

LOCAL BREVITIES.

No. 4 Coal.

The gas works-coal yard is the best place in the city to purchase genuine Scranton No. 4 coal.

Just Received.

Z. Prevost has this day received fifteen pieces of imported tweed for painting. They are on exhibition in his window. He gives the choice of them, made to order, for \$3.50 a pair, and a good fit guaranteed. They are the best value in the city.

Cured of Pleurisy.

James J. Gallagher, 203 9th St., Brooklyn, says: "An application of one of Pomeroy's Petrolene Plasters cured me entirely in a few hours. I consider them the most wonderful of remedies." Sold by druggists and J. G. King, Kingston.

A Rather Close Call.

On Monday night, about nine o'clock, Thomas Hunt, watchman at Anglin's yard, discovered a woman, intoxicated, lying with her head upon the G.T.R. track. A few minutes after Hunt had got her away a train came along.

Interest of School Teachers.

The art school examinations occur on April 28th, 29th and 30th. The teachers' institute, for Kingston and Frontenac, will occur on May 19th and 20th, and be attended by Inspector Tilley, who will deliver a lecture on the 19th.

Run Down by a Train.

A team of horses, owned by one Glazier, narrowly escaped being run down yesterday by a G.T.R. engine while crossing the track on Ontario street. Only for the promptness with which Mr. P. Smith, engine driver, stopped the locomotive, the horses would have been killed.

It Started Through a Joke.

It is said the excitement about the Kingston and Pembroke railway wharf was caused by some joker who hinted that the company would run it clear across the bay and allow teams to cross it freely. Some Cataragi bridge stock holders, in their excitement, proposed to issue an injunction and stop the work.

Tendering Its Thanks.

Brighton Lodge, Sons of England, has passed cordial thanks to Leicester lodge, Kingston, for brotherly attentions to Corporal Ward, of Battery "A," a member of the first named lodge, who has been laid up and suffering for six weeks at Tete de Pont barracks with an inflamed knee. Leicester lodge is flourishing. The next meeting will witness five initiations and a presentation.

A Gun That Can Work Well.

Lieut. Stairs, a graduate of the Royal Military college, who is with Stanley on his journey up the Congo river, has special charge of the Maxim gun, a piece of artillery which, if it is necessary to fight, can speedily open a way through the unknown tribes. The gun will fire 600 shots a minute, and will kill a hippopotamus or sink a canoe at a distance of a mile.

Hope He Is More Valuable.

Ex-Ald. James Wilson has been connected with the water works company since 1852. In introducing him to the arbitrators yesterday Hon. Mr. Kirkpatrick said, "He is almost as old and as valuable as the works itself." Mr. Agnew, who appreciates a joke, exclaimed, "Well, well; I hope he is more valuable than the works."

Cut Down in Youth.

Mrs. F. Bibby, a gentle and devoted wife, died on Monday and was buried to-day. Her illness was of a brief duration, and her death very sudden. Beloved by all who knew her she has passed away at a time when life seemed full of sunshine. She was formerly a resident of Elora. Her husband is deeply commiserated with in his affliction.

"Nobody's Claim."

To-night "Nobody's Claim" will be presented in the opera house. The Cleveland Leader tells us that Mr. Joseph Dowling is as fine a melo-dramatic actor as has graced our boards for years. Miss Sadie Hannon is as pleasing a little actress as one would wish to see. She is somewhat on the Lotta style, having a rich, clear voice, and a rollicking style, that catches the audience by storm.

Afraid of Being Mortgaged.

A literary gentleman of the city some time since felt that he needed an assistant, and hired a boy at \$4 a month. He, at the same time, established a schedule of fines, for late coming and other offences, and at the end of the month the lad learned that instead of having earned \$4 he was indebted to his employer for about that amount. The partnership was then dissolved, the boy fearing that if it continued he would incur a debt which he could never pay.

Police Court—Wednesday.

D. Bull, drunk, fined \$10 and costs or two months in gaol. James Burns, South Lake, drunk, was taxed to the tune of \$2 and costs, and given time to pay. G. Belton, drunk, created a disturbance on Brock street, fined \$20 and costs; in default of payment to go to central prison for three months.

