Agents for the Grey Review.

G. H. Middleton.	Dundalk.
Alexander Webster.	Priceville.
Colin C. McFayden.	Glenelg.
Daniel Keith.	Holstein.
Alexander Taylor.	Bromore.

THE REVIEW.

Durham, June 30, 1881.

—The International Sunday School Convention met in Toronto last week. The attendance of delegates was very large, said by the *Globe* to be 620. All the Provinces of the Dominion were represented with the exception of British Columbia, many of the States of the Union were very fully represented, the British Islands sent their quota, and one of the continental nations of Europe—Denmark, was also represented on the floor of the Convention. The proceedings seemed to be of a very interesting character. These consisted of reports of the progress of Sabbath School work in districts represented, and addresses on subjects connected with Sabbath School work. The Hon. S. H. Blake, who takes a lively interest in every good work, was elected President.

—It is an old saying and a true one that burnt children shun the fire, but it is a difficult one to learn. Only two years ago a most discreditable state of things was brought to light in reference to Public School Teacher's examinations; quite bad enough one would suppose, to deter any person from attempting to enter the profession by dishonorable means. However, human nature is weak especially when a severe examination looms in the distance. An individual having many "aliases", has been for some time writing to Candidates going up to the July examinations, offering to supply them for small sums, with copies of the examination papers. His plan was to write from a certain Town to intending candidates in the neighborhood, obtain their money, forward the papers, and then, changing his name, carry on operations in another place. In this way he has operated in nearly every town from Brockville to London. The papers of course were all bogus. As soon as definite information was obtained of the impostor, the Ontario Government despatched a detective, Mr. J. J. Murray in search of him. His whereabouts were first traced to Woodstock, from which place he operated under the name of Dion S. Fielding. From Woodstock he moved to Paris where he assumed the name of Alonzo S. Tooke, and where Mr. Muray took him, just as he was leaving the Paris Post Office with the letters, received from his dupes, in his possession. He is now in custody awaiting trial.

—The name of M. De Lesseps will be well known for many ages to come in connection with canal engineering. Had he rested after the completion of the Suez Canal he would undoubtedly be regarded by posterity as a benefactor of his fellow men, but not content with the honors showered upon him for the energy and perseverence under the most trying difficulties in the carrying forward of that great work, he has now two other projects of a similar kind on hand; one is the Panama Canal which is well under way, and which is subjected to be completed in ten years. The new project is a canal across the Isthmus of Corinth, in the south of Greece, for the purpose of shortening the route from the Mediterranean to the Ægean and Black Seas, and to avoid the dangers of doubling Cape Matapan. The dangers of navigating the Peloponnesian Seas were well known to the ancients, and it is recorded that frequent attempts, but unsuccessfully, were made to cut across the Isthmus of Corinth which at the narrowest point is only about five miles in width. Strabo says that a famous engineer of his time, abandoned the enterprise because the two gulfs on the opposite sides of the Isthmus were not on the same level, and another historian, Dio Cassins gives as the reason for not proceeding with the work that when digging commenced, blood issued from the ground, groans and lamentations were heard and that terrible apparitions were seen. Enough to frighten anybody. However, nothing can withstand the practical tendencies of this age. M. De Lesseps after considering the whole question purposes beginning the work of excavation in the autumn, having the work finished in two years, and the Canal open for traffic in five years.

OUR CELESTIAL VISITOR.

The Comet which may now be seen in the Northern heavens in the early part of the night with its train pointing to the North Pole Star, is supposed to be the same as that of 1812, but whether or no, has not been as yet accurately determined. It is the fifth comet of any marked brilliancy which has appeared within the solar system during the present century. The others are, the great comet of 1861, first seen in Australia and shortly afterwards in Europe. Donati's Comet which appeared in 1858, and the most brilliant of them all the comet of 1843. It is estimated that altogether during the Christian era over 600 comets have been observed in Europe and China. Nearly all of these are very inconstant visitors, coming and going without any regularity. There are four comets, however, which visit our heavens at regular intervals, and whose orbits are accurately known. These are, Halley's, making its revolution round the sun in seventy-six years; Encke's in 1204 days; Biela's in six years and three quarters, and Faye's in a period of seven years and a half. The general features of a comet are a definite point or nucleus from which a train of nebulous light seems to be cast. This train of light is always pointing from the sun, so that after a comet has passed its perihelion the train precedes it. In former times it was called its beard when preceeding it, and its tail, when following it. The orbits of comets present every variety of eccentricity. Of the 206 comets whose orbits have been calculated with some accuracy, 40 are ellipses, 7 hyperbolas, and 150 cannot be distinguished from parabolas. The physical constitution of comets was, until very recently, a matter of great uncertainty. Newton supposed the body or nucleus to be solid, but it is now universally admitted that Comets consist of gaseous matter in an extreme degree of tenuity, the gas forming the train of the comet differing only in density from that forming the head or nucleus. It has also been determined that comets are not self-luminous, in this respect resembling the planets; the light of the sun being reflected and polarized in the same way that it is reflected by the atmosphere of the earth. In ancient times comets were regarded as portents of evil, and sometimes of good. The appearance of the Comet of 837 so alarmed Louis I, of France, that he ordered the building of churches and monastries with the view of appeasing the wrath of Heaven; and the appearance of Halley's Comet in 1456, just as the Turks had become masters of Constantinople, and threatened an advance on Europe, was regarded with such superstitious dread by all Christendom, that to the Ave Maria was added the prayer, 'Lord save us from the Devil, the Turk and the Comet,' and the Pope caused prayers to be said in all the churches, and the bells to be rung every day at noon. However, the progress of science has shown these alarms to be groundless. The matter of which comets are composed is of such great tenuity that a collision with any of the bodies of the solar system would be perfectly innocuous. That the tail of the comet, extending as it did in the large comet of 1843 to the length of one hundred and fifty millions of miles, may wrap a portion of our atmosphere or even the earth itself within its folds is possible, and in this way climatic conditions may be affected, but nothing further need be feared. Some suppose that comets exercise a salubrious effect on both the animal and vegetable worlds. Thus in France, the abundance and superior quality of the vintages of 1811 and 1858 have been attributed to the influence of the comets which appeared in these years, and hence the wines of 1811 and 1878 are known as Comet wines; it may be, that the appearance of the comet of the current year may be followed by similarly happy results.

