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Evening Mercury. OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EVENING, JAN 21, 1868. Local News.

Advertisements. In consequence of the enormous increase of subscribers to THE WEEKLY MERCURY we are compelled to go to press earlier hereafter than formerly.

FERGUS FAIR.—The last fair in Fergus was well attended by both buyers and cattle. Beef sold at from \$5 to \$5.50 live weight.

DANGER AHEAD.—The rumor is quite current in Toronto that the Volunteers may be expected out on active service during the coming spring. There is evidently more trouble brewing.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Annual Meeting of the Mechanics' Institute takes place in the Town Hall this evening.

COBURG TOWN COUNCIL.—We are glad to learn that Mr. Henry Hough, editor and proprietor of the World, has been elected as Councillor for one of the Wards in Cobourg.

PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR OF GALT.—At a meeting of the Galt town council, on Monday evening, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That the sum of \$300 be granted to Morris C. Lutz, Esq., as remuneration for his services for the past year, and the thanks of this council are hereby tendered to him for his able and impartial conduct as mayor during the year."

ERAMOSA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting of the Eramosa Agricultural Society was held at the Central Hall, on Saturday, 18th inst. After the usual routine business had been gone through, the following officers were elected for the present year:—President, David Day; Vice-President, Geo. Scott; Directors, J. Grieve, J. W. Armstrong, A. Abbott, W. Dickson, A. Hill, D. Rea, C. Head, W. Stovel, and W. Torrance; Secretary and Treasurer, H. H. Swinford.—Before the close of the meeting an offer was made from the people of Rockwood of over one hundred dollars towards the funds of the Society, provided the annual show was held in that village in the fall. The decision on this point was left to the Directors at their first meeting, on the 22nd February.

North Riding Agricultural Society. The members of the North Riding of the County of Wellington Agricultural Society met at Green's Hotel, Arthur Village, on Friday, the 17th day of January, 1868, by a call from John Smith, Esq., Warden of the County of Wellington. In the absence of the Warden, Robert Mitchell, Esq., was called to the Chair. James Isles was appointed Secretary.

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W. BURGESS. BROS leave to inform his friends and the public of Guelph and surrounding country that he has received a large lot of PHOTODUPLICATIONS

W. BURGESS. Moved by Walter Henderson, seconded by Anthony Burgess, that James Isles be Secretary. Carried.

Sale of Real Estate. In the matter of Partition between John Carroll and Martin Dooley, and Ellen McDonald and others.

Curling Match. The first game of the season between Guelph Speed and Fergus clubs came off at Guelph yesterday. The day was fine, and after a keen contest the game resulted as usual. Below is the score:

Table with 2 columns: Guelph Club and Fergus Club. Lists names and scores for a curling match.

Reports adopted by the Town Council. The reports adopted by the Town Council at its ten o'clock sitting on Monday were the following:

CEMETERY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—Your Committee beg to present the following report: During the year ending 31st December they have sold 16 lots. 70 interments were made in the Union Cemetery and 21 in St. George's Cemetery, making a total of 100 being one more than last year. They have found it necessary to make considerable repairs to the house occupied by the Cemetery Keeper, and had to obtain an additional supply of deeds for the conveyance of lots sold in the Cemetery. The proceeds have defrayed expenses, and left a balance of \$5. The following statement will show the transactions for the year:

Table with 2 columns: RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE. Shows financial details for the Cemetery Committee.

FINANCE REPORT.—Your Finance Committee recommend that the petition of T. W. Cooper be granted, and \$75 be refunded, as he has been twice charged income tax.

FIRE AND WATER REPORT.—Your Committee recommend that the following accounts be paid:—Mr. J. Horsman for \$5.35, Messrs. O'Connor & Co. \$7.25, Messrs. C. T. Meredith, for palis \$17.37; Messrs. Gouck & Bredon, repairing windows \$1.00; total \$30.93.

