

## HURON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of the December Meeting—Report of J. J. Dickson.

The December session of this body assembled in the Town Hall, Brussels, on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Warden Ratz in the chair.

The following members were present: Messrs. Griffin, McMurchie, Strathairn, Kelly, Rogers, A. McMurchie, Corbett, Black, Rollins, Bisset, Johnston, Cameron, Elliott, Beacom, Strachan, Oliver, Bryan, Rennie, Kallbeisch, Kaine, Cook, Jacques, McMillan, Britton, Hays, Manly, Wray, Howe, Wilson, Beattie, Torrance, Campbell, Ratz, Elber, Black, McPherson, Walker, Smillie, Kay, Horney, Currie, Anderson, Girvin, Durnion, Clegg, Scott, and Anderson.

The Hall was decorated with the mottoes, "We Greet You," "Friendship," "Welcome," and "Peace and Plenty." The minutes of last Council meeting were read and passed.

The Warden addressed the Council, stating the petitions ordered by the Council had been forwarded to the proper quarter; that Benmiller, P. Albert, Edmondville, and Zetland bridges had all been rebuilt since last meeting. Brussels bridge should have been finished by Oct. 1st, but it had not yet been completed. The repairs to the Co. buildings ordered by you have been carried out. I beg also to state that demands have been made upon me to pay over the proportion required from the County for the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act of 1873, which will require your attention.

The following communications were read:

From the County Council of Norfolk requesting the corporation of this Council to petition the Dominion Government to repeal the Scott Act. Referred to the Special Committee.

From Mr. Totton requesting the Council to pay the proportion required from the County to carry the Canada Temperance Act into effect. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the License Commissioners of the three ridings requesting the sum of \$1327.28 as the proportion due by the County for the enforcement of the Scott Act. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Mr. Kaine in reference to an indictment, insane person. Referred to the Finance Committee.

From Mr. D. E. Dickson, governor of the jail. Referred to the Jail Committee.

A number of accounts were read and referred to the Finance Committee. The tenders for County work were referred to Jail and Court House Committee.

Moved by Mr. Strachan, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that the jailor be instructed when reporting the number of vagrants in the County Jail, in future, to state where they are sent from and to what municipality they belong. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Clegg, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the assessment rolls of the several municipalities be equalized in future during the January session of this Council instead of the June session. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Kay, seconded by Mr. Horney, that the Co. Commissioners be instructed by this Council to examine the two county bridges at the village of Kirkton, on the boundary of Osborne and Blanshard townships, as they are not considered safe for public travel, and that said Commissioners communicate with the Engineer of the county of Perth in reference to the examination, and report to this Council at the January session. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Clegg, seconded by Mr. Rogers, that by Law No. 10, of 1886, entitled a By-law governing Hawks and Peddlars, be amended by increasing the fee charged for a person selling with one or two horses to \$25.00. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Durnion, that this Council adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. to-morrow (Thursday). Carried.

Thursday, Dec. 2.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the warden in the chair. All the members were present except Messrs. Allen and Eason.

Moved by Mr. H. Elber, seconded by Mr. C. Elber, that the sum of two hundred dollars be paid forthwith to the municipality of the township of Stephen for the building of a lock-up just finished, the same sum having been heretofore granted by this Council, and to be paid over when completed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Strachan, seconded by Mr. Oliver, that the county engineer be instructed to have bridges erected on the boundary-line between Grey and Elms, on con. 4 and 6, lot 35, in conjunction with the county of Perth. Referred to the road and bridge committee.

Moved by Mr. Clegg, seconded by Mr. Scott, that the warden and clerk be instructed to memorialize the Local Legislature to amend sub-section 2, section 546, chap. 18, of the Municipal Act, so that it will not be compulsory to publish the notice of by-laws for stopping up, altering, widening, or diverting, or selling any road allowance or street, in a paper published in the county town, when a paper is published in the municipality or neighboring municipality passing the by-law. Carried.

The report of Mr. Ainley was read and referred to the road and bridge committee.

Letter from the sheriff, requesting the use of courthouse for holding nominations for West Huron was read. Grant ed.

Moved by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that Mr. Ainley be instructed to lay the tenders for the stonework of the Brussels bridge, and also for the ironwork, before the road and bridge committee at its next sitting. Carried.