THE TORONTO GREY & BRUCE.

This line of railway is at present receiving much attention, not only from the public more immediately interested in its working, but also from its neighboring and rival, railway corporations. For years the T. G. & B., has been falling into a dilapidated state, and the management of its business has been of a very unsatisfactory character, but of late it has been determined to repair the line, widen the gauge and generally, to place the road in a first class condition. Overtures have been made by the Northern and Grand Trunk Railway Companies, for the working of the road after the repairs are completed, and as might be expected, the municipalities along the line of the T. G. & B., are up in arms for or against, the one or the other, as their individual interests may direct. At the meeting of the County Council of Grey held the week before last at Owen Sound, the railway situation was formally brought before the Council in the Warden's address. The discussion which followed was not, as we learn, of a very harmonious character, but ultimately, the following memorial received the support of a large majority of the Council, and was ordered to be forwarded to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Council :—

"The memorial of the Corporation of the county of Grey humbly sheweth.—

"That a number of the local municipalities in the county of Grey have aided by way of bonuses in the construction of the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway, such aid amounting in the aggregate to between three and four thousand dollars.

"That previous to the construction of the said railway the trade of this county was largely tributary to the Northern Railway, and the large amount of aid granted to the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce, Railway was in a great measure to obtain a competing line with the Northern Railway.

"That your memorialists learn with alarm that some of the bondholders of the said Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway are making strenuous efforts to place the line under the Northern and Hamilton and North-Western Railway Companies.

"That such an arrangement would be calamitous to the municipalities of this County as a whole subversive of the end which such a large amount of aid was granted, and at variance with the declaration of those who sought and obtained such aid from the local municipalities of the County.

"Your memorialists therefore pray that in the exercise of the power conferred by the Act 44th Victoria, chapter 74, you will protect the rights and interests of the municipalities by refusing your sanction to any amalgamation, leasing or working arrangement between the said Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway and the Northern and Hamilton and North-Western Railway Company."

The contention of the memorialists is, that in the event of the T. G. & B., falling into the hands of the Northern Railway Company, competition would be destroyed, and the advantage of the municipalities along these lines, in so far, hindered. This certainly holds good, in such an event, of the municipalities in the eastern portion of the County; but what of the rest? The southern and western municipalities will in a short time be fully supplied by the Grand Trunk, and it is quite evident, that, in this case, it would be to the interests of these sections, that the T. G. & B., would be placed under the control of the Northern rather than the Grand Trunk, and so the ratepayers of Mount Forest declared the other day, at a meeting called for the purpose of considering the railway situation. It appears then, that the railway interests of all portions of the County are not identical: that while all are agreed as to the necessity of railway competition, a wide difference of opinion exists, as to the means to be employed to secure that end. There is but one solution of this difficulty, and that is, that the T. G. & B., be maintained as an independent line. This would secure the freest competition that could be obtained between the lines of railway traversing the counties of Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe, and would prevent the erection of that railway monopoly which is so much feared, and justly so, by all.

[Since the above was put in type, we learn from the *Globe* that, at a meeting of the Shareholders of the T. G. & B. R., held in Toronto on the 28th inst., it was resolved by a large majority that the offer of the Grand Trunk Railway Co., for equipping and working the T. G. & B. R., be accepted. It was stated at the meeting that the Grand Trunk Railway Co. on the same day at a meeting in London, England, confirmed the bargain unanimously. However the provercial "slip between the cup and the lip" may yet occur and prevent the completion of the agreement. In the first place the consent of the Ontario Government has to be obtained. But more, at the meeting on the 28th inst., the majority refused on technical grounds, to receive votes representing 1564 bonds, and thus only secured the necessary two-third vote in favor of the agreement with the Grand Trunk. The minority propose testing the legality of the action of the majority in the Court; and so, in view of these contingencies, it is quite possible that a totally different arrangement may yet be brought about.

