HULLESS OATS AGENTS.

THEY ARE PROSECUTING THEIR BUSINESS IN THIS SECTION.

Local Farmers, who are Selling the Goods -The Bond that Has to be Signed and the By-Laws Governing the Business -The Farmers who Have Invested in the Scheme.

NAPANEE, Feb. 3 .- The hulless oats agents are laying out for a good season's work in this section. Already quite a munber of orders have been taken, and there is promise of many more bushels being placed. The head or branch office for Ontario is at Belleville. As far as can be learned there are nine general agents in this district. These men serve local agents, through whose assistance the grau is sold. This is of course necessary, as the farmer is chary of anything "Yankee," and to get into his good graces it is but right that the farmer's neighbor be first secured as a party to the transaction. Of course the agents receive liberal pay, and why should they not? They are introducing a good article and should receive remuneration accordingly. The plan of operation is to sell the farmer a bushel or more of the hulless oats, for which the purchaser pays \$10 per bushel. Cash is not essential in the transaction. The agent takes a note, payable to the company, "or old time alacrity and joviality. bearer," and these notes are realized upon by being sold to private individuals at a sacrifice. Some have been offered for sale to parties in Napanee, who refused to accept them, upon what ground your correspondent does not know, but we presume the party was afraid of trouble arising through them, though the notes were by good men and are quite collectable, being ordinary promissory notes. Upon the note being handed over the agent gives the former a bond which is interesting reading. The capital stock is said to be \$100,000, and the firm known as the "Crawford, Henry & Williams County Seed Co.," and incorporated under the laws of Ohio on Sept. 21st, 1885, for the produc tion and sale of grain and seeds. The branch office is "Belleville, O." The clauses in the hand are these:

"It is agreed and understood by and bethreen the party named in this bond and said company that the transactions covered by this obligation is of a speculative character and is not based upon the real value of the grain.

"Know all men by these presents that the Crawford, Henry & Williams' county seed company do hereby agree to sell--thishels of ____ at 810 per bushet payable in cash, less 25 per ent. commission on or before ----

"In testimony whereof, the said Crawford, Henry & Williams' county seed company has cause I this bond to be signed and scaled by the secretary of the said company, this -day of --- 188. This company will not

he held responsible for any outside contracts made by agents other than those expressed on face of this bond. The Crawford, Henry & Williams' county seed company, per A. H. BRASINGTON, secretary. "This bond is void without the company's

scal and signature of the secretary." "This bond is surrounded with a heavy border, and is printed in red and blue black ink. At the lower left-hand corner is a large gold seal the whole presenting a most signi-

ficant app arance. Underneath the words "A bond," which are circled, appears a cut of a building somewhat resembling a Salt Lake City place of worship. The signature, In the bond above I have left in the signature in order that your readers may see the name of the personage upon whom, acconding to the boards, great responsibility rests. There is a stub to each bond which is toru off before the important document is hunded the farmer.

Un the back of each bond are the following by laws of the Crawford, Henry & Williams' county seed company :

"Section 1. All bonds shall be signed and sealed by the secretary of the company, and the by laws on the back of said bonds attest ed by the president of said company, and this company will be responsible for their business transactions according to the laws made and provided for governing stock companies in the state of Ohio, and under which this company was incorporated.

2. The members of this corporation do hereby agree that if any one purchasing | there was a very large congregation, and at grain of said company for seed, and sown by said purchaser, by any unavoidable cause, namely, fire, drougth, floods, etc., does not possess the amount called for in said bond issued by said company, then said company agrees to furnish the amount called for in said bond and sell the same as signified in the bond.

3 This company will only bond the same sulery of grain one year to the same indivi-

All bonds of said company shall be redeemed before any surplus grain is sold, and as soon as said bonds are redeemed then each purchaser of grain from this company shall have the right to sell all grain grown by him from and purchased by said company.

"5. It must be further agreed by said purchaser that he will do all he can to promote the sale of grain, and the interests of the company, and that he will report to the oftice of said company any bad conduct or misdemeanor on the part of any agent representing the said company. "A. P. WILLIAMS, President.