Mrs. F. Shanahan, violating the Liquor License act, fined \$20 and costs. S. Cox and A. Simpson were charged with the same offence; dismissed.

The Puzzle was Solved.

Mr. Martin has had a time of it with the puzzle published on the special hand bills of the "Nobody's Claim" company. The first person presenting a solution of the puzzle was to get four reserved seat passes. The people tackled Martin in single file, in companies and in battalions. He stood the siege for a couple of days and then accepted the theory presented by one precious youth, gave him the passes, and ran out a bulletin which read: "The game is up and the puzzle has been solved."

Regretted Departure.

Owing to the general change in the staff at J. Mackintosh & Co's. store, Mr. A. LeRicheux, the book-keeper, was relieved. He had not, however, yet ceased duty when he received an offer of an important and lucrative position in a commercial house at Superior City, the county seat of Douglas, Wisconsin. To the regret of a host of Kingstonians he has accepted, and will soon go west to grow up, commercially speaking, with the country. But though so many will sincerely miss him here, none envy him his better fortune. Mr. LeRicheux is a gentleman of quiet and unassuming manner, but with sterling qualities of head and heart that have won him uncommon respect and regard. He has been a most useful, faithful member of a number of public bodies, and his place in lodge and church will not be readily filled. Last evening he resigned the secretaryship of Leicester lodge, Sons of England.

TO VALUE THE WORKS.

ARBITRATORS MEET, FIX PROCEDURE AND ADJOURN.

The City Will Have a Chance to Examine the Books and Plant of the Company—The Evidence to be Taken Later on, and the Result Reached With all Possible Speed.

The arbitrators—Judge Wilkison, Napanee, (chairman) Judge Clarke, Cobourg, and T. C. Keefer, C.E., Ottawa—in the water works matter will hear the evidence on April 27th, and continue in session until the company and corporation have presented their cases. The court of arbitrators met in the council chamber yesterday afternoon. The two judges were sworn in by Col. Duff, police magistrate, and two adjournments occurred pending the arrival of Mr. Keefer, who came by way of the C.P.R. and K. & P.R. Isaac Simpson, J.P., administered the oath to him, and the arbitrators conferred together in the mayor's office regarding the fees, and the opposing counsel were called in to reach an agreement. It appears that the statutes only allow arbitrators \$20 per day, but to men like Mr. Keefer the amount is too small, hence by mutual agreement, the figures for each arbitrator was increased nearly three-fold.

Returning to the council chamber Judge Wilkison said the arbitrators had assembled to arrange the details for future meetings. Mr. Kirkpatrick said the arbitration was caused by the water works company refusing \$50,000 for the works and franchise. He quoted the law under which the arbitration should proceed, and said the company was ready with its case. It could be presented in two days. He asked that as soon as the one side had finished the city should proceed at once with its rebuttal evidence. The works were at the disposal of the city for expert examination, so that nothing surprising in the way of evidence could be presented by the company. Mr. Kirkpatrick proposed that the case should proceed in a week's time.

Mr. Agnew demurred. The city was in a peculiar condition. It was ignorant as to what it should combat. It had no details as to the value of the works, and would have to consider the evidence as it came up. It would be unfair to demand that the evidence be rebutted on the moment. Time would be required in which to consider the evidence. He thought there should be two weeks' delay.

There was some conversation regarding what the company would allow the city to examine in its works, and at first access was refused to the books, but when the arbitrators pointed out that in considering the value of the works all the elements comprising its income, cost of maintenance, expenditure on capital account, etc., should come in. They saw no reason why the books should not be examined. The company agreed to allow such to be done, but the investigations should be of a confidential character. An order was then made to allow the city to have access to all the documents, books, etc., upon which the company intended to base its case. Refusal to see any documents was at the company's risk, for if the arbitrators thought the city right in its claim then an adjournment might follow.