Local and Other Items.

HAVE you seen the Comet yet.

LEMONS for sale at John Camerons. Only 30 cents per dozen.

THE Rev. Mr. Smellie is expected to arrive in Durham to-morrow, Friday. We shall be pleased to welcome in him an old friend.

SACRAMENTAL services will be administer in Latona Church, Bentinck, Commencing on Friday (to-morrow) and on Sunday next.

THE farmers as they come into town all look as plesant as a daisy on a May morning, since we had such beautiful refreshing showers of rain.

A PIC-NIC to Eugenia Falls, is on the *tapis* among the young gents in town, to be held on Wednesday 6th prox. A very enjoyable time is anticipated.

EXCURSION.—An Excursion is to be run from Durham to Mount Forest and back to morrow, Dominion Day, on the G. B & W. Railway. Fare 50 cents.

WANTED.—A crossing on Garatraxa St, anywhere between Camps Creek and Geo. Jackson's, Esq. For every one who has occassion to cross the street after rain knows full well there isn't *one*.

LAKE NIPPISSING.—In another column will be found an interesting account of a trip to Lake Nippissing, by Mr. John Graham, of Dundalk, which will no doubt be read with much interest by our readers.

As I have decided on giving up the Photo Business I am determined to give my customers the benefit of low prices and will commence July 1st to take Photos for the next month for $1.25 per. Doz. Also a large lot of Frames to clear off cheap.—T. Donaghy.

FALL ASSIZES.—The fall Assize Courts are set down as follows: Orangeville, Tuesday, Sept. 20th; Owen Sound, Monday, Sept. 26th; Walkerton, Monday, Oct. 3rd; Goderich, Monday, Oct. 17th; Stratford, Tuesday, Oct. 25th; Milton, Tuesday, Sept. 20th; Guelph, Monday, Sept. 26th; Berlin, Monday, Oct. 17th.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Angus McKinnon of Glenelg while at a logging on Friday last was struck on the back by a log which was being drawn by a yoke of oxen, one end of the log catching in a stump causing the other to swing around with great force and throwing Mr. McKinnon against another log on his side. He has been laid up since the accident but is now able to be around again.

CRICKET MATCH.—Last week we unintentionally omitted to give an account of the Cricket Match played in Durham the previous Thursday, between the Mount Forest and Durham Clubs, which resulted in a victory for Mount Forest by 16 runs. From the account puplished in the Mount Forest *Advocate* last week, there seems to be an unpleasant feeling in the club at that Town in regard to their treatment while in this Town.

THE daily forecast of the weather for each succeeding twenty four hours, issued by the meteorological service of the Dominion and received in this town by G. C. McFarlane, Agent of Montreal Telegraph Coy., hitherto received at 10 a. m., will be issued for the months during harvest at midnight and received here early in the morning. The reports hitherto have proved remarkably correct and the change will be of great benefit to farmers during haying and harvesting. While alluding to the Mont Tel. Coy., we may mention that since opening of the R. P., they have made connection direct with all the offices on the line of the Stratford & Huron and G. B. & W. R. R., by this obviating the necessity of repeating offices besides opening other and new ones.

CLERICAL.—On Sunday morning June 19th, Rev. M. B. Conron, preached his farewell Sermon in the C. M. Church, to a very large congregation, which was said by all who had the pleasure of hearing him to be one of his best addresses. Mr. Conron during his short stay amongst us, has succeeded in establishing for himself a very creditible reputation as one of the most eloquent preachers which it has been our lot to be favored with, and no doubt with practice and a fuller search into the depths of Theology and Science he will ere long become one of the first preachers of the Methodist Church of Canada. Last Sunday evening Rev. J. Hughes who has been laboring amongst us for the past year, delivered his farewell sermon in the same Church, to a large congregation. Mr. Hughes during his stay here, although in ill health on several occasions, has made many friends whose best wishes will follow him to his new fields of labor. Next Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Smiley, who is appointed to labor on the Durham Circuit for the coming year, will preach his first sermon. He comes to us well recommended, and will no doubt give the fullest satisfaction both in and out of the pulpit.

The election of Mr. Snider, the Liberal candidate, by a majority much larger than that secured by the late popular member in the full tide of the reaction of May, 1879, is the best possible answer to those who speak of a Conservative reaction in North Ontario. Mr. Snider, we have not the slighest doubt will do ample credit to the choice of his fellow-Liberals, and make a useful and efficient member of the Legislative Assembly.

East Grey Reform Association.

