

# The Free Press.

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## LOCAL & MISCELLANEOUS.

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The Weekly Free Press.

We desire to call attention to the WEEKLY FREE PRESS, which, in its new dress, looks splendidly. This week's issue contains between forty and fifty columns of reading matter, comprising a selection of news and matters of general interest, which we believe to be unsurpassed in Canada. Buy a copy and see for yourselves. It is published this morning.

New Story.

On Saturday next (to-morrow) we shall commence a new historical tale, from the German of Hoffman, entitled, THE JEWELLER OF PARIS.

### DREADFUL BOATING ACCIDENT!

#### Five Excursionists Drowned at Sarnia.

We have this morning to record an accident of a most painful nature, which occurred on the St. Clair River, off Point Edward, yesterday afternoon, and by which five persons were drowned. The names of the unfortunate deceased are Mr. Sageman and his son, of the Township of Westminster, near this city, and Mr. Pannell, and his wife and young child, of Strathroy. The particulars of the accident we have obtained from an eye witness, who was at the time fishing at one of the wharves at Point Edward. The parties named, in company with four others, whose names we have not learned, embarked at Sarnia in a small skiff and went for a sail upon the river. There being but little wind, the water was very calm, and the boat was carried out so far by the tide, which at that point runs at the rate of about seven miles an hour. The little craft was quite overloaded with her living freight, and it must have been an act of great indiscretion to have ventured out with so many on board. Had a sudden squall, or even a moderate breeze, come up, the excursionists being timid and unskilful

### Notes Here and There.

Mr. St. John Hyttenrath is making active preparations for his monster vocal and instrumental concert, to take place in the Drill Shed on the 25th inst. A preliminary practise was held last night at Mr. Carrie's rooms.

The Volunteer Band of this city will give a concert in St. Thomas on the 19th.

The St. Thomas Band will also give a concert there shortly, in aid of its funds.

From present appearances, the prognostications relative to the late eclipse on the state of the weather seem likely to be realized. The weather gives a gentle reminder of the summer weather of years gone by.

A refreshing indication of the approach of summer is the arrival of the June bugs.

It is estimated that three hundred of our youth staid at home and played base ball on Wednesday. A few went to Port Stanley and became tipsy.

The Eagle Base Ball Club of this city played the Lincoln (colored) Club on Wednesday, on the Cricket Square, and beat them by a score of 59 to 26.

Several cases of Asiatic cholera are reported from New York State—a note of warning to the