The time for the commencement of the arbitration was fixed for Wednesday, April 27th. This date was most convenient for all parties, as Mr. Keefer expected to spend the next month in the vicinity of Montreal, waiting for the ice to break up. The corporation was also anxious to have Mr. Irving home during the arbitration.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said his parliamentary duties would not prevent him from spending at least four days of the week on the case.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

Alds. Rees and Redden, and A. R. Martin, left for Montreal this morning. Senator Pat Rooney will exhibit his "Wardrobe" in the opera house to-morrow evening.

Alfred Sully, according to the Wall Street News, is about to marry a sister of Mrs. Robert Garrett.

George R. Sims, the English playwright, has received \$100,000 from plays produced in the United States during the past five years.

Rev. A. McGillivray, of Williamstown, a graduate of Queen's university, has been called to St. John's Presbyterian church, Brockville.

Patrick Walsh, formerly lessee of Cataragi bridge, returned yesterday from Lindsay quite ill, and is receiving private treatment at the general hospital.

Sir Henry Kichborne will come of age in May next, and will enter upon the possession of his much "claimed" estates, which will pay him a net income of about \$45,000 a year.

Judge Clarke, of Cobourg, is an old hand at arbitrations. Last week he was up at Port Arthur and other points on the C.P.R. in the Conmee case. He had a joyous trip in a special car.

Sheriff L. O'Sheritt, carrier at the Carlington tannery, has received a cablegram from England, notifying him that a draft for \$10,000, proceeds of a legacy, has been mailed to him. Two of his brothers, also living in Canada, are being equally favoured.

HE HAD SMUGGLED GOODS.

Arrested and Taken to Belleville—A Girl in the Toils.

John Heston, caught while smuggling goods from Cape Vincent to the city yesterday, by Thomas Meagher, customs officer, was brought to the city by G. Briggs and placed in the police station. The horse and rig, and goods in his possession were seized. It appears that Heston has been working for Messrs. Retallick and Vernilys, merchants, of Belleville, but has failed to give to them a proper account of his stewardship. He owes Retallick \$200 and Vernilys \$250. Sergeant Downs, of the Belleville police force, took the prisoner west this afternoon. He is a bright and intelligent man, a Russian Jew, and speak readily seven languages. In business he is very shrewd. His brother is a successful junk merchant in Belleville. The smuggled goods are worth \$150. The fellow gave the name of Smith to the customs authorities.

Last evening the residence of Mr. Pedlar, Union street, was entered by persons in quest of plunder. Drawers were ransacked and articles of clothing scattered promiscuously about. After having carefully looked over every article, useful and ornamental, in the house the plunderers left, taking a lot of silverware and clothing. Fortunately there was no money in the house. This case has been given in charge of the police. To-day Burnett arrested Miss E. Edwards, a former servant of Mr. G. Pedlar, and to-morrow she will be charged with having stolen the goods.