MARKET HOUSE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—Your Market House Committee have your pleasure in laying before the Council their annual report, exhibiting as it does so very gratifying results of the year's operations in the market—results the magnitude of which your committee are satisfied far exceed the most sanguine expectations of those who only a few years ago were instrumental in promoting and establishing our market in what was then only a backwoods village, and one of the dullest markets in the province, whilst at the present time it is questionable whether, either as regards the vast amount of business done, the prices paid for all kinds of produce, and the keen, active competition of buyers for all kinds of merchantable produce, there is another town in the Dominion that could stand a comparison with it.

MARKET HOUSE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—The following are the amounts of the different articles brought to market during the year 1867, with the average price and value of the same:—Fall wheat, 59,970 bushels, average price \$1.84, value \$108,190.80; spring wheat 450,147 bushels, av. price \$1.42, value \$639,208.74; oats, 74,896 bushels, av. price 40c., value \$29,958.40; peas 75,190 bushels, av. price 59c., value \$44,363.10; barley 79,781 bushels, av. price 57c., value \$45,475.17; wood, 144,900 lbs., av. price 28c., value \$40,752; flax 488 bushels, av. price \$1.58, value \$745.54; Timothy seed 1,648 bushels, av. price \$1.66, value \$2,725.68; hogs (dead) 22,736, av. weight 170 lbs., av. price \$5.11, value \$19,964; butter (in firkins) 202,000 lbs., av. price 14c., value \$28,280; cattle 2421, av. price per cwt. \$4.33, value \$121,050; horses 80, av. price \$90, value \$7,200; beef and mutton in carcasses, roasts, butter, cordwood, hay, hides, skins, vegetables, etc., \$60,000, making a total of \$1,842,970 paid for produce during the year.

MARKET HOUSE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—The following is the amount of revenue received from all sources in connection with the Market House for the year ending 31st December 1867, and here again we would say that the receipts are \$365 in excess of those of last year, and of the estimated revenue at the beginning of the year of a like amount: Market fees, \$4108.17; Town Hall rents, \$291; Market and basement, \$108; Butchers' Stall rents, \$320; Market Shed, \$151; total \$4,984.17.

REPORT OF RELIEF COMMITTEE.—Your Committee beg leave to present their final report terminating 31st December. The appropriation by the Council was \$400, expended during the year \$321.19; balance \$78.81.

SALT IN SOUTHAMPTON.—The water in a well dug in this village to feed a steam boiler in Sinclair's wheat warehouse, shows it to be strongly impregnated with salt, being the only well in the village sunk through clay, thus affording proof of salt being procurable at no great depth. Efforts are being made to organize a company.

Town Council. The Council met at 5 p. m. on Monday evening. Present, the Mayor in the chair, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Peterson, Thomson, Howard, McCurry, Heffernan, Chadwick, Mitchell, Harvey, Melvin, Sayers, Day, Holliday and Massie.

The clerk read the minutes, which were confirmed. The Mayor read a communication from the Police Magistrate, asking for an increase of salary, to which he considered himself entitled as the population of the town was now over five thousand.

The Mayor read another communication from J. B. Clarke, Esq., the Chairman of the Committee for the Relief of the Nova Scotia fishermen. The fish failed to make their appearance as usual in the bays of that Province this year, and the people have been reduced to great extremities, and if assistance be not rendered promptly disease and death must soon ensue.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Thomson read a petition from Mr. James Holden, agent for the patentees of the "Fire Extinguisher," praying for liberty to prove the powers of the machine on a section of a building, by being allowed to erect on the Market Square a shed which should then be ignited, and in quenching which the apparatus should be used—the assay to be made under the supervision of such committee as the Council should think proper to appoint. The petition was granted, and the Fire Extinguisher Committee nominated as a committee of supervision.

Mr. Chadwick read a petition from Mr. John Miller, of the Castle Garden Saloon, praying for a transfer of license. Petition granted.

Dr. Herod read the report of the Special Committee which had been appointed to draft the Standing Committees. These are as follows, the name of the chairman of each committee standing first on the list of names on that committee.

FINANCE.—Messrs. Thomson, Peterson, Chadwick and Herod. ROAD & BRIDGE.—Messrs. Mitchell, Holliday, Sayers and Massie.

