Agents for the Grey Review.

G. H. Middleton, Brandon.
Alexander Webster, Priceville.
Colin C. McFayden, Glenelg.
Daniel Mutch, Holstein.
Alexander Taylor, Bramore.

THE REVIEW.

Durham, October 27th, 1881.

—The Mechanic's Institute of this Town have announced an Entertainment for Friday (to-morrow) evening, which we understand is the first of the Winter series. We hope that this and those which are to follow will be well patronized. The financial object is to pay off the indebtedness contracted by the Institute in purchasing the piano which has been placed in the Town Hall, and as this is a matter in which all are interested, and a convenience by which many reap a direct benefit it is to be hoped that the public generally will assist the Institute in meeting their obligations in this matter.

—The high rates for transporting grain from the North West to Great Britain have directed attention to other routes than the Pacific Railway via St. Paul. It has been determined that the distance from the mouth of the Nelson River, Hudson Bay, by water to Liverpool is much shorter than that from New York or Montreal, and that navigation is open long enough to allow a large part of the crop of any one year being carried by that route. Then the establishment of flouring mills on Hudson Bay would enable large quantities of grain to be manufactured into flour during the winter and thus be ready for immediate exportation on the opening of navigation. These projects have induced the people of Winnipeg to look to the establishment of railway communication with the mouth of the Nelson river, and recently a surveying party was despatched, to ascertain the possibility of constructing a railway from Winnipeg to the Hudson Bay. The report is favorable. The intervening country is rocky and barren, but by taking advantage of the water stretches on the way, railway communication could be effected in five years.

—In another column will be found the letter of a Farmer in defence of his class, and who takes the opportunity to denounce the "sharp" treatment which farmers receive at the hands of business men in towns —some towns that is to say, and not we hope, in the Town of Durham. We quite agree with our correspondent in saying that farmers a "class are the most honorable an l fair dealing in the community." But two blacks does not make a white. It is not consistent with the golden rule that the farmer who has been "taken in" by the trader, should attempt to recoup himself by mixing fox tail with wheat,and selling it to the trader as a genuine article. Our correspondent does not approve of such means, but a careless reader might draw the inference that he does do so from our correspondents letter. If the trader acts dishonestly by the farmer, in weights or measures,or in any other way, the farmer has a ready and effectual remedy at hand. Let him lodge information with the proper authorities, and the grievance will be removed. This clearly shown in the Guelph case reported in the REVIEW last week. One such case fully brought to light in any town would have a most salutary effect upon the business transactions of a whole season.

—The state of matters in Ireland does not seem to have undergone much change during the last week. The decisive action of the Government has certainly had a sobering effect on the more blatant among the obstructionists. However, unwillingly as they are that their trade of exciting the sympathies, and drawing the dollars out of the pockets, of their fellow-countrymen on this side of the Atlantic should so suddenly disappear, they are endeavoring to secure private meetings of the Land Leaguers. But even these are discovered and promptly dispersed by the police. The Land Commission has commenced its work of hearing appeals against large rents, and there is no doubt but that its decisions will be in the interests of justice to all parties, and be followed by corresponding results in the pacification of the country. It is somewhat significant that the first case heard by the Commission was from Parnell's estate, and that over 100 cases have been entered for hearing from the estate of a brother of Parnell's. We may here notice that the *Globe* with its usual enterprise has sent a special correspondent to Ireland to report the true facts of the turmoil, so that we may soon have a more intelligent acquaintance with the condition of parties than can be obtained from telegraphic reports.

THANKSGIVING.

