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HURON SIGNAL

FRIDAY, JAN. 27TH, 1888.

IT has been announced, beyond a peradventure, that the recent blizzards in Dakota will not interfere materially with the Manitoba banana crop next

THINGS continue to hum in the matter of the Guelph Junction & Goderich Railway. All along the route of the proposed line a spirit of activity seems to prevail.

THE Tory papers are busily engaged choosing leaders and building platforms for the Liberal party. It is really astonishing what an interest these Tories take in the Grits.

WE have received a number of the to the Government school of science for excellent papers recently read to the assay and general test. West Huron Farmers' Institute, and pressure upon our columns slackens.

had been located is premature. The ron has run the mercury down to zero in that behoof.

FARMER J. A. Morton, Wingham's talented agricultural representative at the county council board, made his presence felt at the farmers' institute meeting this week. Potatoes and Salt were his special lines.

THERE are people in this section who failed to put in a full supply of coal, owing to the predictions of divers weatherprophets that an open winter, with a January thaw of thirty-one day's duration, was on the program. They now want the post-office addresses of the alleged weather-prophets, so that they can be paralyzed with biting sareasm.

Many of our Tory contemporaries are making merry over the fact that some Reform members who were elected last year have been unseated. Our confreres, however, overlook the fact that none of the Liberal leaders have come under the ban of the law, while two Cabinet Ministers -- Sir Charles Tupper and Mr Mc-Lelan-had to step down and out for corrupt practices.

THE paper read before the farmers' institute by Mr John McMillan, M, P., and which we publish in extenso in our report of the proceedings, will well repay perusal by all who are interested in the raising of stock for export purposes. The opinions advanced are those of an intelligent, far-seeing man, who knows whereof he speaks, and we have every reason to believe that the publication of the paper will prove beneficial to many of our readers.

T. M. KAY, reeve of Usborne, was elected warden of Huron, on Tuesday afternoon by a vote of 27 to 23 against D. D. Wilson, reeve of Seaforth. They are both good looking and intelligent men, and either would have filled the position with credit to himself and to the county. THE SIGNAL extends its ready right hand to the new warden in token of Amity-with a big A.

TER farmers' institute recently started in the electoral division of West Huron bids fare to be a potent factor in the agricultural development of the section at an early day. The interchange oi ideas between men like John McMillan, M.P., John Washington, John Kerninghan, John Aikenhead. J. C. Letouzel and others of our local men, together with the addresses made upon special topics by President Mills and Prof. Robertson, of Guelph Agricultural college, cannot fail to leave an impress upon the agricultural mind of the district.

OUR MINING WEALTH.

The press of the Province, led by that snappy little morning paper, the Toronto World, has been giving much space of late to a discussion of the mining possibilities of Ontario. That the North and Northwestern portion of our Province is a veritable treasure land of such minerals as gold, silver, copper and iron, is a matter of notoriety, but the miser able see-sawing of conflicting jurisdiction, the threats of the Federal Government, and the tendency of its trade pol-icy to hamper development and obstruct international commerce, have had the effect of keeping buried much of the wealth that lies awaiting the pick of the Thomas H Taylor, of East Wawanosh. prospector and the apparatus of the min-ing company. The Ontario Government is clearly bound to aid, in the development of our mineral heritage, but it must be remembered that Government action is necessarily alow, and that Dominion interference and threats of con-Goods and Tweeds at fiscation of ore and timber in the "Disputed Territory" has rendered action on the part of Mr Mowat all the slower. The Bureau of Industries has not been without effort in bringing before the minds of the public the extent of the work done in our mines, notably the silver mines lying near Lake Superior; but, as indicated in that report, a more liberal appropriation is necessary before full and satisfactory returns can be rendered. It is probable that the agitation of the press will have the effect of stirring up the two administrations to fuller action; in fact, it is possible and advisable for the Goverments at Ottawa and Toronto to "pool issues" in the matter of mining investigation—to spread joint surveying parties over the mineral lands, with all the equipment necessary to make a thorough investigation and then each Government could prepare on the basis of the results of this joint exploration whatever reports were deemed necessary in the interest of the Dominion and th Province. What is needed is large and thoroughly equipped parties who can make necessary surveys rapidly, and in certain cases test on the spot the values