MARKET HOUSE.—Dr. Herod, Messrs. Melvin, Day and Massie. FIRE AND WATER.—Messrs. Harvey, Day, McCurry and Howard.

PRINTING.—Messrs. Mitchell, Heffernan, Thomson and Sayers. RELIEF.—Messrs. Sayers, Holliday, Mays and Howard.

BY-LAW.—Messrs. Peterson, McCurry, Harvey and Herod. LICENSE.—Messrs. Chadwick, Mays, Heffernan and Thomson.

WELL SHED.—Messrs. Howard, Peterson, Mitchell and McCurry. CEMETERY.—The Mayor and Mr. Harvey.

RAILWAY.—Messrs. McCurry, Thomson, Mays and Heffernan. PLANTING.—Messrs. Chadwick, Peterson, Day and Herod.

Dr. Herod moved, seconded by Mr. Chadwick, that the petition of the Police Magistrate be granted, and that his salary for the current year be \$500. A long discussion took place on the motion, some of the members contending that the matter should go before the Finance Committee. Dr. Herod, Messrs. McCurry and Peterson, spoke in favor of granting the request, and Messrs. Melvin, Thomson and Massie were strongly against it.

The motion was put and carried. The yeas and nays were ordered to be taken down and were as follow:—Yeas, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Peterson, Mitchell, Chadwick, McCurry, Sayers, Holliday and Harvey—8. Nays, Messrs. Heffernan, Day, Thomson, Howard, Massie and Melvin—6.

Mr. Peterson suggested that the Railway Committee should be enlarged by adding the names of Dr. Herod and Mr. Harvey, and the Reeves, especially as the latter had frequent communication with men from the North whom they met in the County Council. After a long discussion his motion was negatived, and the Council stood as we have given it above.

Mr. McCurry moved, seconded by Mr. Sayers, that Messrs. Harvey, Thomson, Melvin and Peterson be a committee to draft a memorial to the Legislature praying for a reduction of the franchise, so that all parties assessed on real property to the annual value of \$20 be entitled to vote at elections.—Carried.

Mr. Peterson moved, seconded by Mr. Thomson, that in view of the importance of the matters hereinafter referred to, he be instructed to the Road and Bridge Committee to consider and report on the question of the desirability of procuring permanently or temporarily, as may from time to time be deemed necessary, the services of an engineer or other competent party in supervising the improvements and repairs that may hereafter be considered necessary for the streets, bridges and sidewalks of the Town; and generally as to the more efficient and economical repair and management under the direction of the Committee. Also to report on the desirability of continuing the present or adopting some other mode of effecting said improvements and repairs, either by special contract, tender or otherwise as they may suggest itself to the consideration of the Committee, and generally as to the best mode in the future of rendering such repairs and improvements more permanent and efficient, and if possible less expensive to the municipality.—Carried.

Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. McCurry, made a motion for the taking of the census but after some discussion it was withdrawn.

Mr. Thomson moved, seconded by Mr. Peterson, that it is advisable to instruct the Finance Committee concerning the necessity of recommending suitable persons as assessors, and report the same at an adjourned meeting of the Council on Tuesday the 28th inst.—Carried. The Council adjourned.

BEWARE OF THE PACKAGES.—We have been informed on good authority that there are a number of packages of silver, purporting to contain \$10, passing from hand to hand, which on being opened are found to contain nothing but cents. They have been first passed, it is believed, by some strangers, who, under pretence of being in an extreme hurry, managed to pocket the bills or gold for which they were bargaining then without the receiver having ever peeped into the paper. It will be wise, henceforth, to be on the alert, and take no paper of money without duly counting the contents.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 60c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 10 Upper Wyndham-st.

BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

FUNERAL OBSEQUIES OF MAXIMILIAN. Prosecution of the Editors of the Dublin 'Nation.'

UNEASINESS IN FRANCE. BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Dublin, Jan. 20th.—The Government is about to commence a legal prosecution against the proprietors of the Dublin 'Nation' for the publication of seditious libels and inflammatory articles in that paper.