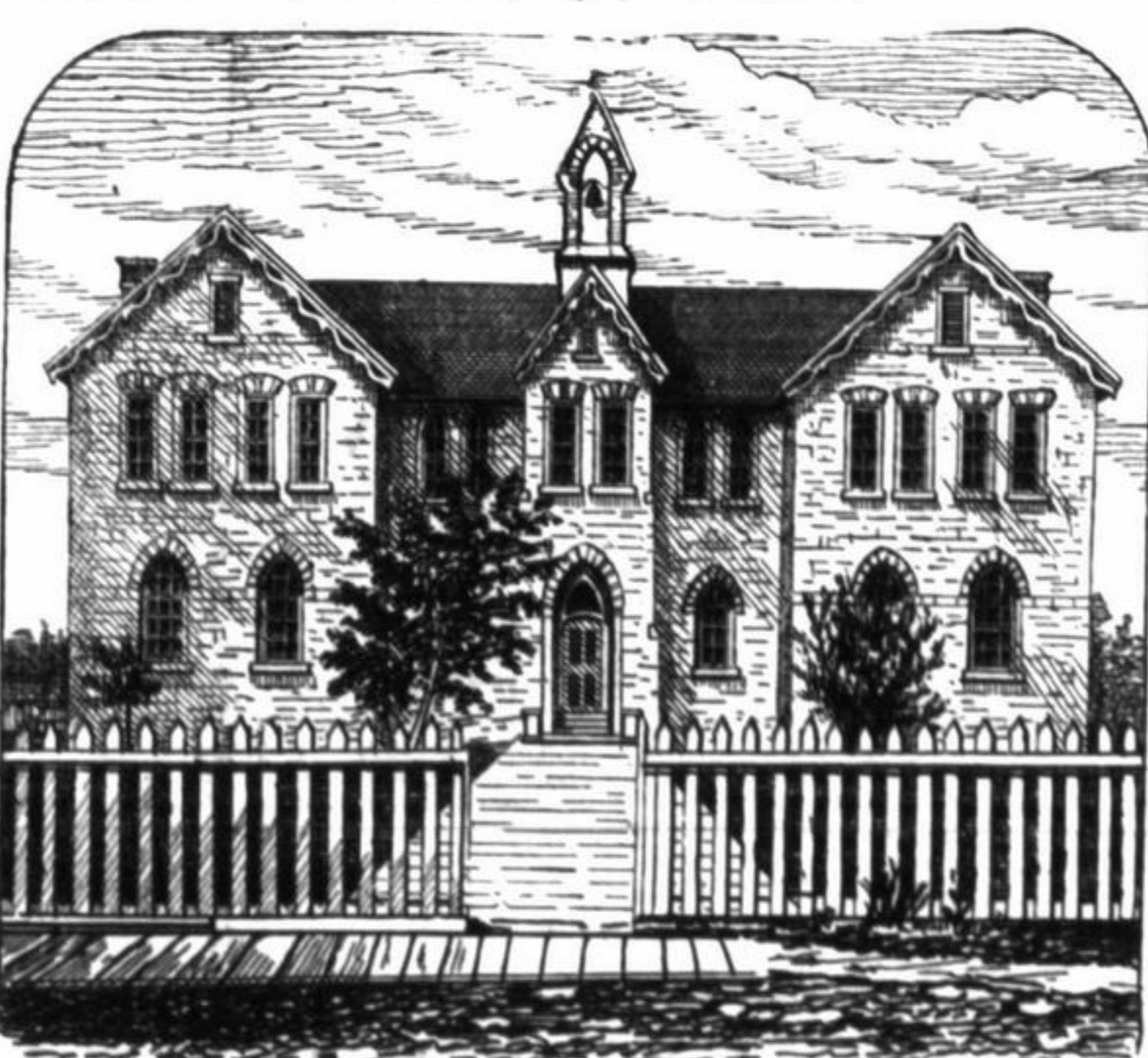
SYDENHAM HIGH SCHOOL.

A Review of the Work Done in This Efficient County Institution.

Though not built till 1872 the preliminary steps in connection with the founding of this institution were taken some time previously by the appointment of a board of trustees, the original members being Messrs. Schuyler Shibley, Joseph Purdy, (since deceased), Neil Dunlop, M.D., D. J. Walker, James Lahey and Peter Knapp, the doctor being elected chairman, which position he held until 1881, when the late Robert McConnell was chosen as his successor. The chair has since been successively filled by Messrs. D. J. Walker and Joseph Woodruff (the latter gentleman being the present presiding officer), while the duties of secretary-treasurer have been continuously discharged by Mr. James Lahey. The school was opened for the admission of pupils in March, 1873, under the principalship of Dr. Morrison, whose tenure of office expired in less than a year after some undoubtedly good work had been accomplished. Rev. Mr. Butler then assumed the reins, but retired in the beginning of 1875, giving place to Rev. F. Checkley, under whose able management the institution began to exhibit encouraging symptoms of permanence though the roll was still very small and the work somewhat of a rudimentary nature. On the resignation of the latter gentleman towards the close of 1876, the headmastership was (on the recommendation of the late Mr. Buchan, high school inspector) offered to and accepted by Mr. Burgess, of Kincardine, the Kingston associations of himself and family prevailing over the professional sacrifice involved in exchanging Kincardine, by the results of the intermediate among the first schools in the province, for Sydenham which had not as yet passed a single candidate.