It is a good thing to give thanks. In every age and among all classes and conditions of men, the custom of thanksgiving has prevailed to a greater or less extent. The classic nations of antiquity were exceedingly particular in supplicating the aid and protection of their tutelar deities, and among the heathen of our own day the service of thanksgiving to their unknown Gods forms a prominent part of their religious observances. As might be expected, in communities professedly Christian, the public acknowledgement of the hand of the Giver of All Good in the affairs of men, has been regarded not only as a duty but as a privilege, and in conformity with this sentiment, last Thursday was recommended by the Governor General as a day of thanksgiving throughout the Dominion for the mercies of the past year. In Toronto, and in other cities and towns, the recommendation of the Governor General was attended to. Divine Service was held in many of the churches, and generally the day was observed as a day of public Thanksgiving. But in the Town of Durham where the entire population are professedly church-goers, and there are six places of worship in the town, yet there was no attempt at public Thanksgiving in any one of them except in the Methodist Church, where we understand an attempt was made. This is a very anomalous state of things, and is a very curious commentary on the zeal which is shown in connection with Church matters in this place. There were Harvest Home Concerts, and Harvest Home Festivals, but no attempt at public Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Harvest,except in the instance to which we have referred. In this country there is no interferance of the State in matters of faith or doctrine nor in modes of worship, so that the most fastidious Voluntary could scarcely construe the recommendation of the Governor General in this matter, as an encroachment on the liberty of conscience. Every individual in this land has the right to worship God in his own way with out let or hindrance. But this liberty is surely one for which we have good reason to offer thanks; and the fact of the whole people uniting together on one day in the year to

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

is not only a good thing in itself, but would be a step towards securing that unity in the faith which is yet distant, but which is so earnestly desired by all professing Christians. During the past year the Dominion has been singularly favoured. In European countries especially, and to a certain extent also in the United States, and in many parts of the Dominion, the harvest has not come up to the expectations raised in the early part of the year; but in this neighborhood, and in this Country as a whole, the earth has yielded abundantly,and our barns and storehouses are filled with plenty. As well put by a contemporary, Canadians seldom feel the need of thankfulness for freedom from the scourges of war and pestilence. Happily our shores have been equally free from the one and the other. The husbandman sows and reaps in peace, and every one pursues his avocations undisturbed. There is no boycotting, no rack-renting, no opportunity for the organization of Land Leagues, and no occasion for enforcing Coercion Acts. Instead of being less thankful, our freedom from these and many other social and political disabilities, under which so many of our race are still groaning, should surely call forth our most profound gratitude to the Disposer of all things. To be sure the year has not been without clouds of darkness. Some have drunk of the cup of bitterness, and many would wish that things had turned out otherwise than they have done. But while this is the case, there is ever a preponderating side of the account, for which heartfelt thanks should be rendered to Him who openeth His hand and satisfieth the desire ot every living thing.

Local and Other Items.

FRESH Oysters just arrived at W. Laidlaw's.

A FULL assortment of Groceries, Cornmeal, Pot Barley, Herring and Cod Fish, etc., just arrived at Wm. Laidlaw's Lower Town, Durham.

CARDS.—Any person wanting really nobby and fashionable Penmanship visiting cards, can secure them cheap by calling at the REVIEW Office, where specimens are to be seen.

MR. J. F. MOWAT has commenced the erection of a Storehouse at the Station, in which he intends to store the bulky goods in the Hardware line, and which will no doubt be a great convenience.

HALSTEAD'S BANK, will be found in their new premises, in Mr. Middaugh's new block, after this week, where all business in connection with this firm will receive prompt attention from Mr. Davis, the obliging Manager in this Town.

AN Auction Sale of Farm Stock, Implements, etc., will take place on the farm of Mr. John Campbell, Lot 30, Con. 2, Bentinck, on Thursday, Nov. 17th. Thirteen months credit given. See posters, when issued, for particulars.

MR. P. MCQUILLAN, the new landlord of the British Hotel, Durham, is determined to keep abreast with the times, and has re-furnished his bed rooms, and otherwise improved the premises since his occupation, so that the travelling public may rely on receiving the best accommodation, at the usual rates.

A FUNERAL Sermon will be preached in the Methodist Church in this Town, by Rev. W. Smiley on Sabbath morning next on the late Mrs. Hill who died on Saturday last after a long and painful sickness which she bore with patient fortitude. Mrs. Hill leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss.

