and over coatings, the increase is from 50 to 88 per cent; But, on expensive woollens as fine broad-cloth, superfine French overcoatings &c., the increase over the revenue tariff only amounts to from 30 to 40 per cent. We have here then two facts established—first, that the vaunted National Policy which was heralded as a boon especially to the working man, has materially increased the cost of living, and second, that contrary to the very elements of sound legislation, it presses unequally on the different classes of the people, the poorer classes being the chief sufferers.

THE BELLEVILLE INSTITUTE.

We have received a very interesting Report of the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Belleville, for the last year. The Institution was opened in 1870 with an attendance of 100 pupils. Since then, the attendance has steadily increased, and now there are 281 pupils on the roll—the total number admitted being 498. With the exception of two from New Brunswick, all these belong to the Province of Ontario. No less than 202 deaf mutes are still scattered up and down through the Province between the ages of four and twenty, who have not attended any school for mutes, and who therefore, unless steps are taken by the benevolent amongst us to press the claims of humanity upon the parent or guardian of these unfortunate persons, will be denied the only means which can prevent them being a burden to themselves and to those who have charge of them. Of the 202 who have not attended any school, 11 are in the County of Grey, 13 in Bruce, and from 1 to 10 in the other Counties of the Province. Of the 498 who have received instruction at the Belleville Institute, the County of Grey has contributed the large number of 25, Peel 27, Huron 31, Lincoln and Wentworth 32 each. The total cost of the Institute to the Province for the last year was $35,526, being $156.50 per pupil. This may be considered a somewhat heavy tax on the ratepayers, but it is as nothing when the noble work done by the Institute is taken into consideration; and it is a high testimony to the philanthropy of our legislators that the annual vote for the maintenance of this and similar Institutions is never called in question. The course of instruction consists of the elements of an English Education very similar to that given in the Public Schools. There is also an industrial department where the boys are taught carpentry and shoemaking, while the girls are instructed in the various kinds of sewing, laundry, kitchen and housework generally. In the words of the Inspector, the pupils are taught, that "all labor, if honestly performed, is honorable"—a lesson which is very imperfectly understood by many who are possessed of all their faculties.

As regards the causes of deaf mutes, in 283 of the 498 persons admitted into the Belleville Institute, the causes are reported as being the ordinary accidents and diseases to which children are specially liable, while only in 215 the cause is given as congenital; but still more extraordinary is the statement, that blood relationship existed only between the parents of 78 of the whole number of pupils. This is quite opposed to the testimony of other observers. The Irish Commissioner's Report for 1871 says that of 201 cases reported, in 192 the parents were more or less closely related—80 being the children of first cousins, 60 of second cousins 30 of third cousins, 7 of fourth cousins and in 15 they were more remotely related. Testimony of a similar character is borne by a report on the subject laid before the American Medical Association in 1871. Of 3942 children of marriages of consanguinity 1134 were defective in one way or another—deaf and dumb 145, blind 85, idiotic 308, insane 58 &c. &c., and the writer concludes from his researches on the subject "that ten per cent. of the deaf and dumb, over 5 per cent. of the blind, nearly 15 per cent. of the idiotic in the State Institutions are the offspring of kindred parents, or of parents themselves the descendants of blood intermarriages." In a young country like Canada, marriages of consanguinity may not be followed by such disastrous results to the offspring, but, of such marriages, as population becomes more dense, and consequently the struggle for existence becomes more severe, such marriages will undoubtedly show an increasing proportion of the deaf, the blind, the idiotic and the insane in the offspring. Indeed the testimony against marriages of blood relationship is so strong, and the peril in them to the future of the country so great, that it becomes a question, whether it is not the duty of the State to interfere in this matter and limit the liberty of the subject.

Although Bede in 685 records the case of a deaf mute being instructed, it was not until Jerome Cardan in the sixteenth century wrote a treatise on the subject, that the instruction of deaf mutes was placed upon a rational basis and was followed by any practical results. In 1760 the Abbe de l'Epee opened the first school in Paris, and about the same time Thomas Braidwood opened a School in Edinburgh. The London Asylum was the first public school in England. It was projected by the Rev. T. Townsend, and opened in 1792 with four pupils under the principalship of Dr. Watson, so well known in connection with the education of the Deaf and Dumb. Since that time these Institutions have rapidly increased in number and efficiency. In the United States and the Continent of Europe as well as in Canada, the deaf and dumb are adopted as wards of the commonwealth, and are educated under the special supervision of the State, but in Great Britain, all the Institutions for the deaf and dumb, and they are not few, have been originated by private benevolence, and are supported by subscriptions, legacies, donations and the fees of pupils.

Local and Other Items.

All goods "Cheap at Grants."