The signature Williams is written. Some of these bonds have been redeemed, but have not been able to trace such or gain authentic information. One man, a Mr. Foster, near Belleville, has sold his return from the cats, receiving therefore \$3,000 odd dollars. As a consequence many of his neighbours are 'going in' for the oats. A lawyer in Belleville purchased twenty bushels in 1887, and has this year gone in for a similar quantity. A prominent farmer of Adolphustown has given his note for \$500, another of Tyendinaga \$300, and farmers of Ernesttown for various amounts. One agent at Belleville the week before last sold \$2,100 worth. The company have agents at Odessa, Violet and other places in this section, men of good standing. Before signing the notes the farmers would do well to read over the bond and by-laws very carefully. One point should be particularly noticed, that while the branch office is noted the headquarters of the concern is not given.

The Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the British American Hotel-F. W. Newman, M. D. Barr, J. J. Kavanagh, N. Macfarlane, Montreal; A. Choate, W. R. Masey, Toronto; G. Hill, Prescott; G. D. Allen, G. A. Sandt, New York: W. J. Haney, Watertown; F. P. Jones, Gananoque; J. McMullen, Mt. Forest; G. E. Fanquier, Cardinal; A. Middleton, Ottawa.

The New Water Tank.

The building of the new water tower is completed. The men are now caulking it, and in a very short time the tank will be ready to receive water. Capt. Smith, who has been superintending the work of construction, says that citizens will be able to see further from the top of the tower than from any other part of the city.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention. Messrs. Gautt & Clark, late of this city, have started in the grocery business at

Syracuse. Sneriff Ferguson has been appointed returning officer in the contest over the repeal of the Scott act.

T. Meagher, of the customs department, left to day for Alexandria Point to look after the crossing of teams.

W. Langdon and wife, who have been visiting friends in Detroit for three or four weeks, returned to the city on Saturday. Lieut. Col. Villiers, D.A.G., arrived in the city this afternoon. He came from

Cobourg. He will remain for a few days. Mr. Sol. White, in an address in Windsor, expressed his determination to still work for the political union of Canada to

the States. indisposed at the opening of parliament but attended. is now all right and ready for active political service.

J. H. Gallagher, stationer, Napanee, who has been on a visit to England, reached Halifax, N. S., to-day, on the steamship | 25th can use them for the repeated concert, Oregon, en route home.

J. R. O'Reilly, of Prescott, is out again, and although still weak from the effects at Henderson's Friday at 10 a.m. for the of his mishap, attends to business with his

Ex-Mayor Beaugrand, of Montreal, has been very ill at Algiers, Africa, where he apples \$2 per bbl. at W. F. Baker's. was on a visit with his family. Latest advices say his condition is improved.

guest of Col. Graveley. The gallant colonel's

to see him again looking hale and hearty. He nobly bears the grand old title of English gentleman. W. T. Hill, F. C. O., of St. John, N.B., played the organ of Queen street church last | league. evening in a highly acceptable manner. He is a graduate of Trinity college, England.

He is en route to Toronto. He is an applicant for organist for the church. Messrs. Lavell & Farrell, Smith's Falls, intend opening a branch office in Merrickville. A large businesss from Merrickville and surrounding country has always been done, and for the convenience of the people an office is to be opened in their interest.

A. E. Baker will be in charge. Mrs. Booth, says the Methodist Times, exhibits great Christian resignation, but the diseases from which she is suffering makes | wood yard, Untario street, the best stock steady progress. There is reason to hope of sawed or unsawed maple, also the best that by a judicious use of the hours of of dry slab wood. freedom from pain she may be able to die | It is hardly probable that curlers will go | private convictions, not public opinion. tate (she has lost the use of her right hand) | to Carleton Place or Montreal to attend the her reminiscences and recollections of the rise and progress of the Salvation army.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

Services of an Interesting Character in the Third Methodist Church.