According to announcement the adjourned meeting of the Reform Association of East Grey was held in the Town Hall, Flesherton, on Tuesday afternoon last. The attendance was not so large as expected but the threatening state of the weather may have prevented a number from attending, who otherwise would have been present. James Cleland, Esq., of Meaford, President of the Association, occupied the chair, and gave an excellent address on the interest and prospects of the Reform Party in that Riding. Wm. Brown Esq. of Markdale, Secretary, read communications from Hon. Edward Blake, M. P., and J. H. Hunter, Esq., M. P. P., in regard to Reform Demonstration, which after some discussion was left over in the meantime. The election of Officers was then proceeded with when the following were elected :—

President—James Cleland, Esq.

First Vice-President, and President of the Association as constituted for the Ontario Assembly, Thomas Gillilands, Esq.' Eugenia.

Second Vice-Presidedt, Mr. Henderson, Flesherton P. O.

Third Vice-President, Henry Graham, Esq., Dundalk.

Mr. Wm. Brown was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The following gentlemen were elected Conveners of the different Township Associations, each one to be President of the same ex officio, until others are elected: Artemesia—Thorp Wright, Flesherton P. O. Collingwood Township—Dr. Hunt, Clarksburg P. O. Euphrasia—Wm. J. Tyle, Epping P. O. Holland—John Cameron, Anett P. O. Osprey—Arch. McIntyre, McIntyre P. O., Proton—Duncan McMillan, Hopeville P. O. St. Vincent and Meaford—Mr. Curistie, Meaford P. O.

Resolutions of full confidence in the Hon. Edward Blake, as leader of the Reform Party in the House of Commons of the Dominion, and the Hon. Oliver Mowat as Premier of Ontario Government, and one regretting the death of the late Hon. Geo. Brown, Mr. Holton, and other prominent men of the Reform Party within the past two years, were carried unanimously.

It was decided to have a meeting of the Association early next February in the same place—the date to be fixed by the Secretary and Mr. Henderson. The meeting was a harmonious one and will no doubt be a means of thoroughly organizing the party in East Grey.

The Volunteers.

Our Warriors returned from Niagara Friday last, where they seemed to have enjoyed themselves immensely. As to their treatment they complain of nothing save the want of butter, cheese, and rice in the rations. Nearly all took advantage of their nearness to the Falls to visit there as well as other points of interest in the neighborhood.

Niagara with its surroundings, is perhaps one of the most interesting points in Ontario, and to the 31st it was made doubly so through the Rev. Mr. Ball of Guelph, Chaplain of the 30th, who being brought up at Niagara, and having conversed with many of the survivors of 1812 is thoroughly acquainted with every inch of its surroundings, so one evening at the request of the officers he gave a very interesting lecture to the 31st that they might the better understand the interests attached to the place where they now were camped. In his lecture, aside from Military matters, he pointed out the place on the American side, where Morgan the exposer of Masonry, the finding of whose remains are causing a good deal of comment in the press at present, was last seen. The Durham Company arrived in Durham on Saturday morning, looking very soldier like.

Sabbath School Pic-Nic in Glenelg.

The annual Pic-Nic in connection with Zion Sabbath School Glenelg, was held in Mr. Jack's Grove on the 22nd inst. The day was fine, but considerably cool for this season of the year, consequently the time was not so enjoyable as it otherwise would have been. The edibles provided by the ladies were all that could be desired; and, after all had partaken heartily, the audience was called to order by Mr. Hunt who briefly referred to the Sabbath School and its working. Mr. Thomas Cook gave for the information and guidance of those concerned, an account of the monies expended, the standing of the pupils, etc. Readings, Recitations and Discourses followed, and were listened to with marked attention. Our good Friend Mr. Banks of the 2nd Con. Glenelg entertained the company at some length and endeavored to impress upon all the necessity of united effort in carrying on the Sabbath School. Mr Joseph Edge brought up the intellectual part of the entertainment to a close by a few happy and suitable remarks, after he had for some time dwelt on the necessity of recreation, and the possibility of suitable entertainment of an innocent and sinless nature.

AUDIO.

Glenelg, June 28th, 1881.

Several meetings of the Court of Revision for Normanby have taken place since Friday evening last. We shall give the changes next week.

IT is expected that a Pic-nic will be held in Mr. James McGirr's grove, in connection with S. S. No. 9, Glenelg, on Friday, 8th July.

SAD, FATAL ACCIDENT.—A fatal accident of a peculiar nature occurred during a thunderstorm last Monday night, to a young man named Lowe, living on the Centre Road, Chinguacousy Township. The lightning struck, and set on fire a portion of his fathers house in which deceased was sleeping, and passed on to the bed, setting it on fire and instantly killing young Lowe. Deceased was attending the High School at Brampton just previous to his death, and the occurrence has cast a gloom over the entire vicinity.

The bulk of the world's writing is done with steel pens. Esterbook's can be procured from any stationer, and at wholesale from Brown Bros., Toronto.

It is a comfort to know that though all the fruit crops should fail; there would be no appreciable falling off in the supply of fruit extracts.

