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Insolvent Notice—Sheriff Macdonald.
Important to the Sick—Dr. McCullough.
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Grand Trunk Railway

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—

Mail	.....	7.00 a. m.
Express	.....	10.00 " "
Mixed	.....	12 30 p. m.
"	.....	3.30 p. m.

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Huron Signal.

GODERICH, FEB. 12, 1873.

Extra copies of this day's Signal can be had at the Office—price 5 cents.

DISASTEROUS FIRE.

Large Destruction of Property.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT FROM $20,000 to $25,000.

It is our painful duty to record the occurrence, yesterday morning, of one of the most disastrous conflagrations which has visited Goderich for some time. Several attempts have recently been made to burn that row of wooden buildings on West Street, situated between the stores of Robert Mackay & Bro. and John Acheson & Co., and the residents of the row have been in terror for some time, not know when the attempt might prove successful. The miscreants have succeeded at last, and in addition, involved in destruction the brick store of John Acheson & Co., on the corner, and the fine new building in rear, owned and occupied by G. N. Davis as a store and tinware depot.

About 1 o'clock the alarm of fire was sounded and the flames had then gained such headway that nothing could arrest their progress They commenced in the rear of A. Waddel's office rapidly spread westward to the jewelery store and dwelling of Douglass McLeasie, and eastward to A. Waddle's exchange office, J. W. Weatherald's sewing machine shop, Mrs. McMullen's resturant, ——— barber shop, Thompson & Slight's boot and shee shop and Mrs. Warnock's fancy store and dwelling, all of which were soon enveloped in flames. For some time the store of Mackay & Bro. was in danger, but being of brick and the wind driving the flames away from it it escaped. A stiff breeze was blowing from the south and the fire gradually worked its way along the row of wooden out-houses extending to the rear. The fire engine was placed opposite Davis' brick store, but the tank which is there was not available, being buried under a snow drift, which had become quite hard by reason of the recent thaw and subsequent frost. It was at least an hour before it was uncovered, and when it was the engine would not work. The people had to stand idly by and watch the fire gradually, but surely eating its way along. The heat was so intense that nothing could be done towards pulling down the wooden buildings in rear, and though Davis' store was supposed to be well protected, having a slate roof and iron cornice and shutters, the dwelling adjoining was not so well off, and the buildings were soon in a blaze. The furniture was all removed from the dwelling and a portion of the stock from the store, but there were a large number of stores too heavy to be readily carried out, and they were left to destruction. The smoke was so blinding that it was almost impossible to work at saving the property.

Up to this time the store of John Acheson & Co., had resisted the flames, but now the fire caught at the eaves, and there being no water to check it, it ate its way down through the building. The stock was quickly removed, as were most of the effects of Davison & Johnson's law office, Jas. Small's architect's office and E. Woodcock's hat store on the second flat, and W. J. Whitely's photograph gallery on the third flat. The rear of the buildings were occupied by the Montreal Telegraph Office and the dwelling of H. Armstrong, operator, and though separated from the front by a brick wall it too was destroyed, the fire being communicated by the roof. It seemed impossible that the brick block adjoining, occupied by Wm. Allen, Grocer, the store recently vacated by W. Savage, and G. H. Parsons & Co. Hardware Merchants, together with the buildings extending to the corner, containing Miss Stewart's Millinery shop, and dwelling and A. McMillan's resturant and dwelling, could escape, but the roof of the former block being of zinc and somewhat lower than Acheson's block, and the angle in which it had been brought to the well near the market where a little water was obtained, they were saved by what seemed little short of a miracle. About six o'clock the fire had pretty well expended its fury and it was seen that it would be confined to its present limits. During the early part of its progress the burning cinders fell in a perfect shower over the north of the town, and the roofs of a number of buildings were on fire, but by careful watching no harm was done, a drizzling shower which fell for a couple of hours helping to keep the roofs wet.

There is no doubt that the fire was caused by incendiarism. Those who were first on the ground state that the place when it first took was saturated with coal oil and it spread so rapidly that nothing could stop it.