THANKSGIVING CONCERT.—On Thursday evening last a concert was given in the Town Hall, Durham, under the auspices of Trinity Church, and was a decided success. The attendance was very good, the ability displayed by the different parties on the Programme, in their several parts, was exceedingly creditable, and was warmly applauded by those present. Those who took part in the programme were Mr. and Miss Guerney, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Asbury, Master Frank Asbury, Mr. Gorsline, Miss Black, and Mr. Meckler. No doubt should another Concert be given under the same auspices it will receive a bumper house.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk, Georgian Bay & Lake Erie Railway Company held at Stratford, the following gentlemen were appointed directors :—Col. D. Tisdale, Simcoe; Gilbert Moore Norwich; Henry Parker and T. J. Clarke, Woodstock; S. S. Fuller, Stratford; J. McMullen, Mount Forest; George Jackson, M. P., Durham. At a subsequent meeting Col. Tisdale was appointed president and S. S. Fuller vice-president. It is expected that the road will be completed to Wiarton this fall. About one mile of track is now being laid per day.

It is stated that a proportion of the potato crop of Scotland is unsound.

Local and other Items.

JAMES Prentice's farm, con. 1, lot 23, Normanby, near Mount Forest, containing 96 acres, has been sold to John Robertson for $2,225.

MR. ALEXANDER MCNAB has sold his farm, south half of lot No. 8, 5th con., Sydenham, containing 100 acres, to Mr. Archibald Wilson, for $2,700.

FIRE.—The barn and stable of Mr. John Talbot, lot 16, con. 9, Euphrasia was destroyed by fire on the night of the 12th inst., together with a span of horses. The fire was caused by a lamp falling from a pan, and exploding. There is a small insurance.—*Markdale Standard.*

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT EXCHANGE,—OPEN TO THE WORLD.—Acting upon the advice of many old friends and patrons of my "LONDON MUTUAL" Agency the certain benefits to be derived from this movement have been OPENED TO THE WORLD. See Fall, 1881, numbers of the "TRAVELLER," and send orders to THOS. F. DOYLE, MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL WHEAT EXCHANGE, WALKERTON, CANADA, OR CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, U. S. A.

PRESENTATION.—We are glad to notice that a number of the members of the Baptist Church, and friends of the Rev. J. C. Dunlop, of this Town, met at his residence on Tuesday evening last week,and presented him with a handsome Buffalo Robe. A very social evening was spent. The Rev. Gentleman is not only popular with his own charge but he has by his amiability and Christian bearing secured the goodwill of our townspeople generally.

KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.—About seven o'clock last Monday evening Mr. J. Hunt, a farmer of the township of Egremont, lost his life on the G. B. & W. Railway. He had been in Mount Forest during the day transacting business, and was proceeding homeward along the line when the gravel train backing up ran over him, completely severing his legs and one arm. The body was otherwise terribly mutilated and almost unrecognizable. The night was exceedingly dark, and it is thought this prevented him observing the train approaching.

A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR.—We understand, Mrs. Johnston Milliner of Proton, took eighteen prizes at the South Grey Exhibition, besides the special prize given by Mr. Thomas Donaghy, for the lady taking the most prizes in classes 23 and 26. Mrs. Milliner also took thirteen prizes at the East Grey Exhibition, and fifteen at the Proton Show held at Hopeville. In the Proton Prize list a number of prizes awarded to Mrs Milliner were credited to Mr. D. McMillan in error, as follows, namely:—Barn yard fowls 1st; pair Ducks 2nd peck of any other kind Onions 1st; Crab apples 2nd; Cheese 2nd; and 2nd for antimicasser, also honiton lace recommended. At the Flesherton Show she also took 2nd for point and honiton lace; 2nd for wax flowers; 2nd braiding in silk, and mat recommended,which were omitted the prize list.

C. M. CHURCH, CEDARVILLE.—This Church under the pastoral care of Rev. W. M. Beilby held a very successful dedication service on sabbath 9th inst., and tea-meeting on Monday following. The services were all that could be desired in point of interest, and the tea-meeting was a success financially. The proceeds of the latter were $69.90 and a subscription taken up of $160 towards church expenditure. The few brethren at this appointment deserve great credit for their enterprise. Only last March they decided to erect their house of worship and they have now succeeded in having it so that they can meet in it without encumbering themselves with a heavy debt. The building is about 30x45, will sent 300. It is intended to have the inside work done this winter and the outside work completed next summer.—*Mount Forest Advocate.*