Priceville.

The statute labor is now being performed in Priceville and vicinity.

THE NEW BRICKYARD.—One kiln of brick has been burned in the new brickyard. They were manufactured by Mr. Wm. Rutherford, late of Dundalk. The brick are white and of first class quality. They are now being drawn away to the new School which is being erected.

Produce is teamed to Durham and sent by the G. T. & W. Railway.

Flesherton.

Great preparations are now being made for the celebration of Dominion Day in Flesherton.

Mr. Richardson is removing an old building next the Drug Store which will be fixed up in first class style and made into three convenient Stores.

Mr. J. Gordon will, have to remove his residence, in the meantime Mr. Gordon, is doing a good business, and is well satisfied with his location in Flesherton.

Mr. D. Wright is erecting a dwelling house of brick.

The work in the brick yard is brisk, and both red and white brick are made.

Mr. Wm. Doll has left for a trip to Europe and is expected to return in a short time. The business is being carried on efficiently by Mr. Doll's assistant.

ALMOST A FIRE.—On Saturday night an accident occurred in Mr. Lines house Hanover, which was nearly producing another fire. A lamp exploded and scattered the burning oil on the stairs, which would very soon have set the house on fire, had it not been for the presence of mind of the inmates in smothering it with a buffalo robe which was fortunately at hand.—*Post.*

A barn on the farm of Mr. Wm. Laycock, near where the Pleasant Valley Mills were, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday of last week. It is supposed to have caught fire from a fallow burning some distance away. A pair of bob-sleighs belonging to M. Laycock, and some grain and harness belonging to Mr. Archie McDonald, who has the place rented, were also consumed.—*Meaford Monitor.*

DAMAGE TO THE RAILWAY.—Last Saturday night the T. G. & B., mixed train from Toronto, due at O. S. at 10:10 p. m., ran over a couple of cows that were on the track near Berkeley Station, killing the animals and throwing a number of freight cars off the track. The passenger coach escaped being thrown off. In one of the cars there were seventeen horses, two of whom were killed and the others badly injured. Considerable time was lost in removing the *debris*, and the train did not arrive at Owen Sound until five o'clock Sunday morning.

THE RAILWAY.—The work of tracklaying has been impeded somewhat owing to a scarcity of ties in the neighborhood of Ayton. There is an ample supply here, but it is inconvenient to take them over the line until the rails are laid. They are now at work this side of Ayton and will be at Neustadt this week. An engine is expected at Hanover by Dominion Day, and no doubt it will add very much to the enjoyment of the holiday. The timber for the bridge across the Saugeen is being got ready. It will be a Howe Truss bridge, which will answer very well.—*Post.*

FAST !—By a notice in the REVIEW of a change of time on the G. B. & W. Railway we see that the "Lightning Express" of that road is timed to leave Durham at 6:45 in the morning, and reach Listowel at 11:25—a distance of 34 miles in four hours and 40 minutes! This isn't very fast, but then, if a passenger is in a hurry to reach his destination he can always get out and hire an ox express from some farmer on the way.—*O. S. Times.* Wait a bit! Mr. "Times," and when passenger trains do run you will have chance of taking a ride from Durham, at a much greater speed than can be now done from O. S.

THE CROPS.—The weather has been very unfavorable for the growing crops, in this neighborhood of late. Cold north winds, frost at nights, and no rain, has had a very depressing effect on the farmers. The prospects for good crops are not encouraging. The fall wheat was winter killed to a large extent, and the present weather is very bad for spring grain and roots. Nevertheless there are some fields of good fall wheat in Bentinck. Mr. John Purvis has one which would be considered good any year; Mr. Ephriam Fursman has also very good fall wheat, and Mr. Thomas Tyreman has as good as any we have seen. Good farming always pays.—*Hanover Post.*

THE pic-nic held on Thursday at the Irish Lake was in every respect a success. The weather was cool and cloudy. Over eight hundred persons were on the ground. The dinner which only cost 10 cents, was more like a 50 cent one, comprising an abundance of the best the country could afford, and the cooking reflected great credit on the ladies.—The music, by Alan Park and brother—violin and fife—was excellent, and the young people enjoyed themselves to the full in tripping the light fantastic toe. The prizes for athletic sports were as follows :—Standing jump—1st, James McDougall, Markdale; 2nd, John Gillespie. Foot race—Fred. Tanner, Markdale; 2nd J. McDougall. Putting the Stone—1st, A. McMillan, Glenelg; 2nd, D. Kay, Markdale. Everything passed off in a most orderly and satisfactorily manner. The total absence of intoxicating liquor on the ground was a noteworthy circumstance, for which Father Cassin deserves great praise.—*Markdale Standard.*

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday evening last week the mixed train from Orangeville on the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway, which is timed to reach Toronto at 9:30 p. m., jumped the track at Woodbridge, and the passenger car was turned completely over. There were ten persons in the car at the time. One lady had her knee injured badly and Mr. Hall, of Orangeville had his back slightly injured; the others escaped uninjured. The passengers were brought to the city later on in the van which was not injured. Hard to believe it.