It is impossible at present to estimate the total loss though it cannot fall far short of $20,000 or $25,000. All the buildings burnt, with the exception of Davis' house and store which belonged to himself, were owned by Geo Acheson who will be the heaviest loser. He was insured for $3000, but one of his policies for half that amount expired at noon on Monday. G. N. Davis loses about $7000 on buildings and $7000 on stock. He is insured for $2000 on the former and $1000 on the latter. D. McKenzie loses a large part of his stock. He is insured for $1,150 in the London & Lancashire. Thompson & Slight lose from $1,500 to $2,000. They are insured for $800 in the Waterloo. Mrs. Warnock suffers heavily. The losses of the others are small though no doubt heavy enough for them to bear.

There is something wrong in the means provided for extinguishing fires in this town, and we warn the corporation that unless things are remedied the insurance companies will be forced to withdraw from doing business here. We have not a sufficient number of fire tanks and the apparatus is not kept in proper working order. We heard it stated that the valves of the engine were frozen up yesterday morning, though the town pays two men to keep on fires in the engine house and act as night watchmen. If such is the case it shows gross negligence which should be looked after. Certain it is that if the engine had been set to work in anything like reasonable time, the fire would have been confined to the wooden buildings in which it originated.

The Public Schools of Ontario.

A short time ago, in acknowledging the receipt of the Educational Report for 1871, we promised to return to it and notice some of the facts and figures with which it abounds.

The New School Law promises to make a great improvement in the status of our public school teachers, for though the year 1871 was the first year of its operation, the number of teachers holding certificates from the old County Boards had materially decreased, and a considerable number of certificates of a higher standing had been granted by the newly constituted boards. The number and class of certificates held at the close of 1871 was as follows,—Provincial first class 327; do. second class 517; New County Board 3rd class 657; Interim 390; Old County Board 1st class 1512; do. 2d class 1509; do 3d class 400. The raising of the standard has had a beneficial effect in bringing up the salaries paid to a respectable figure, and will be the means of inducing a better class of persons to engage in teaching, and excluding those who have merely made it a stepping stone to something better.

The increase in the numbers and efficiency of the schools is very gratifying, though hardly commensurate with the general prosperity of the country. The total amount of school moneys from all sources spent in 1870 was $1,944,364 and in 1871, $2,124,471. The number of pupils attending school in 1871 was 446,326, an increase over the previous year of 3,808. The amount spent upon buildings and sites was $261,833, being an increase of $54,333. a long step in the right direction, for hitherto it has been notoriously the case that in wealthy sections the school accomodation has been wretched.

We regret to find that the number of children reported as not attending any school is 38,535, and this is more probably under than over-rated. Dr. Ryerson refers to the success of the compulsory system in Germany and other countries and hints that it may be necessary to adopt it in Ontario. The Public Schools now being all free, the plea of poverty which was so frequently given cannot any longer be urged for not taking advantage of the facilities for acquiring an education.

The system of inspection now adopted promises to be attended with very beneficial results and the Inspectors have as a rule performed their duties faithfully and efficiently.

The number of public schools reported as kept open in 1871 was 4,598; Roman Catholic separate schools 160; High Schools 102.

The Street Inspectorship.

As will be seen by our report of the Town Council proceedings, an attempt was made at the last meeting of that body to supercede Mr. Hood as Street Inspector and Chief Constable, by the appointment of Mr. Stephen Yates. As regards Mr. Yates' qualifications for the office we have not one word to say. He may be just as well qualified to perform the duties as Mr. Hood, but we do object to the principle of superceeding efficient public officers as long as they perform their duties properly and are willing to serve. Mr. Hood has been Inspector for three years, and though there are some mutterings of discontent (and what public officer who does his duty is without enemies?), so far as we can learn he has given general satisfaction. Besides, Mr. Hood is in a position to give his whole time and attention to the office, while Mr. Yates has other business to attend to. We trust the Council will show their appreciation of Mr. Hood's services in the past by re-appointing him on Friday night, as we are satisfied that in doing so they will act in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the ratepayers whose servants they are.

School Affairs.