In addition to a large increase in attendance a great impetus was now imparted by the influx of a number of pupils from the west, the force of the impulse being seen in the examinations of 1877 when seven passed the intermediate, and sixteen obtained third class certificates, as compared with half a dozen of the lower grade certificates for the previous year. In 1878 a still further advance was noticeable, fourteen passing the intermediate examination, while one young man (now Rev. John Young) matriculated at Queen's with a \$50 scholarship in English. At the same time the government grant rose from a little over \$400 to over \$450, the chief sources of increase being the intermediate and inspection, the latter especially under "upper school" and "efficiency."

In addition to supplying the county with teachers the Sydenham high school has sent a large number of students to Queen's, more in fact than any other school with the single



THE HIGH SCHOOL, SYDENHAM.

exception of our collegiate institute

Of Sydenham pupils who have graduated at Queen's we recall John Young, Horatio Lyons, Edward Corkill, Edward Ryan, William Clement, Harland Townsend in arts; and in medicine Douglas Storms and Albert Marety, the latter gentleman, after six years' connection with the high school as assistant teacher, joining the class in preparation for matriculation. In honors and scholarships, senate nominations for general proficiency were taken by James Lahey and Wallace Peck, while the Leitch memorial, for best papers in mathematics, was won in 1883, 1885 and 1886 by W. McPherson, D. Weir and F. Lawlor respectively; Michael McGrath, who tried for the Mowat in 1883, being also worthy of mention in this connection.

It may be of interest to note here that the first gold medal for honor mathematics given by Queen's was carried off by Finlay McLennan, of Kincardine, who matriculated in 1875 with a double scholarship, Leitch memorial and Mowat, his college course being almost equally distinguished in classics.

In 1885 a new department was taken and the first class course provided for on the programme, all three candidates (one in 1885 and two in 1886) proving successful. Arrangements have also been made for instruction in practical chemistry to the extent required for grade C, the enthusiasm of the class under the skilful guidance of the efficient and popular science master, Mr. Brents, showing the forward step to be duly appreciated. The situation of the village is in many respects eminently adapted for a high school, the proximity of a most beautiful lake affording facilities for the healthiest of all exercises, while communication with the city is amply provided for by rail and stage. There is, perhaps, no healthier location in Ontario; the surroundings, especially in summer, are fascinating to lovers of the picturesque, while the interruptions to study, inseparable from populous centres, are comparatively unknown. It will be a source of no small satisfaction to many to know that religious instruction is provided by a Sunday school of whose widespread reputation, under the management of Mr. W. F. Lacey, any city might justly feel proud.

Despite the alarm of sickness about the time of opening there are seventy-eight names now enrolled on the high school register, a number in excess of the record for any previous term.

Cape Cod Cranberries and Sweet Cider. Choice fresh Cape Cod cranberries, not frozen, 17c. per quart. Rohnerville sweet cider, 30c. gal. Jas. Crawford.

You will save money by buying dress goods at Hardy's sale.

THE CLERGY IN COUNCIL.

THE SESSIONS OF THE KINGSTON PRESBYTERY CLOSED.

Licensing the Queen's Students to Preach—Recommendations to the Home Mission Fund—Results of the Argumentation Fund Appeal—There's More Life in the Presbytery Than Some Thought There Was.

It was moved by Rev. Principal Grant, seconded by Rev. Mr. McLean, that the presbytery, in sending to the home mission fund its list of augmented congregations, and its requests for augmentation in the cases specified, expresses its regret that a larger sum is asked for this year than previously, but assuring the committee that each congregation has been visited and the utmost done in every case that was in the presbytery's power. The presbytery sympathizes with the committee in its arduous labours in the work of augmentation of stipends, and earnestly trusts that the committee will be able to recommend to the general assembly the continuance of the scheme at the point originally fixed, and assures the committee of its readiness to co-operate with it during the next year in carrying out any measures that may be considered necessary to keep it in full efficiency.

APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS.