MARKDALE.—On a recent visit to Markdale we found the place all activity and many improvements being made. About half-a-dozen new brick stores have been built this season, and will soon be ready for their occupants. There are several new residence in various stages of construction. Notably among those is the fine new brick villa of Dr. Sproule. This is a very large building and would seem more suited for the residence of a wealthy retired city merchant than for that of a village doctor. We must according to conservation doctrine ascribe the building of this palatial edifice to the N. P. The business people of Markdale, we find are unanimous in their opinion that their interests will be best served by the Toronto, Grey & Bruce in the hands of the Grand Trunk, and they are greatly alarmed at the prospect of the road going into the hands of the Northern and North Western. —*O. S. Advertiser.*

OVERBOARD.—We omited last week to note a boating accident that occurred on Cullen's lake, Sunday before last. Cullen's lake is situated on the line of the T. G. & B. R., about half a mile from Flesherton Station and 2 miles from this village. On the Sunday in question four very bad individuals went to the said lake, with the wicked intention of having a row on its quiet waters. We won't give names, because our reporter got them so badly mixed you couldn't tell which from t'other. However, these wicked youths launched their frail craft and pushed out from the shore. Suddenly and without being duly notified this wicked, Sunday-breaking party kicked their sight heels in the air, and soused their four heads in the water. The boat had upset. They arrived in this village looking as though somebody, had been mopping the floor with them and had forgotten to wring them out. Sunday fishing don't pay.—*Flesherton Advance.*

On Thursday morning between two and three o'clock a barn belonging to Arch. McLaren, 1st con. Bruce, and its contents, with all the farm implements, were totally destroyed; also the separator of a steam thresher. Loss about $2,500; insured in the Grang for $1,800. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

East Luther is moving for separation from Wellington and annexation to Dufferin.

Railway Meeting.

On Monday evening last a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Durham, to take into consideration the state of the G. B. & W. Railway, and to arrive at the facts in regard to when it would be completed. There was a fair attendance, and H. J. Middaugh, Esq., Mayor, was called to the chair, and J. F. Mowat,Esq., was appointed Secretary.

The Chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting as far as he understood it, and called on some of those who had called the meeting for fuller explanations.

Mr. J. H. Hunter, said he expected the Directors would have been present to give an explanation of the state of the Road. He wished to remove a misapprehension that seemed to exist that it was an indignation meeting, but said that it was not. He stated that it was to ascertain from the Directors themselves the state of the road. This was due to the shareholders and ratepayers of the Town. He drew attention to the state of the yard—which is unfit to drive an empty waggon into—in regard to balance of ballasting, if it was not going to be finished this winter he should discontinue buying grain, as he for one did, and he had no doubt others did too, loose money on buying grain last winter. He then referred to the rumors about the road not being finished this winter. If this was the case, the sooner we know it the better for us. He for one was willing and ready to do his part to assist the Directors in any way possible. If there was 'a nigger in the fence', they ought to know who he was. Some said that there was half-a-mile to finish yet, some 1½ miles, and some said 3 miles.

Mr. N. McKechnie explained that the reason Mr. G. McKechnie was not present was that he was very sick.

Mr. Harris advocated a deputation to go over the road and see what was to be done.

Mr. Woodland, sr., thought that it was a great shame that the Directors did not let them know the state of the road. It was very humiliating to be taunted by the people of Hanover that it was only a one horse road anyway, and they would only have one train a day.

Mr. H. Parker, a Director, said that he was as anxious to see the road completed as any one. The time for finishing the Road was extended to the 15th of this month, but that time was passed, and why it was not finished he could not say. The weather being bad might have had something to do with it.

Mr. McIntyre explained about the job at Station yard, and said that he would go on with it as soon as plank had been laid across the track and switches.

Mr. Hunter drew attention to expenses of crossing; engineer, etc. which would be incurred uhtil the road was completed. He urged that the contractor be spurred up to fiuish, or the job taken from him. A strong remonstrance should be sent to the Directors from this meeting.

Mr. James Burnett, corroborated what Mr. Hunter had said. He felt in a very humiliating position, as he was not able to buy grain owing to his storehouse being full, and he was unable to obtain a car, although he had asked for cars three weeks ago.