Very successful anniversary services were held in the Third Methodist church yesterday. The sermons were preached by Rev. T. C. Brown, of Brockville, and were thoughtful, forcible and practical, and delivered with a good deal of vigour. By apt illustrations, impressive anecdotes, and scriptural quotations he made his discourses interesting and convincing. The morning text was Acts 1, 8: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Sa maria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." After calling attention to the cirplaces for dates, etc., are left blank. So is cumstances under which these words were the space for the grain, as the company have | spoken, giving them a peculiar importance wheat and barley which they sell as well as and impressiveness, the preacher dwelt up on the church's need of power, which comes only after the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The special work of Christians as "wit nesses" unto Christ was beautifully and powerfully set forth. In calling attention to the method of operation laid down by the Master beginning in Jerusalem, then extending to all Judea and Samaria, the rev. gentleman gave some excellent advice re specting working first at home, among friends, the dealing with the next at hand. In the evening Mr. Brown chose for his text, "And he (Abraham) was called the friend of God, James 11, 2, 3. He gave a very close and careful analysis of the character and conduct of Abraham, and showed how this friend ship was formed, perpetuated and strength. ened, marking well the advantages thereof, and making a practical application of the subject as he proceeded. In the evening both services we were pleased to observe a great improvement in the singing.

CIRCLE OF THE CHURCHES.

The Movements of Clergymen-Some Off On Missionary Tours.

Rev. Mr. Young, of Renfrew, preached both services in St. Paul's church yester-

The Roman correspondent of the New York Freeman's Journal announces that the holy father has been pleased to approve the decree nominating Very Rev. Dean O'Connor, of Barrie, to the see of Peterboro, but it is wholly untrue that the Bishop of Harbour Grace has been promoted to the archiepiscoral see of Toronto. Up the present

moment no appointment to that diocese has been made. Rev. Mr. Jackson, of Knox church, Galt, has received from the Query club, of Pittsburg, Pa., a handsome album with photos of the members of the club, composed of the ablest ministers of Pittsburg and Allegheny. Accompanying the album were resolutions

beautifully printed. The Methodist, of the Montreal conference, has the following paragraph in regard to Queen street Methodist church, Kingston "Last Wednesday evening Rev. J. M Hagar, of Gananoque, a former pastor, arranged so as to attend the weekly prayer service. During the meeting he expressed his delight at the success of the church in recent years. He was pleased with the large attendance at the prayer meeting, and delighted at hearing some pray. 'I would have given a great deal,' he said, 'had I heard them offer such prayers in my day. He claimed that the prosperity of the church was due to the loyalty, zeal, and devotion of the handful of praying men and women who stood by the cause in the darkest hours. The audience appreciated his remarks."

Lennox Farmers' Institute. At the annual meeting of the Lennox farmers' institute it was reported that the receipts had been \$57.95 and disbursements \$20 10. The officers elect are: President, A. J. Dunbar; vice-president, L. B. Hudgins; secretary, M. Bogart; treasurer, W. N. Doller. The directors are: Napanee-U. Sills and W. N. Doller; Richmond, Sills and H. Vankoughnett; Ernesttown, C. Neville, B E. Aylsworth and N. Empey; North Fredericksburgh, Ira Pringle and J. C. Carscallen; South Fredericksburgh, W. Phippen; Adolphustown, F. C. Bogart. Auditors, Alexander Rose and N. Empey; delegates to the Central Farmers' Institute, M. Bogart and Allen Pringle, Richmond.

You Will Make no Mistake.

Buying spy apples 20c. peck, cranberries 10c. quart, 8 lbs. Spanish onions 25c., lbs. green peas 10c., snow white flour \$2.70; l lb. mixed tea with a beautiful cup and saucer for 40c. James Crawford.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life-What the Public are Talking About-Nothing Es capes the Attention of Those Who are Taking Notes.

The ice below the bridge is a foot thick. Mrs. Robinson, wife of Ald. W. Robinson, is very ill.

For genuine Scranton No. 4 coal go to the Gas Works yard.

A gang of men started to cut ice below the bridge to day for Mr. Bajus. Look out for Feb. 18th. A representation of the foreign nations in costume. Dr. Hooper purchased two lots on Divi-

sion street from Ald. W. robinson, sr. The funeral of the late Mr. Mann, which Sir Richard Cartwright was somewhat | took place yesterday afternoon, was largely A Kingston lady, who was jilted by a

well-known physician in the west, will sue him for \$10:000. Those who hold tickets for concert of Jan.