In the last issue of our contemporary we are scolded of falsehood in connection with public school matters. Well, all we have to say in reply is that our statements for summary will stand very favourably with its own, and our reports of the board meetings are substantially correct, which is more than can be said of some of those which have appeared in its columns. As to the majority of the Public School Board Comming having received $50 to which he was not entitled, that is not correct. Mr. Miller drew his salary as trustee from the commencement of his days after the holidays commenced, and had no claim on the board for salary after that date. In the matter of the inspectorship, Dr. McLean having performed the duties satisfactorily for the last eight years has certainly the first claim on the position if he desires to retain it, even though his appointment should be made only from year to year.

CANADIAN MONTHLY.—The February number of this magazine is to hand. The following are its contents,—Canada on the Sea; The Fatherland; Reminiscences of a Young Soldier in Hospital; The Old Government Clerk; The Irish Question; Songs; Current Events; Selections, Book Reviews; &c. &c. We are sorry to see that the magazine is degenerating into partizanship. It is quite within its legitimate sphere to discuss politics from a national stand point, but it cannot expect a liberal support when it descends to speak disparagingly of any political party as it does of the "Grits" in the present issue.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The spirit of coercion still exists among some of the trades unions. A despatch from London states that the proprietors of several collieries in the south of Wales, who have announced their intention to import Chinamen from California to take the places of the men now on strike, have received anonymous letters threatening them with immediate assassination should they carry out their design.

Several accidents from tobogganing have occurred in Montreal during the past week. One young man had his back broken in three places and a boy had his skull crushed in so there hope of his recovery. Several minor accidents are reported.

As was to be expected large claims for "extras" are being presented by the Intercolonial Railway contractors. Competition was so keen for contracts that the work was taken at ruinously low rates by those who had friends at court, knowing they could make up the difference in this way.

A British sloop of war has seized three vessels in Australian waters, engaged in kidnapping Polynesians, to be sold into slavery.

The captain and other officers of the Mirullo, supposed to have gone down the Northfleet, are detained prisoners on board a Spanish man-of-war, pending an investigation. The Spanish authorities, who have made an examination of the Murillo, declare that she shows no signs of having been in collision.

The Newfoundland Legislature was opened on the 27th of January. The revenue as announced in the speech from the throne is $760,000. The Nova Scotia House will meet on the 27th of February.

The Imperial Parliament met on Thursday last, the Queen's speech being read by Commission. The following are the paragraphs relating to the San Juan and Alabama Claims awards,—"My ally, the Emperor of Germany, who had undertaken to pronounce judgment, as arbiter, on the line of the water boundary so long in dispute, under terms of the Treaty of 1846, has decided in conformity with the contention of the Government of the United States, that the Haro Channel presents the line most in accordance with the true interpretation of that Treaty. I have thought it a course most befitting the spirit of international friendship and the dignity of this country to give immediate execution to the award by withdrawing promptly from any partial occupation of the Island of San Juan."

"The proceedings before the Tribunal of Arbitration at Geneva, which I was enabled to prosecute in consequence of the exclusion of the indirect claims preferred on behalf of the Government of the United States, have terminated in an award which in part established and in part repelled the claims allowed to be relevant. You will in due course of time be asked to provide for the payment of the sum coming due to the United States under this award. My acknowledgments are due to the German Emperor, likewise to the Tribunal of Geneva, for the pains and care bestowed by them on the peaceful adjustment of the controversies such as could not but impede the full prevalence of international good-will, in a case where it was especially to be cherished."

Earl Russell, in the Lords, and Mr. Disraeli, in the Commons in replying to the Queen's Speech, took exception to the decisions being offered to the country on the San Juan decision and the Geneva Arbitration.

John Gaffney, a murderer who was to be hanged at Buffalo on Friday, is, or pretends to be insane. He has been respited for a week. Stokes, the assassin of Fisk is also exhibiting signs of insanity as the time of his execution drawn near.

Hon. Mr. Chauveau has resigned the Premiership in Quebec and will succeed Mr. Cauchon as speaker of the Senate. The latter will probably take his place as Premier, though Mr. Ouimet's name is also mentioned.

Barrie has been visited by two destructive fires within a week.

