

Municipal Drainage Act.

The Hon. Mr. McKellar has introduced a bill—a copy of which we have before us—entitled an Act to authorise the investment of certain moneys in debentures to be issued for the construction of drainage works for municipalities. The Act provides that in case municipal Councils, after procuring the report of competent engineers, are of opinion that the drainage of certain localities is necessary, they may pass by-law providing for the same, and borrow the necessary funds, on the credit of the municipality, by issuing debentures in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each, and payable within fifteen years from date, with interest at a rate of not less than five per centum per annum, the property benefited by such improvement to be taxed for the payment of the same. Before the final passing of the by-law it shall be published four weeks in some newspaper within the municipality, or some other newspaper, together with a notice that any one intending to apply to have it quashed, must, within ten days of the passing thereof, serve a notice in writing upon the Reeve and Clerk of the municipality of his intention to make application for that purpose. Should it be deemed necessary to continue the drainage into adjoining municipalities, in order to carry off the water, the lands so benefitted shall bear a portion of the cost, and maintain and keep in repair the same within its own limits. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may invest any surplus of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the purchase of debentures issued under by-laws so passed.

We think that the Bill is just and equitable, and will be found—should it become law—to work well. The importance of draining lands is becoming better appreciated as the good results are known, and thousands of acres would have been thus improved ere this had the owners of the soil been in a pecuniary position to do so. We are glad for the sake of those interested, that the Bill introduced by Mr. McKellar makes such ample provision for many poor settlers. The utility of land drainage cannot be overestimated.

It is understood that Sir John A. Macdonald has a misunderstanding with the management of the Mail, which may possibly result in his withdrawing his support from it. It is understood Mr. Patterson is retained in his position contrary to the wishes of many shareholders, solely through the Hon. John Cartwright's influence. *Le Nouveau Monde* says—Most of the members of the Quebec Cabinet are in Montreal, and will meet Mr. Langevin. It has reason to know that at the meeting many important appointments of judges will be made. In view of the interests of the party in next session, it is probable that Mr. Oliver, Senator, will be made a judge, and Dr. Paquet, M. P., will replace him in the Senate, and that a Conservative candidate will be elected with his support in the County of Berthier.

Wellington County Council. Jan. 31. Council met at two o'clock, p.m. The Warden in the chair. Present all the members. Mr. Massie read the report of the County Property Committee, which made the following recommendations: That in accordance with the report contained in the petition from the Junior Jubilee, the room formerly occupied by the Clerk of the Peace, be set apart for his use, and that the committee be instructed to provide what furniture may be necessary. That they be instructed to provide the additional accommodation required in the office of the Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Pleas, including a fire-proof vault of sufficient capacity to protect the books and papers of value left in his charge, and that the same be proceeded with so soon as the weather will permit, provided that the whole can be completed at a cost not exceeding ten to fifteen hundred dollars. That no action be taken by this Council in the communication from the County Council of the County of Elgin. That they be instructed to provide sufficient accommodation to cover the vault of the Registry Office in Arthur, and to replace the worn-out portions in the Guelph Court House. That the following accounts be received, and the Treasurer instructed to pay the same: J. & B. Crab, \$4.50; Collins & Lynch, \$3.30; W. Hamilton, \$2; J. McFarlane, \$2.10; W. S. S. \$1.15. A list of the articles for the use of the jail, for the current year, was also submitted in the report.

Chairman. Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Telford, That the report of the County Property Committee be received and adopted. Carried. Mr. Chadwick read the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the new Act respecting Municipal Institutions in the Province of Ontario, by which it appeared that the Committee had gone through the Act as carefully as possible, but had not sufficient time to fully consider it. The Committee asked to be allowed to report at the Council meeting, and to forward to the Legislature such amendments or suggestions as they considered advisable. F. J. Chapman, Chairman. Moved by Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Bell, That the report of the above Committee be adopted. Carried. Mr. Leslie introduced the report of the Standing Committee on Finance, which recommended the payment of the following accounts: Jas. Webster, for gas and fuel, \$13.55; John Hoeman, sundries for jail, \$28.10; J. F. Hollinger, rent for Jailery Office, \$12; T. Frankland, printing, \$1; Walker & Co., printing, \$2.10; John Foley, printing, \$18. The Committee also recommended the payment of Wm. Stronach's account, so as on as the chairman of the County Property Committee expressed that the charge be increased to \$500. Also stated that the statement furnished by the Treasurer was very explicit and satisfactory. W. Leslie, Chairman. Moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Telford, That the report of the Standing Committee on Finance be adopted. Carried. Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, That leave be given to introduce a By-law for the appointment of School Trustees in the County, which shall be read a first and second time.

# GREAT CLEARING SALE!

TWO WEEKS LONGER!

