great favor throughout the country; all parties seem to approve of the choice made. We trust that Mr. Benson may long be spared to enjoy this high honor conferred upon him by his sovereign, and that he may yet rise to a still higher position, in being made a member of the Privy Council.

AN ELECTION FOR LINCOLN.

In consequence of the elevation of Mr. Benson to the Senate, the duty devolves upon the electors of this county to select a fit and proper person to represent them in the Commons House of Parliament. We regret that the Reformers of the County are not thoroughly organized, so that a Convention could be held at once for the purpose of selecting Candidates. The time is too short now to effect such organization for this election, as the writ has been issued, and the election will be held in a few days. Under these circumstances it becomes necessary to adopt some other mode than that of a Convention, for the purpose of securing the services of a proper person, and a requisition is the only way that it can now be done.

Mr. Rykert with his usual modesty, has had his servants at work for a few days, hawking a requisition in his favor. and representing that he is the only man we have in the County fit for office. We have heard of another requisition also in favor of Mr. Richard Miller, but we understand that he is not willing to accept of it.

On Wednesday a number of prominent reformers met in this town to consider the present position of affairs, and it was resolved to bring out a candidate by requisition. The meeting was unanimous in favor of T. R. Merritt, Esq., and after taking time to consider the matter, that gentleman consented to accept the nomination, and to stand as a candidate. The requisition was at once signed by a number of the most influential gentlemen in town, and we have no doubt will receive the approval of the electors throughout the County,

It will now be seen whether the electors are of the opinion that Mr. J. C. Rykert is the only person qualified to fill office in the County. They will now be able to determine whether they approve of J. C. Rykert as the monopolizer of every office that he can grasp. We believe that the only reason why he fills so many offices, is that he has not been opposed by other candidates, for we are satisfied that he does not possess the confidence of the people of this county.

Mr. Thomas R. Merritt is a gentleman well qualified for the position of our representative. Living all his lifetime in this town acquainted with all the public enterprises of his late father, the Hon. Hamilton Merritt, being favored with a good education and early training, he is peculiarly qualified to represent us at the present time. He is a thorough business man, such as should represent a town like St. Catharines. We have too many lawyers in Parliament, men who go there solely to serve their own personal

$1,000 in the Hartford. The loss will not be very great to any one, except the interuption to business. There are strong suspicions that it was the work of an incendiary, as the building was on fire once before, but was discovered in time to save it.

THE WELLAND CANAL.

Mr. Phelps wrote a letter to Sir John A. McDonald on the subject of enlarging the Canal, to which he received the following:—

OTTAWA, March 12.

SIR—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 10th inst., urging the immediate enlargement of the Welland Canal.

The importance of this work, and the expediency of increasing its capacity, so soon as the Revenues of Canada and the claims of other national works will permit, are fully appreciated by the Government.

I have no doubt that the whole question will meet the consideration which it deserves from the Minister of Public Works, to whose department the subject more particularly belongs.

I am, Sir, Your Obedient Servant,
JOHN A. MACDONALD.

To O. S. Phelps, St. Catharines.

ST. ANNS.

(For the St. Catharines Post.)

There are some people who are musical and some who are not. So it is with villages. There are some villages that are passionately fond of music; everyone and everything in them seems to sing. Such is the village of St. Anns. Enter it at any hour of the day or of the night, and you will hear music of some kind. Those coming from school and from the tavern, sing. It's snow and its summer birds, it's crickets and it's cats, when they are not asleep, sing, It's sheep, cattle and horses have a musical talent, and so have its ducks and geese. And the river Jordan which runs through the village, sings all the time, sometimes to the tune of a falling bridge or a yielding dam. It's grey-haired men and women, as well as it's youngsters, are all great in music. In some villages it is the merits and de-merits of horses that are discussed; in others it is the latest fashions; but when the people of St. Anns have had their friendly say about one another, it is singing and organs, and organs and singing, that is their theme. Considering that St. Anns is the distinguished musical village, that it is, it is not surprising that she should take the lead in Canada in this matter. While many of the Canada Presbyterian Churches have been studying the *pros* and *cons* of the organ question, the St. Anns Church having quietly slipped in the wedge, has been enjoying the advantages and disadvantages of an organ in her public worship for years. She has also a well-trained choir, which on the evening of the twelfth inst., favored the public with a free concert. The St. Anns Chronicle saith that "When there's anything extra going on at St. Anns, there's sure to be rain." And this old saying was again verified on the evening of the concert. In any other village than that of St. Anns, there would in all likelihood have been no gathering at all on such a night, but the sainted village never says