Trip to Lake Nipissing.

To the Editor of the Grey Review.

SIR,—According to promise I now give you a short account of my trip through the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts. Upon my arrival at the town of Gravenhurst, I took passage on the Rosseau, the large boats being unable to get below Port Carling on account of the immense quantities of saw logs that were floating in the lake.

On the whole we had a very pleasant voyage except when we came in contact with the saw-logs which caused some not very pleasing sensations. Upon reaching Port Carling we left the Rosseau and went aboard the Nippissing, a large side wheel steamer and reached Rosseau about 11 p.m. This place is one of the most famous of summer resorts in Ontario where tourists congregate in great numbers during the summer season, drawn thither no doubt by the beautiful scenery, splendid fishing, and ample hotel accommodation afforded at this point. At present there is a very large three story Hotel and another in course of erection. At Rosseau we took the stage for Maganetawan. The vehicle on this particular day being a lumber waggon, the regular coach having been disabled. The road from Rosseau northwards is very rough and rocky which rendered the ride far from pleasant. One of the passengers an old lady of seventy years, had to be left at Spence and a more comfortable rig provided. The land from Rosseau to Maganetawan is very rocky, some of it being pure rock for miles. There is not land enough to make a settlement, but bad as it is there are settlers hewing out for themselves a home, here and there along the road, and some villages. Most of those living on the Nipissing road will tell you that there is excellent land just a few miles to either side of the good road.

Maganetawan has improved very rapidly during the past four years, a large number of fine frame buildings having been erected. There are three or four very fine stores, a splendid hotel, a grist and saw mill, and three neat frame churches, any of which would do credit to many villages in the older townships.

From Maganetawan to Commanda the conveyance is a stage, carrying the mail, and one passenger. If I mistake not they call it a spring board. It is twenty two miles, and the stage driver who had no mercy on horse flesh, made the run, including all stoppages in nine hours and thirty-two minutes. After the first of July there is to be a good stage coach put on this line which will make the trip from Maganetawan to Nippissing in seven hours and a half, a distance of thirty-four miles.

The land between Maganetawan and Nippissing is somewhat similar to that between Rossean and Maganetawan only the rock gradually disappears as you approach Nippissing. Nippissing village is situated on a beautiful tract of level land about three miles from the lake, after which it is named, the boat coming up the river to within a half mile of the village. The land in the immediate vicinity of Nippissing is somewhat rocky but when you go eight or nine miles east, a beautiful tract of level country, appears, well watered by the South river, with occasional falls which prove very valuable for mills and manufacturing purposes.

The largest tract of arable land which I saw was in the township of Hunsworth. There is a large settlement on South river called the Big Bend settlement, which three or four years ago was a wilderness, but the forest has succumbed to the axe of the woodman and now there is a good settlement, with a large area of clearings. The land is an excellent clay loam. A Mr. Clark, formerly of the village of Alton, is erecting a saw-mill at this place which he intends having in operation in the course of a month or two. A foreman for one of the lumbering companies informed me that the land is first class for miles east of the Big Bend.

The Brant settlement which is about five miles from Big Bend is an extensive Dutch settlement, and seeming in good circumstances, most of them having large clearings. The Government road leading through this settlement leaves the Nippissing road about one mile above Commanda. It is generally understood that during the summer of 1882, the Government will make a road from this settlement via Big Bend to South East Bay, the point where the Canada Central Railway touches Lake Nippissing. This will be a great boon to this as well as the other settlements through which it will pass, giving them the advantage of railway facilities within a distance of ten miles.

While at Nippissing I had the pleasure of an excursion on board the Inter-Ocean so named as the waters on which she sails are about mid way between the Atlantic and Pacific. The boat has been built during the past winter and is a very fine boat-being 200 feet keel and 30 feet wide, having both upper and lower deck, all fitted up well, and reflects no small credit on the builders. She sails between Nippissing South East Bay and Sturgeon river.

I must not forget to mention the grand eclipse as seen from Lake Nippissing. I do not suppose it was near so fine a sight at Durham although I think it was the same moon. The moon was fully covered about two o'clock on Sunday morning.

In ten years more I think the country in these districts will far surpass many of the Townships in the County of Grey as the late heavy frost did not do near the damage up there, it did in parts of this County. I, thank you for the space I have taken.

I am yours,

J. B. G.

Earl Harrington is dead.

NO HOSPITAL NEEDED.—No palatial hospital needed for Hop Bitters patients, nor large salaried talented puffers to tell what Hop Bitters will do or cure, as they tell their own story by their certain and absolute cures at home.—*New York Independent.*

The gang of swindlers which followed the circus through Western Ontario is still in its wake, and at Napanee on Saturday they fleeced a couple of farmers out of $500 each. It is said that these scoundrels have very good $500 a day, and it is not hard to believe it.