Mr. J. Woodland, sr., said it was curious that they were fixing crossings that were of no use now, when the grain was all in. He said the engineer was off the road for over two weeks, and he believed that if the pay of these men was stopped the road would soon be completed.

Mr. N. McKechnie moved that Mr. J. H Hunter, and Mr. Woodland, be a Committee to inspect the road.

Mr. Harris moved that Messrs Hunter and Middaugh be a Committee to inspect and report on the state of the road.

Moved by Mr. Woodland sr., seconded by J. F. Mowat, That the interests of this Town are seriously prejudiced by the road remaining incomplete and it is the opinion of this meeting, that no more time should be allowed the Contractor to complete the road than the 10th of November prox. And that the Board of Directors should be requested to notify the Contractor that the work will be re-let unless completed by that time. And that a Committee consisting of Messrs. Middaugh, D. Jackson, jr. and James Burnet, be appointed to present this resolution to the President to-morrow and urge upon him the necessity of giivng the resolution effect. Mr. Hunter said he heard there was some hitch in regard to the subsidy, and if there was anything to be done it should be done at once. He was willing to do anything in this matter that he could do, and that as he was going to Toronto, that he would go by the Railway via Palmerston.

Mr. McKechnie said, that in regard to getting cars that it had nothing to do with the road, as there was the same complaint all along the line.

The Conductor of the train having been called in, said that the road had all been lifted and there was only some filling in to do. A vote of thanks was moved to Mr. H. Parker for the information furnished by him, and the meeting dispersed.

Harvest Home.

Many of the social, time-honoured customs of our forefathers across the Atlantic are obsolete in America. The 'Harvest Home' of our boyish days was a re-union eagerly looked forward to by all classes, and its unifying influences had a tendancy to promote much social good.

A short time ago one of the above re-unions took place at the residence of Mr. Jno. Gibson, jr., Tyrone, Artemesia, on the completion of the Season's Harvest. Mr. T. Sargent acted as caterer on the occassion, and by his genial manners and abundance of good humour, rendered the evening one long to be remembered. As an outsider, the writer has not spent a happier evening for many a day; and trusts that the example set will be followed by the rising generation throughout the community at large.

Music was furnished by W. A. Parks and brother; and we need only mention this fact to assure the public that it was first class.—May our neighborly feelings never grow less.—*Com.*

Hornings Mills.

The beautiful Flake is now falling—the first of the season.

Our Harvest Home Festival was a success: over $60 was taken at the doors.

Our Fall Show was attended by a large number, $215 being taken at the gates. It is estimated that about 3000 persons visited Shelburne on that day. The display of roots was very good, potatoes surpassed any shown at the Toronto exhibition. For a young country the show of apples,pears, plums, tomatoes, melons,were extraordinary considering the season. Through some oversight there will be no sale of Lands in Dufferin for taxes this year.

Maxwell.

From our own Correspondent.

Weather very wet. Roads becoming bad.

The work on St. Mary's Church here is being pushed ahead and will add much to the appearance of the village.

An accident occurred last Wednesday week, at Mr. W. Long's threshing here which very nearly proved fatal to several persons. It seems that the mow contained two kinds of grain, and when they had very nearly finished one kind, the other part tipped over and covered Mr. Long and his son Willie, Mr. Nicholson, and R. Burk, a son of Mr. R. Y. Burk of the 8th con. No time was lost to throw aside the sheaves off the unfortunate men, and they were soon got out, quite out of breath, but they soon recovered.

A social was held in the Presbyterian Church at McIntyre, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., wich passed off very pleasantly. Mrs John L. B. Hamlin and Miss Drummond of Maxwell, discoursed "sweet music to the ear"; Mr. W. G. Allister, of Feversham, gave an amusing reading; Mr. Chisholm gave a very interesting lecture; Mr. J. L. B. Hamlin gave some of his popular Recitations, and E. J. J. Ferguson gave some Readings. The proceeds amounted to about $30. We congratulate Mr. Chisholm, on his success, as it was got up on very short notice.

Dishonesty Denounced.

To the Editor of the Review.