material as effected. It will be remembered that during the Russian war Mr. Camidge had the honor to be employed as Secretary and Paymaster of H. M. Crimean Railway corps. See circulars and advertisement.

THE WEATHER.—The present season seems a very remarkable one—in fact, in seems as if our climate had made a complete change. Last Spring we had a great deal of rain, then it became dry and warm, and we had scarcely any rain the remainder of the season. Our Winter came on at once exceedingly cold, and remained so up to the first week in March, which was the coldest for many years. In one short week, however, we have a complete change, and we are now enjoying warm weather. Everything now betokens an early spring.

IMPORTANT.—Our readers will observe the card of Dr. Dougan in our advertising columns. The doctor has completed a thorough course of studies in his profession, he now commences to practice in his native town, and he certainly deserves the support of all his friends. We have no doubt that Mr. Dougan will secure the confidence of the public. We certainly wish him abundant success.

CHEAP GOODS.—Those in want of boots and shoes, will do well to read the advertisement of Mr. Lindsay in to-day's paper. We would recommend them to give Mr. L. a trial as he is prepared to sell at greatly reduced prices, to clear off his present stock. Now is the time to make purchases.

VOLUNTEER CONCERT.—The volunteers of this town will give a Grand Concert in the Town Hall to-morrow evening, to provide funds for improving the Drill Shed. We trust there may be a large attendance, as the object is a most desirable one.

ABYSSINIAN EXPEDITION.—The English people are complaining as usual about the slow movement of the British army in Abyssinia, but they must content themselves with waiting some time, before they can expect the objects of the movement to be accomplished. The difficulties are very great, but it is said that Sir Robert Napier expresses a confident hope that the Abyssinian expedition will be brought to a close this season.

FEARFUL STORM AT TORONTO.—A terrific storm of wind and rain was experienced at Toronto on Monday morning last, attended with thunder and lightning. The roofs of the G. W. Railway freight sheds were blown off and scattered about like strips of paper The Grand Trunk freight sheds were blown down and one man was killed. The sheds of the Northern Railway were also unroofed Much damage was caused by the storm through the city.

INUNDATION.—The highest flood that has visited Western Canada for many years, occurred at Chatham and neighborhood last week. The Great Western Railway was submerged for miles, and no trains were able to pass over it west of London. Passengers going west were sent round by Sarnia. The flood and ice were so powerful, that the track was completely washed away in many

of the advertisement:—

"Raffle for the wife of Thomas Doyle at Wolf's Hall, Court Street, on Monday, March 23rd, 1868. This woman is a good housekeeper and is willing to stay with any one who may draw her. Tickets 25 cents"

Certainly this is a novel mode of dissolving the nuptial tie. No need of going to Chicago now to obtain a divorce, when a raffle in Buffalo will answer the purpose equally well. Is it not disgraceful to any civilized people to see such evidences of depravity published in their own papers.

THE FLOODS.—Bellville, March 16,—The big jam of ice above the upper bridge has just given way, and a tremendous body of ice put in motion, sweeping everything before it. The iron bridge has been torn to pieces and carried down the river, amid the crashing of timbers, sheds and houses on the banks along the whole length of the river to the warves. The lower bridge is still standing, but very much shattered, and some of the piers destroyed and part of the bridge carried off. It is very dark, and a dense fog prevails. Numerous lanterns in every direction, and a great number or half-clad men and women are in the streets. It is by far the most serious and destructive flood that has ever visited this neighbourhood. No particulars can be given-nor estimate formed of damage before daylight.