The Great Clearing Sale of Dry Goods and Millinery still continues at

## GEORGE JEFFREY'S.

The Great Sale will be continued for Two Weeks Longer, owing to

### The unprecedented demand for all kinds of Goods!

And to give those parties who have not had an opportunity to visit the Cheap Sale, one more chance to participate in the Great Bargains!

### ANOTHER LOT OF DRESS GOODS

Another lot of those Dress Goods which have created so much noise in Town, at 12½ and 25 cents the usual price of which elsewhere is 30 and 50 cents.

### REMNANTS, REMNANTS, REMNANTS.

One whole counter will be entirely devoted to Remnants of all kinds of Goods made during the Sale, to be disposed of at an immense sacrifice.

Remember This Fact—This Extra Clearing Sale will Positively only last Two Weeks.

Intending purchasers should call and secure Bargains at once.

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NEW  
DRUG STORE  
Nearly opposite the Old Stand,  
NOW OPEN.

Mr. PETRIE takes this opportunity to thank the Public for their large and liberal support during the seven years he has been in business in Guelph.

The New Store is the one formerly occupied by Mr. H. Berry, and lately by Mr. J. R. Fort, as a Confectionery Store. The store has been enlarged and refitted, making it a much more desirable place of business than the old stand.

Having secured the new store for a term of Ten Years, I hope, with the assistance of the Public, to prevent in the future as I have done during the past seven years, any monopoly in the Drug Trade in Guelph.

The old store will remain open for business until the first of May.

By conducting my business in the future in the same upright principle as in the past, I trust to receive a continuance of your generous support.

I am, yours very truly,

A. B. PETRIE.

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IS THE BEST!  
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Day supplies the Weekly Papers for 12 months FREE OF POSTAGE AS FOLLOWS:  
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With any of the above Papers is presented Gratis all of the following Books:

Little Men, by Louis Alcott..... price 50c  
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Remember, to each subscriber for any of the above Papers is presented all the Books from T. J. DAY.

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DAY has already paid in advance for 1873 the Proprietors of the Globe, Star, and Mercury for his Weekly Papers, thereby saving in some cases, 20 cents on each paper.

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Step in and examine the Books. They are all late and popular works.

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The above offer ends on the 10th Feb., 1873.

AUCTION SALE  
Homestead, in Guelph,  
ON  
Thursday, 27th of Feb'y, 1873.

AT TWO O'CLOCK, AT THE PREMISES.  
Mrs. R. CORBET will offer for sale her residence, corner of Norfolk and Oxford sts., Town of Guelph, comprising one quarter acre of land, Stone Dwelling of two stories, having Drawing Room, Dining Room, Parlor, Library, and seven upstairs Bed Rooms (one in 10 rooms); also Kitchen, wood shed, &c. A stable for two horses, also never failing well of pure water, and large cistern with pump.  
The Guelph is stocked with choice Fruit Trees.  
These premises are in excellent condition, sufficient for a large family, and situated in the most pleasant part of the Town, within five minutes walk of all the Churches and Market.  
Guelph being widely known for its healthy situation, enterprise, and excellent market, an opportunity rarely equalled—is now presented to persons desirous of procuring a property not only of increasing value, but one which will prove a most agreeable homestead.  
Terms—One-third cash, and the balance in five years at 7 per cent. interest half yearly, secured by mortgage and fire policy. Possession given by the 1st May next, or sooner. Title good.  
Intending purchasers are referred to LEMON & PETERSON, Solicitors, or W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer.

N.B.—The premises may be inspected every Wednesday afternoon.  
Guelph, Jan. 17, 1873. dwd

The By-law was read a first time, and the Council went into Committee of the Whole to fill up the blanks. Mr. Nicol in the chair. Committee rose and reported the blanks filled up as follows:  
George High School, Messrs. George Marton, Sr., and John Harvey, Elora High School, Rev. A. B. McDonald and Dr. W. P. Savage, Burgas High School, Mr. A. D. Ferrer and Rev. Mr. Fessenden, Orangeville High School, Messrs. Johnson Lindsay and Alex. McGowan.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, That a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Michie, Ben. Leslie, T. Hamilton, Darby and Broadfoot be a special Committee to confer with the Directors of the Guelph General Hospital, with a view of conducting a Poor House therewith, and report at the June session. Carried.  
Mr. Massie read a communication from the Inspector of Weights and Measures, regretting the fact that the weights and measures now used by him were useless.

Moved by Mr. Massie, seconded by Mr. Roberts, That the necessary weights and measures be purchased for Mr. Daniel Kibb, Inspector of Weights and Measures for the South Riding of Wellington. Carried.

Council adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.  
Saturday, Feb. 1st.  
The Warden in the chair. All the members present except Mr. Gibson.  
Warden read the report of the Printing Committee, which recommended that the tender of Alexander Pirie be accepted, being the lowest.

