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Training School of Idiotic and Imbecile Children.

The Bill now before the Ontario Legislature for the establishment of a training school for idiotic and imbecile children provides among other things for the purchase of a suitable lot of land, on which buildings may be erected for the purposes of such a training school. No child shall be received into the institution, except under the order of the Provincial Secretary, without a certificate from two legally qualified medical practitioners, setting forth that after a proper examination of the child for whom application for admission is made, and after due enquiries into all the facts relating to his, or her, case, they find him or her to be an idiot and incapable of being instructed in the ordinary schools of the Province. The application for admission to the institution of any idiot shall be signed by the parents, guardians, relation or friend of such idiot, or by the Clerk of the Council of the Municipality in which he or she resides. Any idiotic or imbecile child who may have been or may hereafter be committed to any common gaol in the Province as being dangerous to be at large, and who upon examination and after due enquiry into all the facts relating to his or her case shall be certified by two medical practitioners "to be an idiot," or any idiot child who has been committed to any asylum for the insane or idiots under the provision of any existing statute may be removed and transferred by order of the Provincial Secretary from such common gaol or from such insane or idiot asylum to the said institution. If any idiot so transferred to the institution by order of the Provincial Secretary, is found by the superintendent of such institution not to be susceptible of improvement through the training and instruction of the same, the Provincial Secretary may order such idiot to be re transferred and sent back to such common gaol, or such insane or idiot asylum from which such idiot was received.

Welland County Council.

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Mr. Laidlaw presented a petition from the Superiors of St. Joseph's Hospital, giving an account of the working of the hospital during the past year, stating that there was a debt on the hospital of $231.32, and praying that the Council would do something for its relief. The members of the Council were also invited to visit the hospital before they finally adjourned. The receipts during the year amounted to $2,220.93, and the expenditure $2,272.55. Balance to be provided for $271.62.

Mr. Laidlaw said it afforded him pleasure to present the petition. The hospital was well conducted, and patients were admitted without reference to creed or condition. He paid a very high tribute to the manner in which the ladies of the hospital attend to their duties, and hoped something would be done for their relief.

Moved by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Prain, that the prayer of the petition of St. Joseph's hospital be acceded to by granting the sum of $200.—Carried unanimously.

Several of the members expressed themselves in favor of giving aid to the hospital, while others were not in favor of giving an annual gratuity to the hospital. The general hospital will require county aid, and before taking a vote on the motion, several of the members would like to know what the Council were prepared to do in the matter. The motion was put, however, and carried without a dissentient.

The Warden read a petition from Mr. James Hogan, complaining of the smallness, darkness, and unhealthiness of his office, and praying for a safe. Important and valuable records were being in the office without any protection from fire, and a safe was much required. Referred to Standing Committee on County property.

Council adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Puslinch Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the Puslinch Agricultural Society was held in the Town Hall, Aberfoyle, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when the following report from the directors was read by the Secretary, and adopted by the meeting:—The Directors, in presenting their report for the past year, beg leave to draw the attention of the members to the position of affairs as regard by the Society, which is, financially speaking, in a flourishing condition. In taking a retrospective view of the crops throughout the Township for the past year, the prospects are encouraging. The extraordinary dry season of 1871 severely upon this Township, consequently all the grain crops have been far below an average. The hay crop has been almost a failure. The root crops, however, have been remarkably good, if what has been exhibited at the show is taken as a criterion. In size, shape, and quality, the mangels, turnips, for instance, have been unusually good crops with some, while with others a complete failure. [illegible] the best potatoes shown with full vigor. [illegible] the Provincial Exhibition, held in the [illegible] favorably with those [illegible] People in Puslinch [illegible] Provincial Exhibition, held in the [illegible] of the Society, on the [illegible] Mr. Wm. Galloway, President. [illegible] were elected for the current year: [illegible] Vice-Pres., W. Thompson; Directors, J. Grant, Mill Creek; [illegible] Falconbridge and Hale, Moses T. Carter, Aberfoyle; [illegible] Nelson, Aberfoyle; Adam Stephen, W. [illegible] Puslinch; [illegible] Mill Creek; [illegible] Aberfoyle; [illegible] Cattanach, and J. H. [illegible] Mill Creek. A vote of thanks was then given to the retiring officers, after which the meeting adjourned till the next time appointed by the Act.

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Parliament is summoned to meet for the despatch of business on the 5th March.

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