Judge Caron is to be Lieut.-Governor of Quebec, with the understanding that at the end of his term he will receive a Judge's pension of $4,000 a year.

E. H. Hardman, manager of the Grand Trunk Workshops at Brantford, who was mixed up with personalities during the elections, has been dismissed.

In the Legislature on Tuesday Mr. E. B. Wood, in sheorching speech, denounced the Dominion Government for its conduct in this "lamentable, disgraceful, disastrous, imbecile Manitoba business."

An agitation is on foot in London for the establishment of a local bank which will probably be called "The London Bank."

It is believed that more people have been frost-bitten in this Province this winter than any season during the past ten years.

Austria is at length coming out of her financial troubles In 1868, a year before the battle of Sadowa, she seemed to be on the brink of ruin, for then the deficit was increasing every year. At this time the total deficit amounted to 104,000,000 florins; one year after the war and the regeneration process through which she went, it had sunk to 67,000,000; a few weeks ago the Minister of Finance announced an overplus of 3,500,000 florins.

The N. Y. Times says:—"As usual the Yankee has proposed a plan by which he offers to warm Boston safely and cheaply. He will erect enormous furnaces in some remote locality, and convey heat by means of pipes to all houses where we now lay in fuel for terms. Thus heat, as well as water and gas, will be "laid on" in well-regulated Boston houses, and the private detached domestic furnace will go as obsolete as the old-fashioned pump and the candles and lamps of antiquity."

It is a good sign when a man is proud of his work or his calling. Yet nothing more common than to hear men finding fault constantly with their occupation, business, and deeming themselves unfortunate in being fastened to it by the necessity of gaining a livelihood. In this man fret, and laboriously destroy their peace of mind, and long for a change their business and go on miserably, shifting from one thing to another till the prime of life is spent, and then they have a fast grip But while occasional failure is a fair lesson he is not to be the planet fitted for his business, yet it happens ten times oftener that failure results from neglect and even contempt for his business. Nine tenths of those who put his heart into everything he does, succeed.

LOCAL NEWS

VICTORIA CHEMICAL CO.—We would direct attention to the change in the advertisement of this company.

SPRING ASSIZES.—The Spring Assizes have been fixed for Monday, 21st April. Judge Wilson will preside.

WARDEN OF BRUCE.—We omitted to mention in our last issue that Robert Baird, Esq. Reeve of Kincardine village, had been elected Warden of Bruce.

On account of the destruction by fire of the Montreal Telegraph Office and the press of business on the Dominion line, we are unable to obtain our usual report of the markets for this issue.

CHANCERY SITTINGS.—The Spring Chancery Sittings have been announced. That for Goderich will be held on the 16th of May, Vice-Chancellor Blake presiding.

COOL BURGESS.—Cool Burgess and troupe visited this town on Thursday last and gave one of their amusing entertainments before a full house. Cool enjoys a good reputation and is always well patronized.

CORRECTION.—The curling match played at Stratford last week was between the Goderich and St. Mary's Clubs, the latter having come to Stratford to meet our players. It is expected that a return match will shortly be played here.

CANADIAN ALMANAC.—We have received the first number of this publication, which is to be issued annually by Albert Murray, at Montreal, Toronto, and Hamilton. It is well got up and contains much valuable information.

FIRE.—The roof of the dwelling house on Montreal Street, occupied by Mrs. J. B Gordon, was observed by a passer by to be on fire about 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. It was speedily extinguished. A spark is supposed to have been the cause.

MUNICIPAL LOAN FUND.—The report of the County deputation, on the Municipal Loan Fund, alluded to in our report of the County Council proceedings last week, and which, though in type, was crowded out of last issue, will be found on the fourth page.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—The dwelling house and lot on East Street near the Market Square, belonging to the Logan estate, was sold under a decree of the Court of Chancery on Saturday last, by G. M. Truesan, Auctioneer, for the sum of $720. Mr Geo. Swanson was the purchaser.

LATE.—The Express train due here on Friday at 2 o'clock was several hours behind time, the delay being caused by a collision between a wood train and a freight train near Guelph, which destroyed a couple of engines and a number of cars. Fortunately no one was injured.