Moved by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, That the report of the Printing Committee be received and adopted. Carried.  
Moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Nicol, That the Committee memorialize the Dominion Government to allow volunteers, whilst on duty, one dollar per day, and the Warden and Clerk prepare such memorial and sign it on behalf of this Council, and forward it to David Stirling, Esq., M.P., for presentation. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, That the Warden and Reeves of Elora and Fergus be a Committee to draft an memorial to the Government asking aid for the construction of the Credit Valley Railway to Fergus, Elora or other central locality in the country. Carried.  
Mr. Massie presented the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the propriety of petitioning the Legislature on behalf of the Municipalities within this County, who have granted aid for the construction of the several railways, recommend that such a memorial be sent, and submit herewith a draft of same, to be completed by the Warden and Clerk and forwarded to the member for the South Riding for presentation. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, That the report of the special committee on petition to the Government be adopted, and that the Warden, Messrs. Leslie, Patterson, Massie and Darby be a deputation to present said petition. Carried.  
Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that by-law for the appointment of High School Trustees be read a third time and passed, and numbered 206. Carried. The by-law was then read a third time and passed, and numbered 206.

Moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Nicol, that the following be added to the standing rules in list of rule 39 exchanged.—That petitions from corporations large the Corporate Seal attached, and be countersigned by the Clerk, and that no petitions for money grants shall be received, after noon of the third day of the June session.  
Council adjourned till the first Tuesday in June.

The late Accident at Rockwood.  
DEATH OF MOORE.  
Special to the Mercury.  
Rockwood, Feb. 1.  
David Moore, the farmer who was injured by a tree falling on him on Wednesday, died last night.

MARRIED  
KIND—HAY—At Guelph, on the 31st ult. by the Rev. Dr. Hoeg, Mr. William C. Kibb, Veterinary Surgeon, to Miss Agnes Borthia Hay, both of Listowel.

DEPARTED  
Mr. FERGUS—In Fergus, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. E. J. Rosenthal, Mr. John McIntyre, merchant, &c. Mary Gordon, only daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Ross, all of Fergus.

FRESH OYSTERS.  
AT PICKARD'S.  
Sweet Oranges,  
AT PICKARD'S.  
Lemons,  
AT PICKARD'S.  
Dates,  
AT PICKARD'S.  
Canned Fruits,  
Canned Salmon,  
Lobsters,  
Sardines, &c.  
AT PICKARD'S.

Pickard's Fruit Store,  
ALMA BLOCK.  
Guelph, Feb. 1st, 1873 do

TOWN HALL.  
HERNDON  
Opera House Company,  
Brass Band and Orchestra.

GLORIOUS FAREWELL BILL.  
This Evening, Feb. 1st,  
Miss Bradburn's Beautiful and thrilling romance of  
Lady Audley's Secret.

To conclude with the Screaming Irish Farce of the  
LIMERICK BOY.

Admission, 35 cents; Reserved Seats, 50c. Children 25 cents. Doors open at 7; to commence at 9.

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First of the Season  
Worth from 2c to \$10

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Cheap Book and News Depot,  
Opposite the Market,  
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No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

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A CHOICE JAVA TEA, very strong and sweet ..... 40c per lb  
EXTRA FINE YOUNG HYSO, new crop..... 50c per lb  
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EXTRA FINE BLACK TEA, English Breakfast..... 75c per lb  
CHOICE YOUNG HYSO, best value in town..... 80c per lb  
A fresh lot to hand of our Famous Mixed Tea at ..... 50c per lb

11 lbs. Good Bright Sugar for \$1  
20lbs. Good Currants for \$1.  
Good Family Washing Soap, - - 12c per bar.

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The Guelph Cloth Hall  
Is the Oldest Establishment in Town for  
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EVERY ARTICLE OF WHICH IS  
MANUFACTURED ON THE PREMISES.  
Cloths and Woolen Goods of all Kinds.  
ARMSTRONG, McCRAE & CO'S FIRST PRIZE UNDERCLOTHING.

HATS AND CAPS  
And a general assortment of Goods for Men's Wear.  
SHAW & MURTON,  
Wyndham St., Guelph.

Guelph, Dec. 6, 1872

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JAMES MASSIE,  
Manufacturer of  
CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,  
Alma Block, Guelph.

Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at his  
Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer, in  
OZENGES, all flavors;  
DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes;  
GUM and LICORICE DROPS,  
CONVERSATION LOZENGES,  
MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;  
SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS,  
FRUIT BISCUITS,  
GINGER NUTS,  
CHEWING GUM,  
ROCK CANDY,  
LICORICE.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.  
His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western Fair this year the only place where they were entered for competition.  
All Goods carefully packed and shipped with despatch.