London, Jan. 20.—The Paris correspondent of the London 'Times' says a feeling of uneasiness is perceptible in political and financial circles, though no one believes that war is threatened from any quarter. Still, the great activity in the arsenals and dock-yards of France, and the pressure brought to bear upon the Corps Legislatif for the passage of the Army Bill are circumstances which contribute to unsettle the feeling of security in the public mind, and to impair confidence in the stability of peace.

Vienna, Jan. 19th.—The obsequies of Maximilian were celebrated this evening with great pomp. The funeral procession was formed as follows: The head of the line was occupied by the Societies of Orphans; then came the clergy; the municipal authorities; the mayor of the city; a Corps of Marines acting as a guard of honor; the catafalque bearing the body; Admiral Tegethoff, officers of navy and army, &c. Vast crowds visited the remains during the day while lying in state.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—The American minister, Hon. Geo. Bancroft, is now engaged negotiating with the Prussian government for the establishment of a new commercial treaty between the United States and the North German Confederation.

London, Jan. 20.—Since the abdication of the Tycoon of Japan some fears have been entertained that Japanese government would refuse to carry out important treaties concluded last year with commissioners of foreign powers, but late advices from Japan announce that the new ruler will maintain and enforce the stipulations of the commercial treaties made by his predecessor.

Later information from Africa, it is thought, confirms the report of safety of Dr. Livingston.

Copenhagen, Jan. 20.—The Bill for the ratification of the treaty transferring the islands of St. Thomas and St. John to the Russian Empire, was taken up to-day. The whole subject was referred to a special committee, which was appointed to call upon the Danish Government for details of negotiations.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The 'Patrie', in an editorial on the Eastern question, comments on certain mischievous articles on France and Prussia which have recently appeared in the Russian papers, and declares that it is evident the desire of these journals is to create discord and bring about a rupture of the relations between Prussia and France. The 'Epoque' says the Emperor is preparing and will soon cause to be issued, a manifesto assuring Europe that it is the desire and the policy of his government to maintain peace.

Police Court. Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate.

TUESDAY, 21st.—Robt Chamberland was charged by Edward Hogg, who is captain in the West Suffolk militia, with having attempted to steal a pearl and ruby ring off his finger, on Saturday evening last, while on the train due here at 5.50 P.M. The Captain said he had sat down on the seat beside this man, and fallen asleep. He was roused by some one endeavoring to pull the ring off. Without saying anything he put his hand in the former position, and pretended to go to sleep again. The first attempt was made about Georgetown, and when the train had passed Rockwood a fresh essay was made. He let the person beside him [who he believed was the prisoner] get the ring as far as the middle joint, when he accused him of having attempted to steal it. Prisoner denied the imputation, and plaintiff requested conductor to take him in charge. This the latter did not do, and when the train reached Guelph, he got off, and he thought so did the prisoner, but he found it impossible just then to have him sought after and taken into custody. He was telling the adventure to some parties yesterday, when the Chief Constable came along and overheard him, and on receiving a description of the thief said he thought he knew him. He found him at the Red Lion shortly afterwards and arrested him. The magistrate this morning gave Chamberland his choice to be proceeded against summarily, or to have the case sent, if substantiated against him, to a higher court. He chose the latter. After the plaintiff had given his evidence the case was adjourned until to-morrow, in order to procure witnesses.

RUNAWAY.—A most determined runaway took place to-day (Tuesday), on Macdonnell st. A span of horses belonging to one of the teamsters from the north county started from about Mr. Massie's store at one o'clock and went up the street with as much earnestness as if they had been running a steep chase, and riders were rousing them with whip and spur. They were stopped at Mr. Anderson's grain store with the sleigh still attached to them but they got off again, made down over the railway, and finally came up on Wyndham st, with the whippersnaps alone jumping behind them. The animals were considerably blown, but very much excited and determined. Several attempts to intercept their progress were ineffectual, a heavy stick hurled against the head of one of them even falling to bring them to a pause. At last a stalwart young fellow succeeded in catching the high horse's trace near the shoulder, and held on so courageously and strongly as to bring the horse round so that he got hold of his head, which put a stop to