Just to hand at Grants, White and regetta shirts.

BUTTER has been very scarce in Durham for some weeks past.

A new Stock of Ready Made Clothing just arrived at Grants.

EGGS are becoming more plentiful than they were a short time ago.

Call with your butter and eggs at Grants and get the highest market price.

THE Robins were around a week or two ago. There are a few crows around yet.

I SAID I would, and so I will, make photographs during this month at $1.00 per dozen.

J. C. JOPP.—Of Rockville, will take eggs and flour in exchange for boots. Read his new advertisement.

PARTIES in want of almost anything made of leather, from a medal to a Trunk, can be supplied by calling on Mr. Thomas Smith, Durham. See adv.

EVERYBODY SAYS SO.—For Watches, and Rings go to W. F. Doll, Flesherton and Dundalk. His stock is the largest and best in the county, and his prices are all right.

REMEMBER the Sabbath School Anniversary to be held in the Canada Methodist Church, Durham, on Friday next week, (Good Friday.) Great preparations are being made for it.

CREDIT AUCTION SALE, of Farm Stock, impliments &c, on Lot 10, Concession 2, Egermont, the farm of Mr. James Vessie, will take place on Saturday next, April 9th. Terms 10 months credit. John Moodie, Auctioneer.

QUICK WORK.—Edward Sheppard and William Crozier of Bentinck, cut nine cords and a quarter of maple and beech wood in eight hours and forty minutes, one day lately. If there are any parties who can beat this they would like to hear from them.

WALL PAPER, WINDOW BLINDS, &c.—Mr. T. Jones, of the Durham School Book Depot, announces a choice selection of Wall-Paper, Window Blinds, Books, Fancy Goods, &c, now on hand, to select from, Mr. Jones has a fine assortment of goods. Call and see.

OUR RAILWAY.—We are patiently waiting for the opening of the G. B. & W. Railway to this Town. We understand trains are running to Holstein, but we have not been favoured with the presence of a train this year yet, but we expect to be in a day or two.

METHODIST CHURCH.—The Meetings are still kept up in the Canada Methodist Church in this Town, and the attendance is increasing. The Rev. Mr. Green, of Paisley, has been preaching since Friday last, and preached twice on Sabath to large congregations.

ALWAYS IN SEASON.—The time to advertise is, when you have bargains to offer, when sales are dull, when specialities are in season, when competition is keen, when new goods arrive, when you have old stock to clear, when business is booming, and when you have goods to sell.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Rev. Mr. McDiarmid, of Latona, preached in the Presbyterian Church, Durham, on Sabath evening last week. A congregational meeting is to be held on Monday next to try and settle their differences in an amicable manner. We hope they will be successful.

THE Libel suit between Major Allen, of the Orangeville *Gazette* and John Foley of the *Sun* did not come off at the Guelph Assizes last week, Major Allen being *sick*. We do not know exactly how the law would work in a case of this kind, but from a logical view of the subject when one person charges another person with a criminal offence and fails to prove it, the plaintiff should be held responsible for all expenses and trouble the defendant in the case is put to.

Local and Other Items.

Gilbert Saunders of Sarawak, aged about 27, had his leg broken in two places last week while chopping in the bush.

The Toronto *World* says George A. Drew, Elora, is about to accept the Judgeship of the county of Wellington.

SNOW STORM.—One of the most violent snow storms took place on Tuesday last. It snowed all day, but the furious wind swept it off the roads, made large drifts in sheltered places, and drove it into every hole and crevice that the wind could find, making it very uncomfortable for man and beast.

EDGE MILLS.—The Edge Mills which have been rented by Mr. Zenus Clark for several years past, are now offered for sale together with the Edge Estate in Durham. Mr. Clark has made a large number of friends since he has resided in this place, who feel very sorry that circumstances have necessitated his removal from among us.

AN important announcement will be found in another column, consisting of the advertisement of E. & A. Davidson. It will be seen that several new lines of goods are announced, as well as special values offered in Millinery, Mantles, Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Lace Curtains, Mantle Cloths, Laces, &c. Ladies should make a note of this.

REFORM MEETING.—A meeting of the Reform Association of Egremont will be held in the Holstein Temperance Hall, on Friday, April 8, 1881, at 2 o'clock, p. m. To take into consideration the holding of a Grand Reform Demonstration in the South Riding of Grey some time during the summer and also to reorganize the Society. All interested in the Reform cause are expected to be present.

ENTERPRISE.—Just to show the enterprise of our fellow-townsman, Finlay MacRae, Esq., ex-Warden of this county, we may mention that he in company with Mr. Robert Bull, Carpenter and Builder, with seven workmen, went out into the Township of Glenelg, thirteen miles from Durham, on Monday last, the 4th inst., and erected a one story and a half frame dwelling House, 16 x 20, and had almost completed before dark, it only taking a few hours work from two men to finish it next morning ready for occupation. Who says there is no life in Durham after this? All the workmen but two came back to Durham on Monday night.