THE COUNTY JAILOR'S REPORT.

was then read, as follows:

Gentlemen, I beg to submit to you a report of the inmates of the county jail. At present there are 13 prisoners confined—7 males and 6 females. Of the 7 males 2 are insane, and both very troublesome. William Kelly has been here over two years; his case has been duly reported by the sheriff. The other has put in 7 months. His case has also been reported by the sheriff. Of the re-

maining 5, 1 is a man sentenced for assisting at illicit distilling, 1 for peddling without licence, also under sentence. The 3 remaining are vagrants, 2 of them able-bodied men, who work very willingly every day cutting wood. They have a sentence of 4 months each; the third is 83 years of age; he will finish his term of 6 months on the 6th of Dec., and then he will go out probably to be sent in for another term. Of the 6 females, 1, Sarah Henley, is insane. She has now been in nearly 16 months. She is quite harmless. Her case has been duly reported by the sheriff. One of the others is under sentence for threats and abusive language. The remaining four are vagrants, all under sentence, 3 for a term of 6 months each. They are a mother and two daughters, none of them sentenced to hard labor. The condition of these three when brought in was such that they had at once to go to the bath, and their rage—for they were literally clothed in rage—had to be taken from them and the greater portion of them burnt. These then will have to be clothed when their sentence expires. I was under the necessity of getting boots for Sarah Henley, Jane, Sarah, and Mrs. Haliday as they were actually barefooted. I also got a pair of brogans for Wm. Kelly. I have had to get some repairs done to the cell used for insane persons. The floor and window were completely destroyed, so much so that it was found necessary to put in new. I would ask that I be allowed to get a few pounds of paint so that I could give the cell two coats, as the wainscot has a most unclean appearance; we have done all in our power to clean it but failed, and our only remedy is to paint it over.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

WM. DICKSON, Jailor.

The motion of Dr. Rollins deferred from last session was read.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Strachan, that the motion of Dr. Rollins be referred to the special committee, and that they report early tomorrow—Carried on a division by a majority of 13.

Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the treasurer make a report of the expenses of the Warden's committee for 1886, and lay the same before the council at the January meeting of the council—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by Mr. Stothers, that the road commissioners be instructed to examine the bridge on the Lucknow road, known as Nine Mile river bridge, and report at next January meeting—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Jacques, that Mr. Ainley, the engineer, examine bridge on the byline, Howick and Wallace, and repair the same, as it is in an unsafe condition—Carried.

The report of finance committee was read.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that the report be amended by granting \$10 to Mr. Charles Payne, instead of \$8, when the report was amended as adopted.

Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Beacom, that the council adjourn to meet at ten o'clock tomorrow—Carried.

FRIDAY, Dec. 3.

The council met pursuant to adjournment, the warden in the chair, all the members were present except Messrs. Allen and Eason.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Report of special committee was read.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McMillan, in amendment, that no action be taken in reference to the second clause of the report of special committee. Upon the names being called for there voted for the amendment Messrs. Horney, Britton, Kay, Anderson, Scott, Oliver, Smillie, Cameron, Bryans, Stothers, Torrance, Black, Girvin, Strachan, McPherson, Saunders, Corbett, McMurchie, Beattie, Walker, Campbell, Wilson, McMillan, Griffin, Currie and McMurchie—26 For the report—Messrs. Howe, Wray, Durnion, Manly, Beck, Johnston, Hays, Rennie, Kallbeisch, C. Elber, Cook, H. Elber, Bisset, Rollins, Rogers, Jacques, Beacom, Kelly, Elliott and Kaine—20. The amendment was carried by a majority of 6.

The report as amended, was submitted to the council and adopted.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Clegg, that the warden and clerk, on behalf of the council, petition the Government at Ottawa to pass a law rendering it a punishable offence for any salt manufacturer to sell salt in barrels, sacks, bags or other packages without having the name of the manufacturer and the net weight of the salt contained therein legibly printed on the barrel, sack, bag or other packages, and that the net weight of salt in a barrel be five bushels on 240 lbs. And further rendering it a punishable offence to sell salt so branded that does not contain the weight so branded thereon—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Horney, that this council take no action in reference to Mr. McMillan's motion until January session of the county council. Lost on a division.

2 o'clock p.m.

The council resumed the warden in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. McMillan, that the usual grant to the model schools be paid to the respective boards of Goderich and Clinton—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the treasurer's expenses be paid when he has to leave Goderich to attend on county business—Carried.

Report of road and bridge committee was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Elber, seconded by Mr. Kaine, that the council do now adjourn.

THE HISTORY OF HUNDREDS.

Mr. John Morrison, of St. Anna, N. S., was so seriously afflicted with a disease of the kidneys that droopy was developing and his life was despaired of. Two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him after physicians had failed. 2

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need for constipation, loss of appetite, dizziness, and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents per bottle. For sale by J. Wilson, Druggist.