ABOLITION OF TOLLS.—The County Council of the adjoining county of Middlesex at their January meeting discussed the propriety of abolishing the toll gates on their roads. After a long discussion the matter was laid over till June. The following resolution was carried against all gates which it characterizes as "relics of barbarism."

"Resolved—That it is meet to learn that Mrs. Sheriff Macdonald met with a painful accident while out driving on Thursday last. In passing through a cement the sleigh upset, the occupants being thrown out, and Mrs. Macdonald fell on her shoulder dislocating it. Dr. McLean reduced the dislocation and she is rapidly recovering.

ACCIDENT.—A young man named Bates was seriously injured on Tuesday of last week while coasting down Dunlop's Hill with a load of wood. He was sitting on the load, and while passing through a school ground, throwing him off in front of the sleigh which passed over him. His injuries were at first thought to be fatal, but we are glad to learn that he is now recovering.

TEA-MEETING.—A very successful tea-meeting was held in the New Connection Methodist Church on Tuesday evening of last week. A number of interesting and instructive addresses were delivered, and the music, refreshments, &c. were all that could be desired. A considerable sum was realized for Church purposes.

PERSONAL.—We desire to call attention to the fact that Dr McCullough, the celebrated European and American Physician will visit Goderich, and may be consulted at the Albion Hotel from Monday, February 17th to Saturday, 1st March, on all diseases incidental to humanity. The Doctor brings numerous testimonials and no doubt will meet with a large amount of patronage. See advertisement.

THE WINGHAM TIMES is in the habit of copying extensively from our columns without giving the usual credit. In its last issue, in addition to a number of other items, it copies our full and correct report of the proceedings of the County Council without so much as saying "by your leave." Now our contemporary makes use of what has cost us considerable time and trouble, surely at least have the courtesy to give us credit.

SOUTH HURON COUNTY GRANGE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this association was held at Lucan on Tuesday, 4th February. The following were elected office bearers for the ensuing year,—W. W. Copney, County Master; D. Johns, Chaplain; J. Joslin, Treasurer; W. Donaghy, Secretary; Thos. Cooper, Director of Ceremonies; John Whitely, Lecturer. The annual procession will be held at Clinton and the next annual meeting at Goderich.

PARENTHOOD OF HURON.—A special meeting of the Huron Presbytery of the C. P. Church, was held at Clinton on Tuesday, 4th February, for the purpose of considering a call given by the congregation of Bayfield to Rev. Mark Davey. The call was sustained, and Mr. Danby having signified his acceptance, his ordination and induction was appointed for the 26th inst. at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev Mr. Gracey to preside and address the minister, Rev. Mr. Logie to address the people and Rev. F. McCunig to preach. The stipend promised is $650 payable quarterly in advance.

SOCIAL.—A social was held in the basement of Knox Church on Friday evening last, in aid of the Sabbath School fund. The attendance was large, and the readings by Messrs. Strong, Miller and Fraser, together with music, vocal and instrumental by several performers, kept the audience in fun of the little girls, well rendered. Rev. C. Fletcher, in the absence of the pastor, occupied the chair. After paying expenses a sufficient sum was realized to clear off a balance due on the organ recently provided for the Sabbath School, and leave a small sum in the treasury.

A MAN WITHOUT AN ADVERTISEMENT.—Talk about a woman without a baby, a man without a wife, a ship without a rudder. What is the lack of these individuals or things to that of a man without an advertisement? He is a helpless case, a "loaner in the community." Talk of being successful in business. You might as well talk of ascending to the moon on a greased moonbeam. People point at him in the street and say: "Poor Cassius he's lean and hungry look." It may, however, be consoling to him to reflect that when he dies he will be advertised.—*Exchange.*