"OUR" RAILWAY.—The whistle of the Grand Trunk engines on the G. B. & W. R. lines, have once more been heard within the town limits. They have managed to get to Holstein. Further than that they cannot go at present, owing to the ties having been laid in snow thereby causing ice to form, and making it dangerous to run over. Monday last the first freight train reached this place and Holstein, the first freight to the latter place being a carload for Mr. P. Dixon. The train returned loaded with ties. The company is now prepared to carry car loads of freight to and from Mount Forest and Holstein. Orders may be left with Mr. Geo. Colcleug, jr., at the grocery store of Mr. G. Colcleug, sr. It is expected that in a few days the station will be opened. By advertisement in this issue will be noticed that a general meeting of the Shareholders will be held at Durham on the 14th of next month, at 1 o'clock p. m.—*M. F. Confederate.*

PRESENTATION.—We learn from the Shelbourn *Free Press*, that Mr. John Mills, having resigned the office of Treasurer, after having filled the position creditably for twenty-five years, the Council of Melancthon, on behalf of the people of the municipality, decided to mark their appreciation of his long and faithful service as a township officer, in a tangible and public manner. Accordingly, on Monday evening, March 7th, the members of the council, and between fifty and sixty of the residents of the township, met at Mr. Mills' residence for the purpose of presenting him with an elegant gold watch, accompanied with an address expressive of the esteem in which he is held by the people he has served so long. The watch bears the following inscription:—"Presented to John Mills by Melancthon Township, after twenty-five years faithful services, 7th March, 1881." An address was read to which Mr. Mills made a brief reply being much affected. A few remarks suitable to the occasion were made by Mr. Jas. Huxtable, Reeve, and by Messrs Richard Slack, the new Treasurer; Robert McGhee, N. B. Allan, George Bailey, John Hogg, James Brown, and others. A sumptuous supper was provided by Mrs. Mills, for the entertainment of those present, and was a very pleasant feature of the evening.

Ayton.

Timothy Moran is about purchasing the blacksmith shop formerly occupied by Mr. Elder, and situated opposite Ringel's Hotel. There are no less than five Blacksmith shops in the village, two of which will now be owned by Mr. Moran, but competition does not seem to effect the price of work done in that line.

Fall wheat is injured to a great extent in this section and a great deal of it unfortunately was sown; it is rather singular that there are scarcely ever two successive years favorable for fall wheat.

Several contracts for additional ties for the S. & L. R. Railway have been let and the public are beginning to have confidence in the assurance that the line will be energetically pushed to completion.

The assignee has sold by tender the books belonging to the McSherry bankrupt firm. The purchaser is going to put them into a lawyer's hands for final collection, they were kept in rather a loose unreliable manner, and although the purchaser has never had the slightest connection with the firm, he will find it an unpleasant and in same cases unjust task to enforce payment.

In Toronto it has been discovered that a sausage manufacturer has been in the habit of using horse-flesh and other carrion meat in the manufacture of sausages. The smell that arose from his place led to the discovery of the fact.

Found Dead.

A man named James Kennedy residing about a mile and a half from Durham, in Bentinck, was found dead in his bed this morning. We understand that an inquest will be held this afternoon.

Durham Road, Glenelg.

This is a cold season for the time of year, April 5th, it is as frosty yet as it was in January, and indicates a snowstorm, the roads are not passable for either wheels or runners, both are used simultaneously for the last two weeks. It is feared the spring is going to be late, but we are not yet despairing for we rely on the promises given by Him who is the author of all things 'that seed time,' &c, shall be as long as there is a living being on the face of nature. Feed is getting scarce and prices tending upward. Cattle in general are in a pretty fair condition.

Lots of the farmers have lost the most of their lambs, the season of their arrival being not suitable for their tender innocency to endure; little or no prospects of any sugar making this spring, and although we are very fond of it we do not wish to see much Sugar making weather now.

Your correspondent paid a visit to the Pomona Mills one day lately, with a grist and was highly pleased with the return given. As the mills are fitted up in first class order, it cannot fail in doing good work. We were also greatly pleased to notice the change on the countenance of the obliging miller, Mr. Moorehouse, caused by the extra addition to his late lonely home on the hill top, in the person of a fine young wife of very obliging appearance. We wish them much success in their future career.

A number of young men from this neighborhood have decided to take a trip to the other side in hopes of receiving more for their labor than at home, and we hope they will.