THE OWEN FAMILY.—Our readers will remember the case of the children who came to Portland a few weeks ago and whose mother had been left behind, having gone ashore to mail a letter, when the vessel sailed before her return. The Toronto Leader says:—"We have been informed by Mr. J. A. Donaldson, emigrant agent of this city, that Mrs. Owen, mother of the children who arrived at Portland recently from Derry, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon in good health, on her way to join her husband and children in the township of Luther, a short distance from Fergus. It seems that when she went ashore for the purpose of posting a letter and found the tender had left Lough Foyle, that she took a cab and drove as fast as possible to Merrill, but was too late to catch the ocean steamer which had her children on board. She then returned home, and started again the following week, but while on the train between Ballymena and Derry the engine broke down and the poor woman was compelled to return home a second time, naturally much disheartened at her ill luck. The following week, however, she reached Derry in time to take the steamer Belgian, but upon reaching Halifax the steamer was detained. She arrived at Portland on Wednesday last."

The Mont Cenis Summit Railway, it is expected, will be opened for regular through traffic on the first of May.

Clancy, the alleged Fenian, who shot at two policemen in London, has been sentenced to penal servitude for life.

A grand complimentary dinner by the press is to be given to Dickens in New York on the 18th of April.

In the London Times of February 21st, a declaration is published by over two thousand Irish peers and gentry who give their signatures in full, and who assert that they are aggrieved by the present ecclesiastical settlement of Ireland.

The Jews of Hungary are emancipated; a bill for that purpose passed by the two

who are able to solve them, that we may be able to determine whether there are enough of our readers to whom they would be acceptable.

LATIN DECAPITATIONS.

4—Behead "to scour," and leave a conjunction.
5.—Behead "crafty," and leave "swift."
6.—Behead a noise, and leave a burden.
7.—Behead a basket, and leave a gate.

THETA NU.

CHARADE.

8. Alas! for that forgotten day
When Chivalry was nourished,
When none but friars learned to pray,
And beef and beauty flourished!
And fraud in kings was held accurst,
And falsehood sin was reckoned,
And mighty chargers bore my *first*,
And fat monks wore my *second*.

Oh then I carried sword and shield,
And casque with flaunting feather,
And earned my spurs in battle field,
In winter and rough weather;
And polished many a sonnet up
To ladies eyes and tresses,
And learned to drain my father's cup,
And loose my falcon's tresses.

But dim is now my grandeur's gleam;
The mongrel mob grows prouder;
And everything is done by steam,
And men are killed by powder;
And now I feel my swift decay,
And give unheeded orders,
And rot in paltry state away,
With sheriffs and recorders.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF MARCH 5TH.

1. Tit-mouse. 2. Oxeye. 3. Top diameter 24. 42 inches. Bottom diameter 14. 64 inches. 4. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

LONDON, March 14.

Despatches from Rome announces that Lucien Bonaparte, Gonelli Barilli, Berardi, Moreno, Barren and Cappiti, have been made Cardinals. Several Bishops have also been appointed for the United States and Canada.

NAPLES, March 14.

The eruption of Mount Vesavius is increasing in power and grandeur. The volcano is throwing up vast quantities of fire, and but little lava. The detonations are very loud and frequent.

VIENNA, March 14.

Despatches from the South announce that the Grand Vizier had returned to Constantinople from Crete, and reports to the Turkish Government that the war between the Turks and the Creten insurgents had at length ended. There were a few guerillas still in the mountains; they were hardly a hundred strong, and no fears were anticipated of any fresh outbreak.

NEW YORK, March 10.

Herald's London special says: Advices from the army in Abyssinia represent the military situation at the English front remaining unchanged.

It is said King Theodore treats the captives more leniently, and that he deigns to regard them in a more friendly spirit. Mr. Bassam, the captive official of the Queen, indeed, says he thinks the King detains him merely until the English troops arrive at or near the royal head quarters, and that he will then be set free.

Detroit, March 16

The ice in the Saginaw river has broken up and gone out, and the water is very high and current swift. Considerable damage has been done to the wharves and booms. Nearly two million logs have gone down the