Feb. 8th, at opera house. The plan of the reserve seats will be open

Sydenham street church concert. Hay, \$14; oats, 80c. per bag; bran 90c.; chop; \$1.25; flour, \$2.65; choice winter

John Weir, an employee of the M. T.

company, had his wrist broken on Friday Col. Villiers, D.A.G., Winnipeg, is the by falling from a ladder upon the ice. A. Grant has been awarded the contract many friends, says the World, are delighted of painting a new Methodist church at Cape Vincent. He left for that town to-day.

An imperial federation league will be formed here. Circulars are being sent to various citizens asking them to join the

A lady in the upper circle in Belleville stole a friend's gold watch and chain. Kleptomania it was called when the chronometer was returned.

to patronize Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street. They can give you style, quality, and economy.

There has just arrived at J. Campbell's

bonspiels. If any teams go they will play at Carleton Place.

about 16,000. G. R. Waldron is the representative from Limestone lodge.

A high endorsement-Your flour at \$2.70 is the best in Canada 3 lbs. grean peas 10c, evaporated sweet corn 10c. lb., Cambridge sausages 12½c., spy apples 20c. peck, spice roll bacon 12 dc. James Crawford. Prominent conservatives will give oyster

suppers to the electors in the outlying wards. Another evidence that an election is near. And every liberal who attends them will be counted as a political convert. At this time of the year many gentlemen

find that they need a new pair of trousers to put them on until spring. We advise them to try Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street. They always give satisfaction.

Ladies' half, whole and quarter wigs, bangs, switches, hair chains, rings, made to order. Dress and mantle making. Cannif corset, best ever made, over Walsh & Steacy's, 105 Princess street, Kingston. Where are you going my pretty maid.

Going to Crawford's store she said-To buy spy apples 20c. peck, tomatoes 10c. can, freash haddock 5c. lb., 3 lbs. green peas 10c., evaporated sweet corn 10c. James Craw-Alexander Grant, artistic painter, has in his possession a number of relics which he

got from Indians while a scout at Larmey Peak, Wyoming territory. He has a beaded tobacco pouch which is sewed with human sinews. J. Linagar and M. O'Neil, charged with

having stolen grate bars from Capt. Donnelly, were committed for trial. J. O'Neil, charged with a similar offence, was remand ed for a week. James Willis, for immoder ate driving, was fined \$1 and costs. New embroideries at prices that will

beat anything ever shown in Kingston at R. McFaul's. A job lot of new, all wool, cloth dress goods, wholesale price 221c., will be sold for 15c. at R. McFaul's. The greatest bargain ever offered the public. Representatives from Clarendou, Miller,

Denbigh, Abinger and other townships in the rear of Frontenac and Addington go to Brockville next week to urge the extension of the Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie railway through their townships. Perhaps those who are fond of tongue.

twisting sentences may wish to practice their lingual organs by repeating the following couplet correctly and rapidly: "The swan swam over the river; swim swan,

The swan swam back again; well swam

Mayor Thompson will try and have a novel charity concert. The admission fee will be nothing less than a pound of groceries, and all the stock will be turned over to the relief societies. In a western city such a concert was held, and over 180 lbs. of groceries were received.

A sample lot of lace curtains, at less than wholesale prices, can be had at R. McFaul's. Remember, the cheapest house in the city for carpets, oil cloths and house furnishings generally is R. McFaul's. We have a few pairs of blankets left which will be sold at half price to clear. Accept the chance. R. McFaul's.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby football union was held in Toronto on Friday. D. M. Robertsor and N. G. Smith represented Queen's university. The challenge system will be continued another season, a though the results last season were unsatisfactory. The season opens Sept. 10th. D. M. Robertson is on the executive commit-

The Canada Stained Glass Works, of Toronto, have again increased their staff in every department. The Church and House Ornamental Glass turned out by this firm can be relied on both for durability and excellence of design. Persons requiring glass in every style or quantity whatever should address the makers, McCausland & Son,

Cyrus E. Seymour, who has donned the prison garb in the Kingston penitentiary, having no use for his wearing apparel, has sent it to Miss Fish, Cornwall, who no longer pants for trousers. Nellie Fish, the last of five women to marry the notorious fellow, is living a secluded life at Cornwall. She will have lots of time to herself to solve the Mormon problem.