Mr. Meldrum, Station Master, Flesherton, delivered a lecture one evening lately in Priceville, Subject—Presbyterianism, its origin, &c.; and no doubt Mr. Meldrum gave the subject justice.

Mr. Donald McDonald, Teacher, S. S. No. 1, Glenelg, held an examination the other day, a goodly number of parents and others were present, we were well pleased with the manner in which the children were taught, showing that the past as well as the present Teacher did not spare time in promoting the education of the young ones under their charge.

Dundalk Items.

The decisions of the Proton Election Case have been made known. The Judge rules in favour of J. J. Middleton on all points. The defendant therefore keeps his seat as Reeve of Proton, and the Relator—Messrs. Nelson & Co. will have to foot the bill to the tune of some three or four hundred dollars. The Question now is "what must I do to be saved"—from the costs. The general opinion here is they were served right, for there never was a more fair election than the last Proton contest.

Ho for the West! Numbers are leaving here daily for the United States and Manitoba. Mr. John Middleton starts in a few days for Oregon.

We will have a wide gauge sure, inside of one year no doubt.

Times are dull here at present perhaps owing to the "exodus." Our skating Rink is about to tumble. There—. ZERO.

Dundalk, March 31st 1881.

Another Sudden Death.

SUSPECTED FOUL PLAY—THE ABORTIONIST AT WORK IN KEPPEL.

On Monday, 28th ult., Coroner Cameron was notified of a sudden death having taken place near Mountain Lake in the township of Keppel, and at once took the necessary steps for holding an inquest on the body of the deceased, a young woman named Mary King, aged twenty, who has been a cripple and not very bright in the intellect. The jury, after viewing the body, adjourned to the house of Alexander Patterson, where a large number of witnesses were examined, the investigation lasting from 6 o'clock on Monday evening until 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, with only a short intermission for meals. The witnesses being all family connections, with one or two exceptions, it was a very difficult task to get anything like satisfactory evidence from them. Herbert Campbell, clerk in Manley's drug store, Wiarton, deposed to having sold James King, a brother of the deceased, a quantity of oil of cedar, on the 16th of February last, ostensibly for the purpose of killing vermin. Sampson King, a younger brother, gave evidence as to his brother having told him that his sister had taken too much of the drug. James King is now in jail on a charge of larceny, and will be detained there until the Spring Assizes, when the case will be up for trial the Coroner's jury returned the following verdict:

"That Mary King came to her death from loss of blood produced by an abortion, which was caused by an irritant poison known as the oil of cedar, taken by the deceased for the purpose, and the jurors aforesaid, on their oath aforesaid, do say that the said Mary King, in the manner aforesaid, and by means aforesaid feloniously, wilfully, and of her malice aforethought, did kill and murder herself, and the said jurors aforesaid, upon their oath aforesaid, further say that James King before the said felony and murder was committed, to wit on the 16th day of February, in the year aforesaid, feloniously and maliciously, in the year aforesaid, did incite, move, procure aid, counsel, hire and command the said Mary King the said felony and murder to do and commit against the peace of our Lady the Queen, her crown and dignity.—O. *S. Tribune.*

We learn that Mrs. King the mother of Mary King, has been committed to jail, on a charge of aiding in the above case.

Charles Robinson and his wife, the oldest couple in the township of Delta, were burned out on Thursday morning. Mr. Robinson, who is 91 years of age fought with Wellington at Waterloo; his wife is 95.

Honor Rolls.

The following is the Honor Roll of S. S. No. 8 Normanby for the month of March as taken from the class Register.

Fourth Class—Marks obtainable 200,—James Derby, 167; Lizzie Young, 162; Alfred Ball, 160; Barbara Byers, 152; Robert J. Marshall, 138; Ebenezer Geddes, 119; Maggie Henderson, 118. Senior 3rd Class—Marks obtainable 200—Alex. Mc. E. Ball, 135; Wm. J. Patterson, 126; Andrew Fulton, 125; Sarah A. Ard, 121. Junior Third Class—Marks obtainable 200—Jane Henderson, 176; Helen M. Derby, 167; R. Nichol, 167; Sarah M. Marshall, 165; Josh. Ball, 168; Maggie Gilmore, 157. Senior Second Class—Marks obtainable 150—M. Fulton 130; Wm. Ed. Shewell, 120; Robert Derby, 114; Micheal Byers, 110. Junior Second Class—Marks obtainable 150—Ag. Geddes, 135; Violet Patterson, 134; John Henderson, 128; David Gilmore, 129.

Average attendance for the month 71. The quarterly examination was held on Friday the 1st of April. There were 91 pupils and 24 visitors present.

Thos. C. Smith, Teacher.