SIR,—In your issue of the 6th inst., you printed a piece from the Mount Forest *Confederate* entitled 'Dishonesty' in which a farmer is taken to task for trying to get off his hand some grain which was mixed with 'fox tail' seed. The farmer in question is called a 'would be sharper', but it is well known among farmers that many of the so called business men with whom they have to deal in the town, are not only would be sharpers, but they are sharpers in reality, as many a poor farmer has found out to his sorrow. However, there is nothing for him to do, but to 'grin and bear it,' for if he attempts to do to those business men (?) as they do to him the matter is paraded in the papers till the poor farmer's one act has has been brought before all the people in the country and the impression is left that we are a dishonest class. Now the truth is that we are as a class the most honorable and fair-dealing in the community. During all ages farmers have been noted for their love of truth and hatred of unfairness in any shape. The wonder is that there are so few farmers dishonest seeing the manner in which they are so often taken in by the scheming tricksters who are so plentiful in towns and who are so impudent as to call their base actions and extortions by the name of *business*. Before the establishment of the Grange the extortion of those business men (?)—not to mention their dishonesty and deception—was enough to cause many an honest farmer and his wife to slave and work till they shortened their lives to provide money to purchase the necessaries of life, on which the business man had from 100 to 300 per cent. profit. with which profit he could soon build a fine residence while his "country cousins" as he has been pleased to call them, could scarcely 'make both ends meet.' Such is business! such is honesty! as too often met with in town.

On the tombstone of a rather avericious man, was the following epitaph :—

"Here lies old Twenty Per cent,
The more he got the worse it was spent
The more he got the more he craved,
If he goes to heaven we'll all be saved."

Now if we put in 200 per cent. instead of 20 we will have something which will aptly apply to many townsmen, "whose names we will not mention now," for if they go to heaven we will certainly all be saved.

A FARMER.

BURNED TO DEATH.—The steamer Canada, owned by Messrs. J. B & H. Fairgrieve, of Hamilton, has just arrived at Collingwood, and brings news of the terrible death of her second engineer, Charles Brown. On Saturday, 15th Oct., the Canada was lying at a dock in the Chicago river. Steam had been let down in her boiler, and the water blown off. Second Engineer Brown had just decended into the boiler through the man hole, and the first engineer was holding a light above the hole so that Brown could make an inspection of the boiler, when an explosion occurred in the boiler, and a tongue of flame shot up out of it through the man hole. The poor man inside was terribly burned and the first engineer had one eye so badly injured by the fire that it is thought he will lose his sight. The boiler was not injured. Brown was taken to the hospital, and there died on Thursday night last. His body,by order of Capt. Fairgrieve, will be brought to Collingwood by the next boat of the line. Brown was unmarried and a native of Muskoka. The cause of the expolosion is said to be this: It is customary to pump a quanity of crude petrolium into steam boilers with the water in order to keep the iron of the boiler free from scale. The steam and water had been let out of this boiler, and the oily substance coated on the iron be came hot and generated gas, which the light held by the first engineer had ignited, and the explosion, with the terrible results followed.

A foundry in Cobourg was burned down on Friday.

Railway Items

Eleven trains leave Listowel every day for Stratford.

The management of the Credit Valley road has decided to refuse the bonus offered by the town of Goderich to extend their line from Elora to that place. It was pointed out that it would necessitate the construction of only 30 miles of road if the T. G. & B. would build the branch. It is understood the deputation will ask the management of the latter road to consruct the branch.

NEUSTADT.—Matters are quite lively at Neustadt now since the opening of the railway. A fine warehouse has been erected at the station and preparations are being made to do a grain trade. A fine bus is also run from Mr. Bercsha's hotel to the trains. Mr. C. P. Zoellner is Station Master. We are glad to learn that the loss sustained by Messrs. Fischer & Juschsch in the burning of their factory was not so large as reported last week. There was an insurance of $1,500 on the premises, which did not expire until some hours after the fire. The total loss is estimated at $6,000, which is reduced by the amount of insurance.—*Hanover Post.*