Artemesia Council.

The adjourned Court of Revision was held in the Township Hall, Flesherton, on the 17th inst. The following changes were made :—

James Summers' name inserted in lieu of culvert; James H. Allen, as tenant for lots 165, 166: 2nd W. John Brennan's name inserted in lieu of D. Currin. W. K. Flesher's valley lots to be raised to $5 an acre. Thomas McArthur inserted as owner for 10 and 11 4th con. James Cornfield's assessment raised $200, A. Munshaw $100, Thos. Taylor $300, Andrew Beattie $100, J. W. Armstrong $50, W. Lucas $100, W. Lucas, McIntyre property, $100, Wm. Neil, $150, N. Campbell $100, H. L. Wilkerson $100. W. Varty, Trimble's property $150, James Ludlow $150, W. Crossly $100, Sam. Kingston $100, Whitby $100, Thos. Hutchinson $100, and Wm. Hutchinson lowered $100, Adam Hislop, request not granted; G. E. Wright added as farmer's son. Several other minor changes, merely changes, of name or insertion of names. The Roll was then, by motion, passed for all purposes of assessment for year 1881.

Council resumed as Council. Motions were passed for payment of scrapers, $82.50, for repairs of scrapers $9.40, and taking down hill between the 3 & 4 concession on Town Line between Osprey and Artemesia, sum not exceed $10, Osprey asked to grant an equal sum. Court adjourned.

W. S. BELLAMY, Clerk.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

Winnipeg intends laying out $25,000 on its general hospital.

The *North Star* claims that Parry Sound has a population of 1,170.

The estate of the late Hon. David Christie, near Paris, has been sold for $36,000.

Mr. David Goldie, Ayr, has made a donation of $100 towards the Mechanics' institute, Ayr.

The powder mill at Cumminsville Halton county, was blown up Friday morning. No lives were lost.

The living graduates of the University of Toronto number 1,109, of whom the address of 226 is unknown.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Canadian Association of the New Jerusalem opened at Berlin on Thursday.

The population of Napanee is shown by the census to be 3,580, an increase of 713 since 1871, but the population of the county of Lennox has decreased 58 since the last census.

The *North Shore Miner* states that a Toronto gentleman has been visiting a number of slate locations in the Thunder Bay District, and has secured a number of samples of surface blocks.

The trustees of the Canada Methodist Church, Morris, Man., have disposed of the quarter section of land donated them by the Rev. Mr. Germain, about a mile south of the town, for the sum of $1,800.

The *Miner* reports that the new pump at the Silver Islet mine has been at work for some days, and has finally succeeded in emptying the mine, which has been flooded all winter to a depth of over 100 feet.

Hon. S. H. Blake, ex-vice chancellor has been nominated by the Liberals of East York to be their standard bearer at the next general election for the House of Commons. He would be a great acquisition to the opposition.

One day last week while Mr. W. Husband and wife, Nassagaweya, near Knatchbull, were absent from home, thieves entered their residence and abstracted therefrom the sum of $170, part of which belonged to the Methodist Church.

The new postal regulation whereby all printed matter such as insurance papers, legal briefs, deeds, etc., can only be sent by mail at letter post rates is creating considerable discontent among parties most interested. Lawyers and Insurance men complain bitterly that the rate now charged is exorbitant.

A fatal accident occurred in the Township of Uxbridge on the 13th inst., resulting in the death of a bright little girl, Mary, the seven year old daughter of Elijah Miller, of the 4th con. The *Journal* says the child was climbing a log fence on her father's farm when the top log rolled off, throwing the little girl back and falling on her neck, breaking it and killing her instantly.

About twelve o'clock last Thursday night the saw-mill in Stayner, owned by Jones Bros. & Mackenzie, of Toronto, and occupied by Henry Allen, was destroyed by fire in spite of the vigorous efforts of the fire brigade. A large quantity of lumber, shingles and lath was also destroyed. A lot of hands are thrown out of work. It is understood there is no insurance on either buildings or contents. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Helena, Montena, *Independent* of the 9th of June has the following: Major James Walker, of Bow River, Canada, is here making purchases of horses and cattle for the Cochrane Ranch Company (limited) of Canada. He has already secured 5,000 head, and will increase the number to 10,000, all of the best kind of Montana cattle. He has 150 thoroughbred bulls, part of them Durham, part Hereford and some Polled (without horns) Angus. The latter are breed for shipment abroad.

The Nelsonville *Mountineer* says:—On Saturday, 4th inst., two young girls, aged about 14 and 16 respectively, daughters of Mr. Williamson, formerly of Paris, Ont., but now of St. Leon, went out a short distance from the house to bring in the horses to shelter from an approaching thunderstorm. The younger sister got on the back of one of the animals, the elder sister leading, and in this way had about regained the house when the storm burst. An electric discharge descended on the horse and rider, killing the horse instantly, and badly shocking the two girls, the oldest one suffering from injuries from the dead animal falling on her. On Thursday following the youngest sister died, but the other, though unable to speak for many days, is now slowly recovering under the careful treatment of Dr. Pennyfeather.