We cannot even guess the extent of will publish them in due course, as the our mineral wealth; but under a broader commercial policy, which would invite and encourage foreign capital to aid THE report that the post office and in developing our mines, the annual excustoms house building site at Goderich port of Canadian minerals should be \$20,000,000, instead of less than one withdrawal of the protest in West Hu- fifth of that sum. The following is the extent of our exports in minerals for the fiscal year, 1886, as furnished by the Do-

minion blue books : Article. 25,971 384,498 102,795 Salt.....Sand and Gravel...Slate....Stone, unwrought. 15,259

The leading articles, it will he observed, are coal, gold, copper and phosyears. Iron ore, in spite of the great mittee. deposits we possess, is actually of less deposits we possess, is actually of least importance than gypsum as an article of export trade, and the figures for the last that all farm stock shall be exempt from the last that th the six years. The total export of salt mittee. for the six years is barely 40 per cent. of our import of that commodity in the last fiscal year alone, although the wells of the Huron district have a producing capacity sufficient to supply the entire market of the Dominion twice over.

Comparing the exports of I886 with the averages of the six years, there is an increase in coal, gold, mineral oils, antimony, copper and manganese (in value slthough not in quantity), silver, phosphates, salt, sand and gravel and the miscellaneous articles, while there is a decrease in gypsum, iron, slate and unwrought stone. The value of our exports of minerals in 1886 was only \$3, 951,147 against imports of \$8,126,238, in face of the fact that our country is one of the richest mineral regions on the whole earth.

Auburn.

Miss M. Yates, of Goderich, is visit-

Miss Ida Harrison, of Donnybrook, is visiting in Goderich.

The man who can keep his temper may not get rich thereby, but it never pays him to loose it,

The County Council for 1888 was called to order by the Clerk at 4 p.m., or Tuesday, every member being present. The first business was the election of a

Thomas M Kay, of Uaborne, was nominated by Dr Rollins, of Exeter and John Kaine, of Howick, A ballot being taken resulted in 27 votes for Mr Kay and 23 tor Mr. Wilson, when Mr Kay was declared duly elected and duly sworn in by His Henor Judge Toms. The new Warden briefly thanked the Council for the honor conferred upon him and expressed the kope that he would have the same cordial support from the Council as his predecessors.

The minutes of the last day's session in December were read and confirmed: A ballot to name the selecting committees for the year resulted as follows: Messrs Torrance, Kelly, Elliott, Kaine and

On motion of F W Johnston and John Pollock, Archibald Dickson, of Goderich, was appointed County Auditor for the current year.

On motion of Mesars Beacom and Pollock, F W Johnston and Peter Adamson were appointed on the Board of Audit.

The Council then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday.

SECOND DAY-WEDNESDAY

Council reassembled pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and confirmed.

The Selecting Committee submitted the following list of Standing Committees of the ores revealed on their travels. Or, for the year. at least, they could make arrangements

Equalization—Kaine, Happel, Gridin, Pollock, Milne, Ratz, Britton, F. W. Johnston, McIntoeh, Kelly, J. Johnston. for the prompt remittance of specimens Finance-H. Eilber, Rollins, Cameron Strong, Mooney, Taylor, McMurchie, Sproat, Cox, McEwan, Torrance. Road and Bridge-Beck, Bissett

Gregory,

Gregory, Kidd, S. Johnston, Hays, Erratt, Girvin, McPherson, Howe, Anderson, Bryans, Beacom. Erratt, School and Printing-Manning, Wilson, Morton, F. W. Johnston, Sanders,

Oliver, Rollins, Jail and Court House—McCracken, Scott, C. Eilber, Malloy, Lockhart, Jacques, Thompson, Stothers, Pollock, Kidd, Ross.

Salaries - Hays, Wilson, Manning, Morton, Kelly, Bissett, Cox, McMurchie,

Eigin, asking co-operation in securing an increase in the Legislative grant to Public Schools, and the establishment of moving old pier at Ball's bridge, \$72.93: a fee on High School pupils, was referred

A circular from the County Council of ed, are coal, gold, copper and phosphates, and these make up 85 per cention to be supported by the Legislature to abolish grand in value of the whole exports for the six juries, was referred to Special Combit for Holmesville bridge, \$7: 25; Jas

fiscal year are far below the average of taxation, was referred to Special Com-A letter from Alfred Jarvis, of Goderich township, objecting to the opening of a new road between concessions 11

and 12, was referred to Road and Bridge Committee. The report of the arbitrators in reference to the new school section in Col-

corne township, was read and filed. Petitions asking for the granting of pedlar's licenses free of charge to Wm Stewart, of Brussels, and James John ston, of Wingham, were referred to Finance Committee.