There were read applications from the following students of Queen's college, to be taken on trial for license: Messrs. John H. Buchanan, B.A., Stephen Childerose, B.A., A. Gandier, B.A., W. G. Mills, B.A., Louis Perrin, B.A., James F. Smith and Jacob Steele, B.A. The committee appointed to examine the students recommended that leave be asked from the synod to license them. The committee desired permission to examine James F. Smith and William Hay at a later date. The result of these examinations would be reported at a meeting of the presbytery, to be held prior to the meeting of synod. Other students were also examined, viz., Messrs. John A. Sinclair, John F. Scott, W. T. Holdercroft, John Miller, D. R. Drummond, R. E. Knowles, John F. Falconer, H. A. Percival, J. G. Potter and James Burnie. It was recommended that the names of these young men be sent to the assembly's home mission board for employment in the mission field.

THE MODERATORSHIP NOMINATION.

Nominations for the moderatorship of the general assembly were then called for. Rev. Mr. Couthart stated that many presbyteries had nominated Rev. Dr. Burns, of Halifax. The speaker, therefore, moved that the Kingston presbytery nominate him. Rev.

Mr. Chambers seconded the motion. An amendment was moved by Rev. Mr. Wilkins that no action be taken in the matter. This motion was carried.

TEMPERANCE AND THE ASSEMBLY.

Rev. Mr. Wilkins, convener of the temperance committee, reported that it had not time to comply with the request of the presbytery in preparing another report.

Rev. Mr. Gallagher submitted a motion to be forwarded through the synod of Toronto and Kingston to the general assembly, to the effect that all questions issued to presbyteries by the general assembly's committees, be sanctioned by the assembly before being forwarded.

SAND HILL PEOPLE'S PRAYER.

A petition from members of the Sand Hill congregation prayed the presbytery to take into consideration their affairs and to give them such advice as may be deemed advisable.

Rev. Mr. Mackie, moderator of the Kirk session of Storrington, made an explanatory statement on the subject. He recommended that Sunbury and Sand Hill be one charge, and that Glenburnie, formerly excluded in it, be cut off and united with another charge.

FINANCES OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Mr. McAllister, treasurer, presented his annual statement. It showed that at the beginning of the year there was on hand \$11.78; receipts, \$306.20; expenditure, \$309.28; balance on hand of \$8.70.

It was decided that the application of Roslin and Thurlow for a grant be denied.

THE CLOSING PROCEEDINGS.

No action was taken in the case of Rev. Mr. D'Argent, who is applying for admission into the church.

Prof. Fowler and Rev. A. Young were appointed members of the synod's committee on bills and overtures.

It was decided that an adjourned meeting of the presbytery be held on Tuesday, May 10th, in Cook's church, for the licensing of students.

The next quarterly meeting will be held in Belleville on the first Monday in July.

Tamarac

Is not an ordinary mixture. In fact its properties are entirely different from any preparation used for coughs, colds, throat and lung troubles.

Sweet Cider and Cranberries. We have some very fine cranberries, not frozen, 17c. per quart. Jas. Crawford.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Paragraphs of Interest as Picked Up by Our Busy Reporters on the Street.

Rargains in white quilts and curtains, at Hardy's.

Mr. Wood left yesterday for Rome, N. Y., with eighteen horses.

Officer Downs, of Belleville police force, was in the city on business to-day.

A heavily made gun carriage arrived from Ottawa to-day for "A" battery.

Police Officer McCormack, assaulted by a soldier and seriously injured, is still confined to his house.

The trotters "Johnny B" and "Rocket" are not likely to meet this season. "Rocket" was injured some time ago.

Rev. W. W. Carson, Ottawa, will lecture here on the 29th inst. in aid of the Y.P.A. of the Sydenham street Methodist church.

After Thursday oranges and lemons will be 25c. doz. Now is your time to buy while they are only 20c. Jas. Crawford.

The officers of "B" battery and the cavalry school, Quebec, have issued invitations for a fancy dress ball on the 13th of April.

Carleton Place residents have sent a rousing petition to Toronto, asking the government to locate the new school of science in Kingston.

The city commissioner has been instructed to see that the wheat in the hold of the prop. Myles is not dumped into the lake when the vessel is lifted.