Miss Alice Waltz, whose ability and manners have made her a strong favorite on the concert stage, by request began her part of the programme with the song, "Oh! Loving Heart Trust On." She was in good voice and sang with marked expression."-Brooklyn Union Argus. Hear Brooklyn's "Prima Donna" at Sydenham street church Monday, Feb. 11th. Tickets 25 cents.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Scott Act in the County.

SYDENHAM, Jan. 28 .- (To the Editor): In your issue of the 24th inst. appeared an item from one of our villagers entitled "Another Examination of the Scott Act," and I must admit that it is a rather crude examination indeed. Now I don't purpose entering into any argument on this question. in behalf of the act I wish to show the merchants of our little village are "financially depressed" because of the

as it is represented, and I am led to bette the that they realize a direct benefit from ... there is affort more accordingly than w the place was under liquor law. And how we can be profitted financially through the destruction of human beings by that "accursed stuff" called drink which brutalizes a man and transforms him into a fiend is a question that remains unanswered. Truly the act has not been effectually carried out, but that is not the fault of its supporters.

"Ratepayer" says: "It (the act) has taken the sale of liquor out of the hotel keepers' hands, and placed it in the hands of an un principled class of men who could not obtain liceuse under any circumstances." Very true. But has it never occurred to his mind that only one out of every hundred of hotel keepers is fit to be found behind a bar? When poor McConnell cut himself to pieces in a bar room in Washington it was stated, and never denied, that the saloon keeper boasted he had cleared over \$1,000 by the operation as so many came in to see the blood stains where the poor fellow had lain. And they could hardly come in without taking a drink.

Again he says: "The Scott act is unpopu far," and adds among whiskey men "unworkable." Very strange, too. If it was thus how it is that the grog shops are so effectual ly shut up? "Unpractical," and yet it has shown itself in a very practical manner by setting men on their feet who once were Hello! Where did you get that good | slaves to drink, and making homes happy hay? Baker's. Who is Baker? The man | which were once a pandemonium, giving that sells the Manitoba bran on the Market | to faces once wet with tears a bright healthy lustre, and making many hearts glad where

grief reigned supreme. The act, though not as fully enforced as should be, yet carries a force with it. Its main object is not so much to stop hotel Students who need clothing will do well | keepers as it is to keep "hell's recruiter" from our streets and homes and save erring ones from the drunkard's awful fate. Then how can a rational sober man look upon the sale of this "soul-destroying stuff" with any degree of allowance? We may not be successful in carrying the act another year, but we can try. We will have to be guided by And if it lies in our power to stop the stream and save a soul from death it is our place as temperance people to stand out boldly for The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of | the rights. We may live in obscurity and United Workmen will meet in Toronto on | fight our battle noiselessly. No historian the 20th and 21st inst. The membership is | may record our names, no monument be erected to our memory. We may bear the look of scorn and contempt and the world's sneer. What of all that? A time is coming when the intelligent universe will adjudicate aright, when the man who masters an evil passion battles a popular vice, fights a ruinous error will be deemed worthy of

higher praise than earth's greatest warrior. The marble monument will crumble into dust, the very earth reel to and fro beneath the tread of the coming judge. All the sale of historic records will be consumed in the final conflagration, but the memory of the moral hero will be imperishable. He will live in the grateful memory of those whom he has blessed, whose tears he has wiped away, whose wants he has relieved, whose gloom he has dispelled, and whose wander ing feet he has brought into the paths of peace. There, yes, there shall his memorial be reared where the flames cannot reach and where the rocking of earth's last convilions shall not be felt. Thanking you to the space allowed in your paper for the discussion of a topic in which all are interested 1 remain a well-wisher of the temperance

OBSERVEN.

Not Anxious for Annexation.