S. S. NO. 9. GLENELG.

4th Class, (possible 350)—Ellen Collier, 82 per cent.; Bella Ector, 76; Maggie Wier, 75; Susan Nichol, 54; Andrew Matthews, 42. The last two did not study all the subjects.

3rd Class, (possible 300)—Martha Matthews, 84 per cent.; Maggie Scott 79; Chris. Scott, 75; Thos. Matthews, 75; Agnes Nichol. 63; Martha Sharp, 60; Lillie Minto, 56; John Nichol, 41.

2nd Class—Catherine Crutchly, Sarah Sharp.

1st Class—(2nd part) Lillie Andrews, S. Scott.

1st Class—Lillie Nichol, Wm. Matthews, Charles Smith.

B. TOWNSEND, Teacher.

AYTON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Fourth Book 1st Class—Matlida Langdale and John Covil. Fourth Book, 2nd class, Maggie Ringel and Belle Nichol.

Third Book 1st Class, Lizzie Filsinger and Henry Mew. Third Book 2nd Class, Paul Pfeffer, Sarah Filsinger, Alfred Langdale.

Second Book 1st class—Geo. Thomas, R. Langdale. 2nd class,—Emma Oreffer, Geo Meyer.

2nd Division, 1st section—W. W. Welsh, Andrew Linn, Emma Zinter. 2nd section, Thos. Covil, Alex. Nichol, Kate Lippert. 3rd section, Ellen Young, John Moran, P. Kennann. The monthly roll is compiled from the close Register in which a regular record is kept of proficiency, punctuality and attendance. The average attendance for the month is only slightly over 80 owing to the pupils leaving who merely attend School during the winter months.

A. H. N. Jenkins, Teacher.
Louisa Miller, Assistant.

S. S. NO. 2, PROTON.

Honor list of pupils attending S. S. No. 2, Proton, for the quarter ending March 31, 1881.

Fourth Class,—Marks obtainable 350—Minnie Rosborough, 332; Jennie Johnson, 295; David M. Talbot, 280; Lizzie McMillen, 267; Kate Johnson, 215; Kate Arheson, 205; May Johnson, 202; William Stokes, 172; Annie Johnson, 163.

Third Class—Marks obtainable 300—Samuel Rosborough, 195; Edith Irvine, 157; Jennie Duncan, 146; Edward Duncan, 130; Bertha Johnson, 124.

Second Class.—Marks obtainable 200—Robert Wm. Nelson, 185; Wm. Price, 180; Maggie Irvine, 141.

N. W. GOWAN, Teacher.

LATONA SCHOOL.

Names arranged according to result of Monthly Examination. Marks obtainable 200.

Fourth Class—Robt. Ledingham, 109; William Skene, 108; Annie Smith, 76; A. McDougall, 87.

3rd Class—Frank Skene, 102; George Ledingham, 86; Fannie Edwards, 76; Cella Skene, 71.

2nd Class—Willie Smith, 119; Robert Young, 115; Charles Cameron, 111; Thos. McCosh, 58.

ANNIE L. SKEENE, Teacher.

DIED FROM THE EFFECTS OF POISON.—Samuel Muir, of Tara, died from the effects of poison on Wednesday. It is not known whether it was taken accidentally or intentionally, as he lived alone. His wife died about three months ago after a lingering illness of about four years. Another family living in the same house heard his cries and gave the alarm. The door had to be forced open by the neighbors, and he died in about five minutes afterwards.

A FATAL ACCIDENT IN PALMERSTON.—Early on Monday morning a child belonging to Robert Corrigan, G. W. R., was severely scalded by pulling over a teapot, the contents of which fell on the whole left front of the child's chest and arms, causing the little sufferer great pain. Medical assistance was immediately procured, and towards evening the child slept for some time, but the shock it had received was to much for its strength, and early on Tuesday it succumbed to the injuries. The child was seven months old.

FIRE.—The dwelling house of Mr. Henry Walker, on the 21st concession of Keppel, about a mile and a half from Wiarton, was totally destroyed by fire, on the 25th ult. The family were absent attending a funeral and the only occupants of the house at the time were an old man and a little girl. The fire was discovered by a neighbor, and every effort was made to save the contents, but without avail. The fire is supposed to have originated from the stove pipe where it passed through the roof. Loss on building partially covered by insurance.—*Wiarton Echo.*

McGill University, Montreal has just conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. on Professor Selwin, F. R. S., chief of the Canadian Geological Survey.

Five trains passed through London on Friday, containing 1,250 emigrants and their effects, bound for Manitoba and Dakota. The greater number will settle in the United States.

Artemesia Council.

Council met in Town Hall, Flesherton, on Monday April 4th. Present—Dr. Christie, Reeve, Wright, Webster, Elliott and Pedlar. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved as Read.