ANOTHER RAILWAY PROJECT.—As will be seen by our advertising columns, application will be made at the present session of the Ontario Legislature and also to the Dominion Parliament at the coming session, for an act to incorporate a company to construct a railway from some point on the Ontario and Quebec Railway, by way of Perth, Renfrew, Pembroke, Quyseville and Arthur to Goderich. This would give Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and with a good harbour here will command a large share of the Western trade. We understand the project will be carried to a successful issue.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—The annual meeting in aid of the Wesleyan Methodist Church was held on Tuesday evening this inst., and was well attended. The chair was occupied by Mr. Cheese, an address by Mr. Chase, an Indian Missionary from Saugeen, a native of Ojibway and gave some particulars of missionary work among his tribe.—A meeting was held on Friday evening in St. Andrew's Church on Friday evening. The attendance was thin. Rev. Mr. Chambers, Rev. Mr. Logie, Mr. Chase, gave a sketch of the schemes of the Church of Scotland in this country. At the close a collection was taken up in aid of the Home Mission Fund of the Presbytery.

Town Council.

Council Chamber, 31st Jan.

The Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment, all the members present except Mr. Gibbons.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were presented,—

Application of Robert Carman for the office of License Inspector.

Application of Wm. Reid for Saloon License. Laid over.

Communication of C. Crabb relative to Mrs. Mary Vickers who is in destitute circumstances, and asking to have her taxes remitted. Read and tyled.

Petitions from Mrs. G. Jump and Mrs. H. Hillard, asking to have their taxes remitted. Granted.

Petition from John Donogh asking to have two months license remitted as he has only been keeping hotel ten months. Refused.

Petition of A. Mackay asking for an increase of salary for last year. Refused.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Small, that the resolution of last meeting appointing Mr. Jas. Watson as Assessor be rescinded. Carried.

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid; D. McCaig, attending Engine House $11; John Passmore, wood $50.26; G. F. Stewart, brick $7.60; Buchanan, Lawson & Robinson, carting tank $7.67; Goderich Foundry Co., repairs on engine $18.55, Shephard & Strachan, relief $86.56; Hanover Lands Account, $33.63; John Nairn, repairs $10.05; D. C. Mackay, wood $3.25; Mrs. Durnin, rent for Widow McDonald $8.

The following accounts were referred to the Finance Committee; C. Crabb, relief funeral expenses, surgeon for fire department &c. $46.27; G. N. Davis, sundries $5.15.

Petition from J. Cockburn to have his taxes remitted. Refused.

The Report of the committee appointed to strike the standing Committees for the year reported the following,—

FINANCE, Deputy Reeve, Robertson, Mackay, Small, A. Smith.

COURT OF REVISION. Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Dwyer, Robertson, Gardiner.

BY LAWS AND ASSESSMENT. Messrs. Doyle, A. Smith, Gordon, Mackay, The Reeve.

PUBLIC WORKS. Messrs. Small, Clifford, Passmore, A. Smith, Mackay, The Reeve.

MARKET. Messrs Clifford, Doyle, Passmore Gardiner, Sloan.

RELIEF. The Mayor, W. G. Smith, Clifford, Passmore, A. Smith.

HARBOUR Messrs. Robertson, Small, Deputy Reeve, Watson, The Reeve.

The first named in each case to be Chairman.

The Report was adopted

By-law No. 1, 1873, appointing Town Officers for the year was read a first and second time and referred to Committee of the whole, Mr. Robertson in the Chair.

The following were were recommended for appointment at the rate of salary stated,

J. Thompson, Clerk $4 50
C. Fletcher, Treasurer 1 00
Angus Mackay, Assessor 75
Jas. Watson, " 75
Angus Mackay, Collector 1 50
E F. Moore, Auditor 12
T. B. VanEvery, " 12

Moved by Mr. Gardiner seconded by Mr. Mackay, that Thos. Hood be Street Inspector and Chief Constable.

Moved in amendment by A. Smith seconded by W. G. Smith, that Stephen Yates be Street Inspector and Chief Constable.

A vote being taken and resulting in a tie the appointment was allowed to stand over.

Moved by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Gardiner, that Edward Graham be License Inspector.

Moved in amendment by A. Smith, seconded by W. G. Smith, that Geo. Swanson be License Inspector.

A tie having again occurred the appointment was also allowed to stand over.