CARTHAGE, N.Y., Feb. 1.—(To the Editor): There are some Canadians who entertain the idea that Canada would be much better if annexed to the United States, but they had better, before making too much noise on the subject, just cross to New York state and mix with the people as I have done and their views would speedily change. True, the Yankees have good land and a fine climate, but the laws they possess are not enforced, nor do the people seem desirous of having them enforced. The country is full of lawless people - White Caps they are called - who mob and assault any who stands up for the right. The good people are, therefore, living in dread all their days. Then the divorce laws are an abomination unto God, and a disgrace to the nation. Why a man can marry one week, quarrel the next, get a divorce the week after, and be ready to marry a week later. Shame on any nation that permits such laxity over

such a solemn union. There is no such thing as the observance of the Sabbath. Everywhere you see work prosecuted as though God had never set apart a day for rest and worship. One can sit in the churches and hear the sound of the hammer or the shout of the toiler, and yet people seem to think nothing of it. If the church people interfere and attempt to emforce the law they are mobbed or scourg-

Then the Yankees hate anything British. They are anxious to annex Canada because they fear that it will be one of the most stalwart rivals of the United States and may yet become a powerful British kingdom. They hoisted Cleveland because he was too friendly to the British. Now as to comparisons. The medical men of this country are not nearly as well educated as those in Canada. Common labourers have not better wages than you give, and factory girls are paid less than at home. Mechanics, however, are better off, the result of union. If they don't get what they want they strike and destroy property and altogether ignore the law. Because of fear they are given what they demand. This is plain truth. A CANADIAN.

Another Letter From an Adult. KINGSTON, Feb. 4 - (To the Editor): Permit me to express the pleasure I felt upon reading in your paper a few days ago that we were to have this week the concert of the Loyal Legion Co. E. repeated at the opera house, with several pieces added to the programme. I think it quite evident, from the great success of the last entertainment, that the citizens will turn out in large numbers. It will be a great pleasure to the ladies, who have taken so much pains with the little ones, to see their efforts crowned with success. Certainly, it is the first time that a Kingston audience has been given amusement and recreation of the kind.

New Law Firm.

ANOTHER ADULT.

Mr. John S. Skinner has become associated with H. M. Mowat in the practice of the law. Mr. Skinner, after a brilliant examination, was called to the bar of Ontario in Easter term, 1887. After spending a year in Europe he entered a prominent legal firm in Toronto, and from there comes to practice in his native town with many testimonials of ability and efficiency.

WANTING AID FOR ACTS.

APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF MADE TO TWO GOVERNMENTS.

Township Statements to be Put Forth in Cheaper Form - A Pointed Remark Made by Hon. Mr. Laurier-The Wrecking and Coasting Bill-Improvement in

Vats.

Min. M.P.P., Prince Edward my to amend the municipal act relates to requiring the townby the maile of December. This method he things is expensive, as it really means a transcription of the treasurer's books. Mr. Sprague's amendment is to introduce the simpler mode of giving a classified statement, which would be quite as comprehen-

sive and less cumbersome and expensive. The staff officers of the Kingston penitentiary have sent a petition to the minister of justice, asking the privilege to contribute to the superannuation fund and receive its benefits. They are encouraged to expect favorable action owing to the generous treatment meted out to the North-West mounted police, for whose benefit, in respect to superannuation, a special act of parliament was introduced last session.

The militia department has been notified by the imperial authorities that if any pensioner of the imperial government de-orts while belonging to a permanent corps of militia in Canada his pension will be liable to be forfeited. Such desertion constitutes an act, of gross misconduct under the imperial pay regulations, and will be dealt with accordingly on the details being reported to headquarters at Ottawa for trans. mission to authorities in England.

Mr. Patterson, Essex, will introduce a bill entitled an act to admit United States vessels to wrecking, towing and coasting privileges in Canadian waters The difference between Mr. Patterson's bill and that championed by Mr. Kirkpatrick is that the latter merely proposes reciprocity in wrecking, while the former includes towing and coasting. It is probable that there may be a proposal to go farther and admit American captains and mates to sail Canadian vessels, provided the certificates of Canadian seamen are recognized by the American authorities. As matters go at present Canada yearly loses many stalwart sailors, who are compelled to take the oath of alle giance to the president of the United States preliminary to accepting service on an American craft.