Communications read as follows:—J. Nixon, Dundalk, *re* damages to house on 190 side road. Joseph Donner, *re* refund in part of taxes on account of loss of building by fire. C. H. McKittrick, Orangeville, and Geo. Atkinson & Co., Aurora, *re* road scrapers. A. R. Fawcett, Flesherton, *re* Township printing. Mr. Miles, Reeve of Euphrasia, personally waited upon the council.

Accounts as follows were ordered to be paid.—W. Richardson, stationary, Telegrams 90 cts; Mrs. Thompson, Bread furnished Sherwood's family $3.25. Wm. M. Clark, repairing chimney on Town Hall, $1.65. R. J. Sproul, postage for 3 months $1.17. W. R. Rombough, for plan of McDonald survey, Priceville, $5.00. W J. Bellamy, quarters salary as Clerk and Reg, $37.50.

Petitions as follows presented and read:—Police trustees Markdale *re* communication of statute lobor. Joseph Henderson and others re-opening part of 180 side road.

Application of Trustees of S. S. No. 12 to borrow money introduced by Mr. Webster and read a first and second time.

Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that By-law No. 323 appointing municipal officers for 1881 be now read a third time.—Carried.

Mr. Elliot moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that Samuel Bowler be allowed to preform two days statute labor for Lot No. 22, con 14, charged against said lot, 1880, and that upon certificate of pathmaster that said work has been performed he be refunded $2.00 and that Adam Hislop, viz. be allowed to perform statute labor for 1881 for lot 24, Con 11, on new valley road.—Carried.

Mr. Elliot moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, That the Reeve and Clerk be a committee to finally audit the auditors report, and that two hundred copies be printed.—Carried.

Mr. Pedlar moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, That the Township printing be given to Mr. Wm. Fawcett, of Flesherton, and that all former resolution regarding printing be rescinded.—Carried.

Mr. Pedlar moved, seconded by Mr. Webster, That Joseph Donner be refunded $8.40, being taken in part on account of loss of barn and contents by fiire.—Carried.

Council adjourned.

W. J. BELLAMY, Clerk.

Owen Sound Presbytery.

The Presbytery met in Division-street church on the 15th ult. A committee consisting of Messrs. McKinnon and McDiarmid was appointed to visit Crawford Station along with a committee of the Bruce Presbytery to arrange for its future supply. The following commissioners to the General Assembly were chosen. Ministers—Messrs. Cameron, Somerville Scott and McLaren. Elders—Messrs. Skeen, J. Harkness, McKnight and P. Christie. Any of these brethren unable to fill their apointment will report to the Clerk of the Presbytery before the next meeting. Much of the time of the meeting was occupied with the consideration of the Mission work to be done during the summer. Committees were appointed to attend to financial matters in the various fields as follows:—Knox Church, Sydenham, Messrs. Stevenson, McDiarmid McQuater; Kilsyth, &c., Cameron, Currie any McGill; Euphrasia and Holland, Rodgers, Colter and Clark; Peninsula, Lower Field, Somerville, Scott and Leslie; Peninsula, Upper Field, Mordy and Currie; Sarawak and Keppel, Stevenson, Scott and Malcolm; Johnson and Daywood, McLaren, Cameron and J. Ross; Crawford, Messrs. Currie, McDiarmid and Skeene. The Convener of the Presbytery's, H. M. Com. was instructed to obtain students in the different stations for the summer, and if possible meet the wishes of those who had applied for particular men. The Presbytery agreed that Rev. Mr. McLennan supply Sarawak and North Keppel till October, provided $450 per annum be subscribed by the people; also that Rev. J. Ferguson be appointed as ordained missonary in Wiarton, &c., provided he accept the appointment before the meeting of the Committee on the 28th March. The stations to be connected with Wiarton being Hepworth and McLean on the south, White's and Chisholm's on the north. It was found to be impracticable to work Berkley in connection with Williamsford this summer, as the Presbytery agreed to get a student for the latter. Mr. Rodgers gave in the report on the state of Religion, which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted. Mr. Cameron gave in the report on Temperance, which was adopted. Various items of business were left over till next meeting. Messrs. Scott and Somerville were appointed to arrange meetings for Dr. McKay when he visits the presbytery. The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in the same place on April 26th. The meeting closed with prayer. J. Somerville, Clerk.—*O. S. Advertiser.*

BANK CLERKS CLEARED OUT.—London, Ont., April 1.—The absconsion of the two bank clerks, Graydon and McEachern, causes considerable sensation. It appears they took the keys of the vault with them, and a man had to be brought from Toronto to open it. This was done last night. It has not been revealed how much was taken, but the amount is understood in some quarters to be large, from ten to fifteen thousand dollars. Graydon was understood to live at a high rate, keeping expensive horses, fancy dogs and taking a bold position as a sport. It was thought all along he had outside resources, but these appear to have been of a hazy and uncertain kind. The parties must have left on Wednesday night. It is not known the direction they took. It is given out that the bank is secured, but to what amount is not stated. All parties are very reticent.