THE FIRST TRAIN.—The first regular passenger train passed this station from the north at 11 a. m., on Monday, Mr. R. Cran, Conductor. The next train came from the south at 1 p. m., both being punctual to time, since then the trains have run by the time table. Mr. Nelson attends each train with a comfortable bus, which is a great convenience to passengers. Since the opening of the Railway the business done at the station is astonishing. A large number of passengers get on and off at this station at every train. A large amount of freight has been received and cars cannot be obtained for the freight offered for shipment. The road is sure to do a large and paying business.—*Hanover Post.*

FREIGHT RATES ON THE T. G. & B. R.—As has long been anticipated, in the event of a running arrangement being made between the Northern and North-Western and Toronto Grey and Bruce, and which arrangement is now, (temporarily, we hope), in force, the rates on grain and all kinds of merchandise have gone up. In grain there is a rise of two cents a bushel on car lots from this place to Toronto, also a rise of of five or six cents per 100 lbs. on merchandise. We are informed by a prominent shipper here that he was charged two cents per bushel more than the old rate on two carloads of oats which he had shipped to him here last week from Markdale, a distance of some 25 miles. We also see that rates have gone up from Orangeville where there were formerly keen competition. Will the *Globe* please explain why we are compelled to pay these additional rates while all along its contention has been that rates would be kept down to the lowest possible point. Where now is the promised competition.—*O. S. Advertiser.*

THE NORTHERN RAILWAY.—Thirty years ago, on the 15th day of October, 1851, the first sod was turned on the first railway in Ontario at Toronto, namely, that of the Northern Railway. Lady Elgin performed the ceremony with a silver spade, with which she turned the first sod. The position of the road at the opening and its present position are described in the *Globe* of Saturday as follows: When the Northern was opened for traffic, it was the only line in operation in Ontario, with but one in Quebec. One year afterwards the Coburg Peterboro' & Marmora line was opened from Coburg to Peterboro', a distance of 28 miles. In 1855 the total number of miles of Railway open in Ontario was about one hundred; now there are 4,000 miles in operation, or under construction, of which over 2,000 miles have been completed since the Confederation. Then the mileage of railways in all the Provinces was insignificant, now there are over 8,300 miles in operation or under construction. The gross earnings of the Northern have increased from $240,000 in 1859 to $790,000 in 1878, and the amounts of freight moved from 62,000 tons in 1854 to 217,000 tons in 1878. In the latter year the Northern amalgamated with the Hamilton & North-Western, since then the receipts are pooled. By the death of Mr. Cumberland a few months ago the position of General Manager became vacant, and has not yet been refilled.

The Michigan Sufferers.

A correspondent at Port Huron, Michigan, on the verge of the burned district, furnishes us with the latest and exact details, of the great disaster. It is estimated that 1,800 square miles were burned over, causing a loss which is estimated at $2,347,000, reduced by insurance to $1,722,000. But these figures convey but a faint idea of the disaster. Such a loss in money value would be hardly more than a two days' wonder in a large city. In the cases of the people of Michigan, however, it means the total distruction of hundreds of homes, and the anihilation of the faithful work and slow accumulation of years. It is a suggestive fact that in the burned districts cleared farms can be had for the same price as wild ones, so anxious are the settlers to get away from the region. Where such is the case there must have been many sad disappointments. The moral is clear, stay where you are well off. We notice the Chicago papers reply to the imputation that that city had not done enough for the sufferers by the fire. They protest against the imputation, and they do not hesitate to say that enough and more than enough had already been provided in the way of relief. The 1,147 families who were burned out last August, have received over half a million in donations, and two-thirds of a million in insurance, or an average of $1,000 per family. This, added to their own exertions, and the credit they have on the five or six millions of real estate which they own, should carry them through the winter quite comfortably—more comfortably, it is argued, than 10,000 poor families who will get no artificial aid or charity.—*Guelph Mercury.*

CANADIAN ITEMS.

Numerous cases of horse thieving are reported throughout Brant township.

It is thought that the Quebec Provincial elections will come off about the 20th of December.

A depth of 850 feet has already been reached, in the test well, now being drilled for salt in Wroxeter.

Kinloss farmers are going to make a drain 8 x miles long for the purpose of reclaiming 800 acres of swamp.

Three-fourths of the crops of British Columbia have been destroyed. The farming population will be in a bad way.

St. Catharines on Tuesday carried the by-law to loan the sum of $80,000 to the Niagara Central Railway by a majority of 374.