Moved Morris, Ballringer $100
John Pharis, Sexton of Cemetery .. $100
B. Trainer Inspector of weights and $ 20 measures

Jas. McFarlane, Poundkeeper.
Robt. Young. Inspector of cordwood.
Mark Whitely, Pound Keeper, Stables.

The Committee rose and reported and the third reading was laid over till next meeting.

A communication was received from the City Council of London, suggesting a conference of delegates from those municipalities indebted to the Municipal Loan Fund, at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, on the 6th of February, in order to fix upon some united action. The Mayor, Reeve and Deputy Reeve were authorized to attend such conference should necessity arise.

The Council then adjourned to meet again on the 14th of February.

High School Board.

The Board of High School Trustees met on Wednesday last, 5th February Present, Messrs. Kay, Blackstock, Finlay and Adamson.

Mr. Kay was re-appointed Chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. Adamson Secretary, in place of Mr. Ritchie, resigned.

Moved by Mr. Blackstock seconded by Mr. Finlay, that the Secretary notify the Town Council that the sum of $450 at least, will be required for High School purposes this year. Carried.

The question of accomodation for the High School was then taken up. The temperance bodies, to whom the building belongs, having demanded possession, it was agreed to notify the Town Council that the necessary accomodation would be required, and to hold another meeting of the board at an early date to further consider the matter.

Wingham.

CLERICAL APPOINTMENT.—The Bishop of Huron has appointed the Rev. W. Davis, of Craig, to the parish of Wingham. The reverend gentleman has accepted the appointment, and his duties will commence the 1st April next.

CURLING.—A curling match was played at Wroxeter on Friday last, between two rinks from this place and two rinks from Wroxeter. Wingham was victorious by 17 shots.

Hullett.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Tuesday while a number of little children were on their way to school, and had proceeded about a quarter of a mile, James, a son of Mr. Wm. Lawrie, 9th con. of Hullett, fell down, gave two or three gasps, and then expired. What was the cause of this sudden death we have not learned.—*New Era.*

SAD ACCIDENT.—A sad and fatal accident happened to the youngest son of Mr. James Brownlee, Hullett, on Wednesday last. It appears that the mother went out, leaving no one in the house but a boy and a girl, aged respectively two-and-a-half and three-and-a-half years, and that during her absence, the boy commenced pitching shavings into the stove, thereby setting his clothes on fire. His sister immediately carried him outside, and succeeded in putting out the fire by rubbing snow upon him, but not before he was severely burned. The little boy lingered in great pain from Thursday, when death put an end to his sufferings.—*New Era.*

Ashfield.

CHURCH DEDICATION.—On 30th. The Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Armstrong's Bend, whether Dodge Deputy Reeve, Ashfield, and Mr. Ross, Reeve of Howick townships. The required declarations being made, the Reeve of Howick moved the Council of Middlesex to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and Mr. Ross, the Reeve, seconded the motion. Carried.

Mr. Ross received from Donald McDonald thanks, paying he cannot from taxes on account of loss by fire.

It was moved by M. Dutton, seconded by A. Sparling, that Mr. Ross be the person to represent Huron Port the other another.

Moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Dodge, that the Township Treasurer report his total or aggregate of the Township Assessment for the year 1872, which was read, viz.

Assessed Value of Real Property	$1,000,000
Assessed Value of Personal Property	200,000
Total Assessed Value	$1,200,000

Moved by Mr. Dodge, seconded by Mr. Sparling, that the Township Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay the following accounts, viz.

Jas. Watson, Assessor	$ 75
Do. Collector	1 50
Do. Auditor	12
Do. Clerk	12
Do. Treasurer	12
Do. Pound Keeper	1 00
Do. Sexton	1 00
Do. Inspector	20
Do. Poundkeeper	1 00
Do. Cordwood Inspector	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Stables	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Ashfield	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Wingham	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Gorrie	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Howick	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Turnberry	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Wroxeter	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Blyth	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Belgrave	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Lucknow	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Ripley	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Kinloss	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Culross	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Teeswater	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Underwood	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Bruce	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Kincardine	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Tiverton	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Port Elgin	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Paisley	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Chesley	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Tara	1 00
Do. Pound Keeper, Walker