Benjamin Lines sold his farm in Carrick for $7,500, and has purchased the Campbell farm adjoining Hanover for $4,900.

Floods in Dakota.

SIOUX CITY, April 1.—The ice gorge at Yankton has broken, and the water fell six feet per hour. The damage to the property is $75,000. The town of Green Island, opposite Yankton, has been swept away. The inhabitants could be seen clinging to the houses as they floated off. There are indications of a gorge in the Missouri River, extending seventy miles above here. The bottom lands five to fifteen miles wide are flooded. The steamboats lost so far are the *Western, Fontainelle,* and *F. G. Batchelor.*

BISMARCK, Dak., April 1.—The water is at a stanstill. Mondon is still inundated, but the inhabitants remain in the houses. One hundred thousand railroad ties are washed away, involving a loss of $35,000 to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. An incident of the day was the rescue of five men in the woods in the bottom lands south of Bismarck by two men in a skiff. They had to go through a terrible ice gorge in the woods, Four men were found in two skiffs with provisions. They had prepared for the flood, and could hold out several days. A fifth man was found exhausted on a cake of ice. The rescuers also visited a collection of people opposite Fort Lincoln, who were huddled in a single house that was high up on a sandbar. Along the east bank of the Missouri cattle are lying dead in heaps. The living ones are mere skeletons. The herds in Dakota are a total loss.

The river has fallen slightly. Two hundred and fifty people went over to Mandon on the steamer to-day, but could not get within three miles of the town because of the ice. Several persons from Mondon came on a boat. The ice is about six feet deep all over the town and very solid. It will remain till it thaws. Four hundred people are rendered homeless by the flood, but many building are now out of the water. The loss is $175,000.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

The residence of Geo. Cairns, Virgil, was burned on Saturday, and on Monday morning the house of Charles Huddlestone, St. Catharines.

It is understood that the arrangements for the transfer of the Canada Central railway to the Pacific Syndicate have been perfected and will shortly take place.

The Roman Catholic College at Rimouski Que., was totally consumed by fire on Monday morning, entailing a loss of $60,000, partly covered by an insurance of $24,000.

Thos. York, coloured, died at Nigara on Tuesday morning, aged 111 years 10 months and 9 days. He was in full pssessions of all his faculties up to the time of his death.

An Order in Council dated April 1, directs that the waters of Puslinch Lake, in the township of Puslinch, be set apart for the natural and artificial propagation of fish during the space of three years from 1st May, 1881.

In the neighborhood of $2,000 have been subscribed towards defraying the expenses of the Biddulph ex-prisoners. It is stated that only two men in Lucan refused to subscribe, and one of them said he could not conscientiously assist in defeating the ends of justice.

Bystander says:—"Everything portends that Mr. Blake will soon be tried not only as the leader of of a party, but as the head of the Government. The growing tendency of Administrations to die with Parliament is not likely to be reversed at our next election."

Half a dozen Tory members always remain in Ottawa a week or two after the session is over to provide for their relatives and put other little jobs through that could not be attended to during the session. This is the Golden Age for lobbyists, office-seekers and contract brokers.

A farm labourer named Wm. Myles, was instantly killed on Monday afternoon while engaged in company with his wife in gathering fire-wood in the woods adjacent to his cottage, about two miles from Norwood. He was struck on the head by a falling branch and expired instantly.

Last week the two eldest sons of Mr. David Anderson, of 12th con., Ashfield, were sent to the woods with a cross cut saw to saw up the top of a tree that had fallen down. In falling it swung around, and one of the lower limbs striking the unfortunate lad in the back of the neck, killing him instantly.

A Frenchman living in Kingston cut a piece off his tongue because he believed that it wagged too much and often got him into trouble. The final result of this rigorous remedy remains to be seen, but if all tongues that wagged too much were to be treated in the same way there would be a considerable amount of blood lost.