A communication from Judge Doyle, asking improvements in his office, was referred to Jail and Court House Com-

The report of the county jailer was read and referred to Jail and Court

The following report of JE Tom Public School Inspector, was read and referred to School Committee. The following letter from the County

Solicitor, with accompanying returns of License Commissioners, Police Magistrate, &c., were referred to Finance

Goderich, Jan. 24, 1888. P. Adamson, County Clerk;

mend, we are glad to state.

Maitland Lodge No. 304, I. O. G. T., will hold their entertainment, which will be a good one, on the evening of Feb. 3rd, commencing at 7.30 p.m., Admission 10c.

Mr Sharp, horse buyer, of Seaforth, has been through this section during his week buying up cheap horses. Of ourse he is leaving all the good horses r A. M. Polley, of Goderich, who cant be beaten as a horse buyer for many and state from the fines imposed for violations of the Scott Act. These statements showed a balance of \$1,370.60 to be payable to the county after satisfaction of all the estima se by the Liceuse Commissioners of all three ridings. The result arrived at in these statements is, we believe, correct. Since then we have had our costs of defending the action brought against the county taxed, and the whole matter is therefore ripe for immediate the control of the Moved by Mr Manning, seconded by Mr Wilson, that Dr McLean of Goderich, Dr K Menzies of Clinton, and S J McCaughey of Seaforth, be appointed High School trustees for the respective municipalities.

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correct. Since then we have had our costs of defending the action brought against the county taxed, and the whole matter is therefore ripe for immediate conclusion. The county must be paid the \$1,370.60; we must be paid \$75, the amount at which our costs were taxed, and the License Commissioners of the three ridings must give receipt in full to the county for their savaral estimator.

HURON CO. COUNCIL.

cial Secretary's office, that orders have issued to give the necessary cheques, and we expect before the present session is over to see the end of the matter.

The other matter of the Police Maginsubmit the annual report of the Public avenual finance.

trate's salary, fees, &c., is not yet adjusted, but it is, we think, so entirely distinct from the other questions—those between the License Commissioners and the county—that we see no occasion for keeping both open till both are adjusted.
We have already advised that in our
opinion the appointment is a lawful one,
the county liable for the salary, and the
Police Magistrate bound to account to
the county for his fees. This embraces
the whule level assect of the restriction. the whole legal aspect of the matter, #0 far as we can see. What remains is mere far as we can see. What remains is mere matter of account, requiring, we think,

The statement of account between the county and the License Commissioners of the three Ridings is as fellows: Total fines received—
West Huron, \$2,550 00

East Huron, 2,000 00 South Huron, 650 00 Estimates for expenditure-West Huron, \$1,172 64 East Huron, 1,381 43 South Huron, 1,275 33

Amount due the County, GARROW & PROUDFOOT, Solicitors.

The following report of Mr Amisley road commissioner, with 12 tenders for building new bridges, was read and re-ferred to Road and Bridge Committee. COUNTY ENGINEER'S REPORT.

feet long, clear water course, between the abutments; and the floor 18 feet wide. The bridge is quite new and made of good material. Owing to the A motion by Messrs Beck and Britton, to raise the sum of \$3,000 for the improvement of the boundary lines of the respective municipalities, to be apportioned after the June meeting when the Clerk shall have calculated the amounts due the respective municipalities, was referred to the Finance Committee. source, that the bridge is not any too large; some think it should be longer than it is There is no railing on it, but there should be to prevent accidents, and there should be to prevent accidents, and the approaches require some fencing.