Hon. Mr. Laurier, speaking in the house, remarked on the singular omission from the speech from the throne of any laudation of the national policy. He elicited the opinion that perhaps ministers had determined to discontinue the practice of attributing good crops to themselves first and to Providence afterwards. A rather funny incident in this branch of the speech was the response given to an oratorical interrogation touching the condition of crops in the neighbarbood of Kingston last summer. "Why," asked the leader of the opposition, "were the fields allowed to be parched and the feed for cattle allowed to be destroyed?" To which a member replied in a steptorian voice: "Because the premier happened to

be away from home. R. A. Fowler, Amherst Island, is out with a petition to the minister of marine and fisheries asking that the mesh of gill nets used on the north shore of Lake Untario for catching white fish be reduced from 5 to 41 inches. Mr. Fowler said that in an experience of many years it was found that the present regulation mesh was too large and totally untit for the business. The petition was signed by 440 fishermen and only two declined.

Messrs. Filson, Reid, Lapum, Parks and Sexsmith, of Lennox county counci', will interview the minister in support of the petition.

A Revised Version.

In one of the Methodist Sunday schools of the city yesterday, a teacher insisted that each member of her class should be able to recite the golden text. One little fellow's struggle was scmething like this: "If any man have ears :" "if any man have ears to hear -- ;" "if any man have ears let him-let him bring-them here."

The Cape Vincent fire department has \$700 on hand as a building fund.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS MONTREAL, Feb. 4.-12 LOCK. STOCKS. Bank of Montreal. Ontario Bank Moisons Bank .. Bank of Toronto. Banque Jacques Cartier .. Merchanta Bank Quebee Bank Union Bank Bank of Commerce. Imperial Bank . Montreal Telegraph Co..... N. W. Land Co.... Rich. & Ontario Navigation Co...

Hochelaga Cotton Co.. JOSEPH FRANKLIN,

Windsor Hotel Block, Princess Street, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRODUCE COMMISSION DEALER.

City Passenger RR.....

Canada Pacific RR.....

Canada Cotton Company

Dundas Cotton Co.....

Montreal Gas Co .

tar Headquarters for Clover, Timothy, Field and Garden Seeds. Choice Family Flour. Strong Bakers' Flour a specialty.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

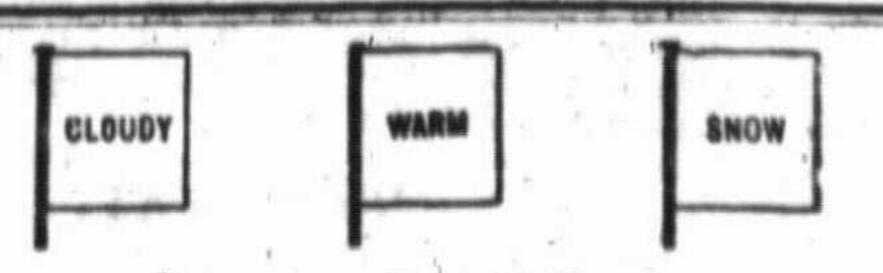
MONTREAL Feb 4 Flour-Receipts, 600 bbls. Sales 000 sacks Market quiet as unchanged rates. Patents winter, 5.75 to 6.00; patent spring, 6.00 to 6.15; straight roller, 5.25 to 5.50; extra. 5.00 to 5,25; superfine, 4.00 to 4,75; Ontario Bags, 2.00 to 2.75; City bags, 5.85 to 5.95 for strong Grain. Wheat-nominal; red winter 0.00 to 0.00; white 0.00 to 0.00; spring 0.00 and 0.00 No. 1 Northern, 0.00 to 1.25. Corn-53 to 55c. Peas-73 to 74c. Oats-34 to 35c.

Barley-45 to 70e. Rye-45 to 55c. Oatmeal-4.25 to 5.50. Cornmeal-2.75 to 2.80. Pork-161 to 17. Lard-10 to 12. Bacon-11 to 12. Hams--12 to 13. Cheese—% to 12.
Butter—Creamery 22 to 25: Townships, 19 to

21; Morrisburg 18 to 21; Western 15 to 18; Low Grades 00 to 00. Eggs-Limed, 16 to 17; fresh, 18 to 19, Dead Hogs-Quiet : \$6.25 to \$6.50. LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

LIVERFOOL, Feb. 4. Cotton, steady; American middlings 54. LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 4.-5 p.m.

Cheese-White and Colored 59s 6d,



Weather Probabilities. Partly cloudy weather, gradually rising temperature, light snow in some localities.