The Traffic in spurious relics must have reached prodigious dimensions when the Pope finds it necessary to protest. For the first time, so far as we can remember, His Holiness has ordered a strict inquiry to be made into the sacre igious business. In response to his instruction, the Cardinal-Vicar has issued a warning to the faithful throughout the world, assuring them that for thirty years no bodies have been taken from the Catacombs. The telegram adds that the entire osteological specimens purporting to be the remains of early Christian martyrs freshly dug from the Catacombs have been shipped to America. We are not sure how this is to be interpreted, but suppose it must mean that the Pope's action has spoiled the local traffic, and that, to save themselves from loss, the Roman dealers in bogus bones of saints have transferred their whole stock-in-trade to far off and more credulous America. It can easily be imagined what consternation the circular must create amongst the multitudes who have relics which they have hitherto regarded as genuine, but which they must henceforth look upon with suspicion.—*Globe.*

Mica has been applied to a new use, that of fashioning it into middle soles to boots and shoes. A sheet of mica is imbedded in thin coatings of cement, and placed in the boot or shoe under and adjacent to the insole, the upper leather of the shoe lapping over its edges, or next under the filling, or between the filling and the outer or bottom sole, and covering the upper space from the toe to the instep.

A Great Methodist Council.

A meeting of the different Wesleyan bodies in Great Britain and Ireland was held on Tuesday of the week before last, in London, to consider the report of the Executive Committee and to make further arrangements for the forthcoming Conference. Some especial difficulties had arisen in consequence of the wishes of some of the Wesleyans in the United States of America to have certain matters discussed which had been carefully excluded by the original basis of agreement as it was accepted on both sides of the Atlantic. Dr. Osborn moved, and Dr. Cook seconded, a resolution approving the work of the Executive as a whole and especially in the exclusion of doctrinal discussion. The resolution was carried unanimously, and there is no doubt it will be accepted in America, and so will end the temporary difficulty of questions of doctrine, standards, and polity. It was suggested from America that Friday, August 5th, be observed as a day of special prayer by Methodists thoughout the world for the blessing of God upon the forthcoming Ecumenical Conference, and the convention unanimously agreed to the suggestion. Some conversation arose on the subject of the guarantee fund. The executive had agreed that the sum of £12 10s. should be raised for each representative by the body sending him, and it was agreed that the guarantee fund should amount to £2,500. The conference will consist of two general divisions, the eastern and western sections, with their affiliated conferences and missions. The eastern section will consist of Episcopal and non-Episcopal Methodists, and the western section will consist of the Wesleyan Conference Methodists and the Methodists of all other denominations. Three working committees were appointed—the Reception Committee, the Publication Committee, and the Business Committee (the first committee having power to add to its number. The Conference will commence on Wednesday the 7th of September, and be held in two sessions, the first in London and the second in Leeds.

TERRIBLY BURNED.—The Berlin News says:—A little girl, daughter of Mr. Amos Erb, near Bridgeport, on Sunday last was sent into the cellar for apples. She took a lamp or candle with her, and while down her clothes caught on fire. Her screams brought the parents down as soon as possible, but not before she was very badly burned. Her chin and neck, from ear to ear, including one ear, had all the skin burnt off, as well as at least six inches square of the breast, also the shoulders and some other parts of the body. The child suffered fearfully and Dr. Wright was sent for as soon as possible. He at once applied the usual remedies to take out the fire and stop the pain. The child is still in a dangerous state, but it is hoped she will recover.

TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKES.—A strong shock of earthquake was felt at Chio, in the island of that name, in the Grecian Archipelago, on Sunday. It destroyed many houses and seriously damaged nearly all the remainder. Many of the inhabitants were killed. The remainder encamped in the fields. Many neighbouring villages were destroyed. During this panic the Eastern Telegraph Company's office was pillaged. The shocks were felt in Island of Syra and at Smyrna. On Monday fresh shocks of earthquake occurred at Chio. The inhabitants are taking refuge on board the steamers. The Governor and some of the officials have quitted the town. The effects were also felt at Isme. The persons killed and injured are estimated at 5,000. The shock was also felt in Caroste, Eubola, and Tinos. At Syra one house fell.

MISCELLENEOUS.

The Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria and the Princess Stephanie of Belgium are to be married on the 10th of May.

The floods in Spain are said to have left 30,000 persons in want of provisions and to have destroyed $200,000 worth of property.

The new union depot at Chicago will cost $2,000,000. It will be occupied this week. The structure is an immense one, occupying several blocks.

The state of affairs in Peru is truly deplorable, the unhappy country being a prey to anarchy, disorder, and massacre. Many Chinese have been killed and millions worth of property destroyed.

The works for the porposed tunnel from Dover to Calais have made such satisfactory progress that its promoters are now able to employ three shifts of men constantly throughout the twenty-four hours, and are sanguine of being able to bore about thirty feet per day when all the machinery is completed.

A fanatical mob broke into the Protestant church at Marsala, in Italy, lately, and despite the efforts of the police, carried out all the books and furniture, of which they made a bon fire in the Piazza del Duomo. On subsequently entering the cathedral they are said to have received the solemn benediction of the Archbishop and clergy. The Protestant minister, Signor Lettieri, with difficulty esc