The following are the accounts for which I have issued orders on the treasurer since my last report: John Barker, graveling approaches to Dun-lop's and Maitland bridges, \$44; Wm McCartney, repairing approaches to bride on mill road near Brucefield, \$4.50; John Mole, cleaning grates and bridge floor at Manchester, \$5.25, and repair-ing approaches and drains at same bridge. ing approaches and drains at same bridge, \$18.10; Thomas Glenn, repairing approaches to nerth gravel road bridge, \$2; Joseph Kirkpatrick, repairing approach to bridge on Wawanosh and Colborne boundary, \$4; A J Selwood, which appears to the form bridge. repairing approaches to Henfryn bridge, our one-half, \$4; Wm Hudson, filling sbutments on bridge between Hibbert and Tuckersmith, and furnishing 100 feet elm lumber. \$6; Wm Vanstone, repairing abutment Benmiller bridge, \$4; David Izzard, graveling at Graham's bridge, Ashtield, \$4; Richard Box: repairs Crediton bridge: \$43; Jas Tyner, repairs on gravel road north of Belgrave. Mooney. \$20; Wm Ainley, railing Brussels

Wardens—Torrance. Kelly, Kaine. bridge \$10.75; Abray & Edwards: re-Special—Kaine, Wilson, Rollins, H.

Eilber, Taylor, Sanders, Beacom

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A circular from the Councy Council of Tufts, approaches Kirkton bridge, our half, \$6 50; W B Forster, repairs Holling co-congretion in accurring an

repairs to piers Benmiller bridge and re-moving old pier at Ball's bridge, \$72 93 Thomas Smail, repairs bridge on Us-borne and Biddulph boundary, our half \$2; Thes Stothers, use of land, and Paulin, repairs Dey's bridge and gravel A circular from the County Council of ing approaches to Wroxeter bridge. \$7.55 our half, \$11; Hugh Chambers, repair ing bridge and approaches on Ashfield and Huron boundary, our half, \$9; John McClelland, assisting to replace old pier at Holmesville bride, \$15; John Mc-Cann, repairing Hall's and Gulley bridges and graveing, \$38; John McClelland, balance for work on old pier at Holmesville \$30. Total orders issued in Dec

\$10.513 28; repairs and improvements to county buildings for the year, \$414.02.

Medical certificates from Drs Rollins and Lutz, certifying to the insanity of Ann Morgan, an indigent, were filed. An application from the South Huron

Farmers' Institute, for the usual grant, was referred to Finance Committee, with a number of accounts.

the \$1,370.60; we must be paid \$75, the anount at which our costs were taxed, and the License Commissioners of the three ridings must give receipt in full to probable cost of a sidewalk to be attached thereto. Referred to Road and Bridge and the matter is then completely at an Committee,

On motion of Messrs Cox and Beacon

shown us by Mr. Seager from the Provin- the bylaw of Goderich township, No 9

I have examined Bain's bridge, G L

tracts which were to be made at this session, are ready for your considera tion. Parker, graveling approaches to Dunlop's and Maitland bridges, \$44; Wm
Lasham, oiling rollers, and repairing
floor of Maitland bridge, \$3.75; George

Wawanosh to hold an entrance examina

This control of the schools of Ashfield and West
to Maitland bridge, \$3.75; George tion to impose a fee not exc dollar. trustees of each section.

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Stephen, \$404 02; total orders issued for 1887,

JOHN ANSLEY, County Engineer.

Moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr

Kaine, that all bridges within the county except those on boundary lines and in incorporated villages, be hereafter mainincorporated villages, be hereafter maintained and assumed by the local municipalities wherein situated, and that the bylaw of the council assuming these bridges be so far repealed Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

The County Clerk was instructed to procure a copy of the Ontario Statutes for each reeve and deputy reeve, the same to

arrange the information can be entertained.

The number of teachers engaged during 1887 was 107: classified as follows:

3 first class: 47 second class: 57 third class. The work done during the year was: in the majority of sections: very satisfactory. I am sorry to find that trustees in several sections have reduced the salaries for 1888. This has had the effect of making a number of good teachers leave the profession; and their places have been filled by those of a lower grade and leas experience. Teachers leave the profession; and their places have been filled by those of a lower grade and leas experience. Teachers will accept a low salary only on two conditions: 1st, a knowledge on the part of the applicant of his unfitness for the work; 2nd; a feeling that he has not spent either time or money in his preparation at all commensurate to that required by one who is better qualified.