Thanksgiving day was generally observed throughout the Dominion by services in the churches and total suspension of business. The weather was fine.

Mushrooms have been peddled from house to house in Stratford during the past week in waggons. Seldom, indeed, has the crop been so large as it has been this year.

Some miscreant fired at a Canadian Southern train on Sunday, and the bullet goining through a window at which the conductor had been sitting a few moments before.

On Saturday night last dogs destroyed sixteen sheep for Mr. Edward Greene, near Bosworth. Seven were skinned Sunday morning, and the rest were not expected to live.

Arrangements have been completed for the holding of a monthly cattle fair at Ayton, the first was held on the forenoon of Tuesday, Oct. 25, and each subsequent fair to be held on the Tuesday before Clifford fair.

Bella McDonald, a servant in the house of Mr. Smythe, of Montreal, known as the "Countess," has been arrested for robbing her mistress of $600 worth of furs. The goods have been recovered in a pawn shop.

Thomas H. Higgins, a lad 14 years of age, working on the 12th line of Brooke tp. fell from a load of cornstalks and was instantly killed by the wheel of the waggon passing over his neck. The lad was the chief help of a widowed mother.

A new post-office named Orton has been established in the little village that has sprung into existence at the C. V. R. R. station on the town line between east Garafraxa and Erin. Mr. Johnston Richardson is mail carrier and Mr. T. Turner postmaster.

As Mr. M. Purcell, of Luther, was returning home one day last week, when near the T. G. & B. railway station in Arthur village, his horse, which was a young one, became unmanagable, throwing him out of the buggy and severely fracturing one of his legs.

The party exploring the proposed route from Winnipeg to Hudson Bay found navigable water from the mouth of the Nelson River up to Limestone Falls,100 miles; from there a practicable railway route 310 miles to near Norway House, 330 miles water stretches thence to Winnipeg.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Bruce, held at Walkerton, on the 11th inst., Rev. Dr. Bell tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of St. Paul's church, Walkerton. The resignation was laid on the table, and the congregation cited to appear for their interests at an adjourned meeting to be held in St Paul's church, Walkerton, on the 25th inst., at 1:30 p. m.—*Telescope.*

At Yorktown on Friday the entire U. S. fleet saluted the English flag, which was hoisted at the foremost of each vessel. Each flag fired 21 guns. The Batteries on the land also honored the British standard, and the French emphasized the friendly sentiment towards the English by joining in the American salute. This was seconded by a hearty cheer from the crowds on the bluffs.

Two sharpers worked this swindle :—One buys a horse and makes a sale at a very low price to some farmer, telling some plausable story to account for take half what the animal is worth. In the course of four or five days the second man comes along, who claims to run a livery stable, and he identifies the horse as the one stolen from him. He talks big, blusters around, and either scares the farmer into giving up the horse or "settling the case" by paying a good round sum.

The English papers contain the story of Luigi Boero, lately rescued from the South Sea savages. Captain McLaughlin, who explored the Solomon group, discovered a white man naked among the savages at Bonka Island, and counted seventy war canoes, each containing 40 armed savages. After considerable stratagem he got alongside a canoe containing the white man, who was ultimately with some difficulty and danger ransomed for three American hatchets. He was an Italian named Luigi Boero, and had been for fifteen months a captive with the savages. When he found he was about to be liberated he embraced Captain McLaughlin in an agony of joy. Boero, with five mates, left Liki harbor to go on a cruise in an open boat. Three days afterwards they struck a *reef*, the boat was broken, and they fell into the hands of the natives. He got separated from his companions, whom he only once afterwards saw. All were treated worse than dogs. They were the slaves of every one, and made to do horrible work, always taeated with the greatest ill-usage, and obliged to work naked in the sun, with their skin peeling off. Capt McLoughlin, after rescuing Luigi, sailed for Bougainrille and other islands, where he heard of another white man in captivity, but was unsuccessful in rescuing him. It is supposed that this unfortunate Italian is the only survivor of the six.

The new line of steamers between Montreal and Bristol,England, established this season, has met with much encouragement, and it has become necessary to charter an extra steamer in order to do the service efficiently.

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