## Carlow.

William M. Howell is visiting friends in London, township of Beverly. He has not been well for a few months past, but he is now recuperating.

## Benmiller.

Peter Fisher, sr., a well known elector of this section was presented with a copy of the Tory pamphlet. This is what he says: "I read the book through, and when I found that there was no name signed to it to back up the assertions it contained, I deemed it worthless, and sent it to the bank, nor at elections."

## Ashfield.

Messrs. Wm. and George Stothers have bought Mr. Daniel Alton's saw mill, on the 8th concession, and will run it after New Year's.

R. E. Brown, an old teacher, has been engaged in S. S. No. 5, for 1887. He comes highly recommended.

Hon. A. M. Ross has been holding meetings through the township of the week. On account of writing at an early date, we cannot give an account of them. Ashfield has always done nobly, and the majority this time will be increased for A. M. Ross. 'Rah for Ross.

## Dunlop.

Harvey Christy has been engaged to teach in S. S. No. 2, West Wawanash, for the coming year at a salary of \$333.

The Fagan brothers have vacated the old homestead, and gone to reside on their new farm on the banks of the Mattawa.

The Rev. A. J. Hartley delivered a lecture on temperance and the working of the Scott Act in the church here on Wednesday evening. Mr. John Washington occupied the chair. The attendance was small, owing to the inclemency of the weather. At the close of the meeting an effort was made to form an electoral union, but without success.

## Dunlop.

To the Editor of The Signal.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable and widely circulated paper, to ask a few questions of the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, and his worthy lieutenant, the leader of the Ontario Opposition, W. B. Meredith, who has lately been paying us a visit.

I. Is it, or is it not, true, that at their last visit to Dunlop, their set drank fourteen bottles of beer?

II. Is it, or is it not, true, that a number of bottles of whiskey and brandy were also drunk?

III. Is it or is it not true, that a leading member of the Methodist church acted as grog boss at that meeting?

IV. If these things be true, are we to understand that the samples of the wane in which the Scott Act would be enforced by those who are waiting so long over the failure of Mowat's Government to strictly enforce this law?

## Paramount.

The Grange agent paid us a visit on Wednesday last. He reports business brisk.

John Murray, our genial sheep buyer, is still making purchases in that line. He has bought a great number this fall.

The members of Dewdrop Council had a grand time in their hall last Friday last, the concert to be held at the school was postponed till the following Monday night and although the notice was so very short the school was jammed so that a great number had to stand.

The program was long and varied and all parts done well. The School children in their dialogues, recitations, and songs, and many others gave excellent music. Miss Hewitt, Ripley, sang "The flowers of the forest" in her usual good style. Mary Stewart in her solo "Don't tell the Home" was encored, to which she responded by singing the "Spring beside my little Cabin Door."

Mr. Richards, as usual, pleased all and was loudly cheered. Miss Gibson, Lochsah, Mr. H. Matheson, Miss Maggie Murray, and many others gave excellent selections, and a long program was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

Mr. W. MacIntosh filled the chair to the satisfaction of all. Proceeds nearly \$25 to which the trustees add five more all of which is to be expended in buying prizes for the children.

## People in the North-West.

Know from experience that Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor is the only remedy to be relied upon for the extraction of corns. This is the case everywhere throughout the Dominion. Be sure to get Putnam's sure-pain corn cure. At dealers everywhere.

McGregor & Parke's Carbolic-Cerote. Have you an old Sore, Cut, Burn, Bruise, Corn, Bunion, Salt Rheum, Pimple, Blotches, Rough Hands or Face? If so, there is but one cure, namely, McGregor & Parke's Carbolic Cerote. If you but try it it will convince you. It costs but 25 cents at G. Rhynas' Drug store.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. Contributors to this department must confine them to public questions, and be brief.

## A Voice From Manitoba.

Mr. Varcoe's letter re Manitoba, which appeared in your issue of the 19th, ult., as well as conversations with his neighbors since his return, has caused considerable enquiry concerning real estate in this country. I have received several letters lately from parties down there who say they would invest some money up here if they could be satisfied that it would be profitable for them to do so. I will answer the letters already received, and "not yet received" in the course of a few days, but as there are no doubt a number of your readers who would like to have my opinions on this point I can safely say that if proper care is taken in selecting land there can be no possible danger of a loss at present prices—\$14.50 per acre, but as there are all purchases turning out profitable. I will give the names of two reliable real estate agents in the city who have at the present time on hand several desirable properties for sale at "away down figures," \$2, T. T. Smith, and W. Langmuir West, both well and favorably known in Huron and Bruce. There are other agents equally as reliable who would furnish lists of lands and prices on application, but I mention these parties' names on account of their being known to many down there. One should be taken when purchasing to keep clear of any municipality, no matter what its natural advantages are, if it is overburdened with taxes, as quite a number of the best districts here are in that unfortunate position. I will gladly assist any of my old friends down there in any way in my power to select desirable properties.