Too many trustees and ratepayers (for the trustees merely reflect the opinions of the ratepayers); consider the actual amount of money paid more than they do the return to be given for the outlay. Low salaries cause a frequent change of the content which is an injury to any Low salaries cause a frequent change of teachers, which is an injury to any

A large number of candidates presentamination: of whom 65 were successful.
At the High School entrance examinations 70 came up at Exeter, of whom 59 passed, and of 154 at Goderich 97 were tion at Dungannon. It is expensive for the candidates to come to Goderich. The cost would be no more than at present; as the work which would be taken at Dungannon is now taken at Goderich. The Minister of Education has agreed to allow the examination there if the County Council gives consent. The different High School boards imposed a fee of 50 cents on all entrance candidates at the last examination. The new regulations give the Council of the County jurisdic-

The accompanying statements are com-558888 84884° Auburn buying horses last week.

J. Finigan and W. Moreland were vis 

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Total number of trees planted, 818. Respectfully submitted, JOHN E. TOM. I. P. S.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit the annual report of the Public Schools in the West Riding for the year 1887. I have appended the usual statistics hereto, which will give, I think, full information with respect to the financial condition ard work that is being done in the cause of education in each municipality. With a few exceptions the reports from the school sections came to hand more promptly this year than last. In many cases the portion of the statistics to be surelied by the teacher was not given; and had to be taken from the register. Many of the teachers did not add the summary of attendance, as required by the regulations. It is to be hoped that trustees will see that the teacher has completed his part of the report before accepting it. With the system of annual registers now in use no excuse as to want of time to gather and arvange the information can be entered tained.

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ment of estimated and actual expenditures and receipts for the year 1887 :

Leaving the net actual expenditure on eneral accounts \$2837.65 less than the mount estimated.

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MUNICIPALITY. A	MOUN
Ashfield	99 0
Colborne	59 5
Grey	53 (
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Hullett	52 !
Morris	
McKillop	6
Tuckersmith	
Turnberry	69
Wawanosh East	5
Bayfield	
Blyth	12
Brussels	100
Exeter	21
Wroxeter	29
	\$557

WM. J. P. HOLMES, Co. Treasurer Council then adjourned to meet at 10

The two Saratoga bachelors were in

. m. Thursday. Ebenezer.

iting friends at the Nile last week.
Mr and Miss Robinson, of Dungannon,
were visiting friends in this vicinity during the past week.

The Rev. Mr Kestle, of Benmiller circuit, preached at Ebenezer church last

Sunday.
W. Plunkett, we believe, intende erecting a house in this section. Will is already making preparations. He lacks one occupant yet, however.

On Friday evening last, the congregation of Bethel church assembled at the residence of their pastor, Rey J. Kestle, and presented him with a study chair and Mrs Kestle with a silver butter

chair and Mrs Keetle with a silver butter cooler. The following is the address read by Wesley Marquis.

DEAR SIR.—At the season of the year when good wishes and kind thoughts should fill our hearts we your people of Bethel appointment, have met here to easier your court continued. night to assure you of our continued appreciation of your services as our pastor and to spend a social evening with you and your family; and as a very slight token or expression of these feelings we would ask you to except of this chair, and your amiable help-mate of this silver butter cooler. We are aware that there is nothing special in our re-lation at the present time which might call for such a proceeding on our part, and yet we feel that we would like to do something however alight to cheer you in your arduous labors by assuring you the cordial feelings of friendship which we feel towards yourself and Mrs Kestle Wishing yourself and family all the compliments of the season and a pleasant and prosperous year we would sign ourselves on behalf of Bethel congrega-

EMANUEL MITCHELL, MISS LUCINDA FISHER.

Mr Kestle made a suitable reply after which a very pleasant evening

spent. The congregation also bought a bed room set and some chairs as their part towards furnishing the parsonage. It will now be in order for the other congregations of the circuit to fall into line, as an empty house is of very little use to any one.

On Saturday morning last Dougald McMullen, of West Wawanoah, received a telegram that his brother Archie had been seriously hurt in the Michigal lumber woods, and requesting the gentleman to come at ence. Mr. M-Mullen left on Monday for the scene of The following letter of the County the accident, but we believe no word he reasurer, and statements of receipts the accident, but we believe no word he regarding the expenditures, non-resident collections and expenditures, non-resident collections are received from him regarding the statement of the statement o Mr Jas Bugley, h perty to Mr John N to Wingham.

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The annual missi Presbyterian church kine church here o ing. The weather was a large attends nounced to have be history of the co tor, Rev D. G. Car the meeting in hipleasing manner, a Rev. M. Davidson ly on the colleges church. The Re McKay, of St. He spectively, discuss on home and for was deep interest ports of the good years. Earnest the audience and influence and su

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