Russian Nihilists.

ARRANGING A NEW PLOT TO KILL THE CZAR.

Reports have been received in Vienna from St. Petersburg announcing the discovery of a fresh conspiracy against the life of the Czar, and the capture of the conspirators—21 in number. The entire band was surprised by the police while holding a council and settling the details of the intended murder. The conspirators were assembled in a *chambre garnie* situated in the Sabatkanski Prospect. A carpenter, who lodged in an adjoining apartment was able to overhear the deliberation of these Nihilists, and at once informed the police of the nature of their discussions. Thereupon the landlady of the *chambre garnie* was summoned before M. Baranoff, the head of the Police Department, who ordered her to conceal a high officer of police in a spot, where at the next meeting he could overhear everything without being himself visible. A lieutenant-colonel of police who was selected for this duty hid himself in the conspirators' chamber behind some furniture. At the same time a considerable body of policemen in plain clothes were posted in and about the house, with instructions that the instant they heard a pistol shot they were to hasten to the apartments where the conspirators were holding their meeting. For six long hours the lieutenant colonel of police who had to endure much from a necessarily confined position and cramped attitude, listened to the discussion and conversation of the 21 Nihilists. In the end they resolved to make an attempt on the life of the new Czar. The crime was to be carried out by means of firearms, and the execution of it was entrusted to five of the conspirators present at the meeting. At this point the lieutenant-colonel suddenly appeared from his hiding place and fired off a pistol, whereupon the room was filled in a few seconds by policemen, who at once arrested the entire band of would-be regicides. Most of the latter are described as being very young, some of them mere youths of seventeen, who are still studying at the Gymnasia.

Terrible Accident.

A frightful disaster is reported from Mexico, a train having been thrown into a river by the breaking down of a stone bridge. One despatch states that the killed (mostly soldiers) numbered 200, while another gives the number as 150.

CITY OF MEXICO, June 17.—Further particulars of the bridge accident on the Mexicanos railway state that a part of the train was loaded with alcohol. This set fire to the wreckage, everything being consumed. One hundred and ninety-two privates and thirteen officers were killed outright or slowly roasted to death. Fifty other persons were fatally or seriously injured. The bridge was nevertheless continued in use. The road was first opened on the 18th inst.

Only sixty persons on the train escaped alive, and of these forty are injured. Many wives and children of the soldiers were among the killed and injured. The disaster occurred at eleven o'clock at night, as the train, which was a long one, drawn by two engines, was passing over a wooden bridge. For a moment after the plunge all was darkness. Suddenly one hundred barrels of brandy, loaded on two of the cars, caught fire, and the burning fluid inundated a number of passengers struggling in the ruins. Only a few, who were not disabled or hopelessly wedged in the timbers, escaped. The dead and living were wrapt in a sheet of flame and slowly burned before the eyes of the survivors, who were unable to assist them.

MISCELLANEOUS.

David Boufford, 60 years of age, hanged himself in his barn in Malden township, near Amherstburg, on the 16th.

A fire at the docks in Hull, England, on Sunday caused a loss of £30,000. The steamship *Othello*, loaded for N. York, was extensively damaged.

The body of Thomas Merrissey, a farmer who lived about two miles east of Streetsville, was found dead on the Dundas road on Saturday. It is supposed he had fallen out of the waggon.

The work of putting in poles for the telephone line between Hamilton and Toronto has commenced. It is expected that the two cities will been telephonic communication with each other by several wires by the middle of August.

A number of lives were lost and considerable damage done by a storm of wind and rain, accompanied by lightning which passed over the central portion of the Province on Tuesday. It was especially destructive in Hastings and Durham counties.

The London *Free Press* thinks it singular that the Liberals of North Waterloo should have remained from assessing the tariff or the Pacific Railway bargain during the recent campaign. The Conservative organs are so accustomed to couple Dominion with local issues that they cannot understand Reformers conducting a canvass on an honest basis or in a decent manner.

CHANGE OF GAUGE ON THE NORTHERN RAILWAY.—Two hundred and thirty men were employed in changing the gauge of the Northern Railway from Allandale to Meaford on the main line, and on the North Simcoe branch from Colwell to Penetanguishene, on Saturday week last. Work began at 4:30 p. m., and the greater part was finished by seven o'clock on Sunday morning. The whole work was completed and ready for traffic, including mill and Company's sidings, by noon on Saturday.

GOT UP TO SEE THE COMET.—A young man living in the west end, saw the comet as he was going home yesterday morning, and on reaching the house woke up his room mate and informed him of the fact. The latter hastily dressed himself, and proceeded to the back yard. Not getting a good view there, they got up on a shed attached to the house. The comet was seen and admired, after which they started back for bed. One got off the shed the way he went up, but the other