R. Gillen is preparing plans for handsome residences, to be built by W. Dunn and A. R. Martin, and for a wing to be added to a public school at Gananoque.

The families of C. N. Spooner, Alfred Hunter and Charles Cochran, at Glenburnie, who have been suffering for some time with scarlet fever, are slowly recovering.

The battery men were out for a tramp to-day. They went up Princess Street in fine style to the music of "The bold McIntyre." The band is becoming quite proficient.

A horse, with a broken leg, has been wandering about the nuisance ground for days. Yesterday Officer Craig found it on Brock street and put it in a stable. To-day it was shot.

The new work on precis writing and indexing should be in the hands of every candidate for civil service and teachers' examinations. Send \$1.50 and secure a copy. Address, McKay & Wood, Kingston, Ont.

See the tycoon prints at J. C. Hardy & Co's.

Petitions in support of bills before the Ontario parliament, on temperance education in schools and enfranchising married women, were forwarded to Toronto yesterday from Portmouth and signed by nearly one hundred voters.

The tenders for a brick house for Dr. Sparks, to be erected on Gordon, street, were awarded to-day. The successful contractors are: A. Cameron, Portsmouth carpentry; W. McCartney, mason work; N. McNeil, plumbing; Robinson Bros., painting; McKelvey & Birch, heating; and T. Lemmon, tinsmithing.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

Suggestions for a Grand Demonstration—The Coming Military Camp.

In the cities of Canada the celebration of the Queen's jubilee, on the day authorized by the dominion government—June 21st—is being properly observed. Kingston should not be behind in showing its loyalty. The citizens are just as anxious to do something honorable as the military men, and the latter propose a right royal time. Col. Vickers, D.A.G., has written to the militia department asking that the volunteer camp for 1887 be held here in June, and that, besides allowing the Third regiment of cavalry, the Kingston and Durham field batteries, the 40th, 46th and 47th regiments to participate in a military spectacle, the transport expenses of the 14th P. W. O. Rifles, 13th Light Argyles, Belleville, and 57th battalion, Peterboro, be paid in order that they may join in the demonstration. All these corps will be receiving pay for drilling, and at a small cost could be transported to the city. The city would be asked to entertain the visiting regiments. With this large brigade of 199 officers and 2,038 men a grand assault could be made on Fort Henry, by land and water, or an attack by land on Barrfield, while Major-General Middleton and other high military men could hold a review and inspection. The details could be considered later by a council of military men. A grand civil celebration could also be held, to continue, if the citizens desired, for two days.

Who will start the ball a-rolling? The sooner the matter is taken in hand the greater will be the success of the event, and smaller places will forego their demonstrations and the people of them visit the city.

OUR QUERY COLUMN.

Familiar Lines.

Please tell me where I can find the lines: Man's inhumanity to man Makes countless thousands mourn.

They are from Robert Burns' poem, "Man Was Made to Mourn."

The Night Before Christmas.

Please inform me who was the author of the rhymes beginning: 'Twas the night before Christmas.

J. HARRARD.

The Largest Bell.

What was the largest bell ever cast? T. L. The largest bell was cast in Moscow in 1736, but was broken in 1737. It weighed 350 tons. The largest bell in England was cast at Houghton-le-Spring, Durham. It was 7 feet 10 1/2 inches high and 5 1/2 inches in diameter. Its chapper weighed 1,300 pounds. It was cracked in 1837 and replaced by a lighter one.

France or Germany.

Which could raise the greater force in case of war, France or Germany? M. O.

The present standing army of France is larger than that of Germany. The population of Germany is some 8,000,000 more than France. It would be impossible to predict which nation would succeed in turning out the most men.

Our Coat of Arms.

Can you state the origin of the coat of arms of the United States? U. S.

In 1776 congress appointed a committee to report a device for a national seal. No satisfactory device was reported till 1782, when John Adams, then our minister to England, forwarded the suggestion of Sir John Prastwick, an English antiquary. The present seal was based on his suggestion.

Weather Probabilities.

North-west winds, mostly fair weather, with light snow in a few places; not much change in temperature.