Yours truly,

J. C. CURRIE.

## Goderich Township.

HOLMESVILLE, Dec. 6th, 1886.

Council met today pursuant to adjournment. Members are present. Minutes of last meeting read and passed. By-laws 3 and 4 of present year read and passed. Moved by John McMillan, seconded by Elmer Ashchen, that the following accounts be paid, viz: Patrick Cronyn, gravel and roadway, \$20; Alfred Nattel, gravel and roadway, 1st con. \$16; Thomas Jowett, 8 rods wire fence, \$1.60; Wm. Dunn, indigent, one year's board at Wm. McCabe's, \$52; one suit of clothes to same, \$13; Charles Cole, 40 rods wire fence, \$8; Charles G. Middleton, 86 rods wire fence, \$17.20; Geo. Sturdy, 40 rods wire fence, \$8; David Orr, 80 rods wire fence, \$16; Wm. Elliott, for gravel and roadway, \$16; Al. Goodwin, 40 rods wire fence, \$8; Robt. Orr, 80 rods wire fence, \$16; Wm. sell & Hutchinson, Toronto, for municipal blanks, \$7.58; R. McKenzie, Goderich, for six brass spring locks, for ballot boxes, 70 cents each, \$4.20; Donald Junior, 70 rods wire fence, \$14; James Hillier, 44 rods wire fence, \$8.80; James Stephens, 110 rods wire fence, \$22; A. B. Nesbitt, 40 rods wire fence, \$8; C. J. Nesbitt, 60 rods wire fence, \$12; Chas. Blake, 40 rods wire fence, \$8; E. McCann, woolen factory, taxes refunded, \$17.25; John Porter, 80 rods wire fence, \$16; Wm. Crooks, gravel, 65 yards, \$5.20; Wm. Crooks, gravel, 80 yards, \$6.40; Andrew Curtis, 96 yards gravel, \$7.68; Mrs. V. Tebbutt, 40 rods wire fence, \$8; John Porter, gravel, 200 yards, \$16; John Calbeck, gravel, 642 yards, \$51.36; Wm. Melch, 29 rods wire fence, \$3.80; Henry Hibbs, 107 yards gravel, \$8.56; L. Manning, 90 yards gravel, \$7.20; Andrew Curtis, 325 yards gravel, \$26; James Connolly, 270 yards gravel, \$21.60; Mr. Bechler, 112 yards gravel, \$8.96; Wm. Wise, 577 yards gravel, \$46.16; Geo. Cantelon, 32 rods wire fence, \$6.40; Samuel Walcott, 245 yards gravel, \$19.60; Arthur Whittingham, for work, per J. Holland, P.M. \$2; Fred'k Tebbutt, filling gravel one day, \$1; John Trewharris, 23 rods gravel, \$1.84; Thos. Pickard, 112 rods gravel, \$8.96; Dr. Dwyer, medicine and attendance on J. Fitzgerald, indigent, \$10.50; Robt. Sterling, 273 yards gravel, \$21.84; John Weir, gravel, \$10.04; Peter Perdue, gravel and roadway, \$30.70; Samuel Rathwell, 230 yards gravel, \$18.40; Thos. March, 10 yards gravel, \$80 cents; James Alexander, 110 yards gravel, \$8.80; Arthur Curry, for spring of buggy broken in road alleged to have been defective, \$2.50; Wm. Herbison, 80 rods wire fence, \$16; Andrew McGregor, indigent, was granted \$25. Thos. Potter, gravel, \$3.84; Wm. Curry, John Elliott, Wm. Stanley and West Muford were each refunded \$1 dog tax committed at court of revision. Council adjourned to meet again on the 13th inst.

JAMES PATTON, Clerk.

## Free Trade.

The reduction of the internal revenue and the taking off of the revenue stamps from Proprietary Medicines, no doubt has largely benefitted the consumers, as well as relieving the burden of home manufacturers. Especially is this the case with Green's August Flower and Doan's German Syrup, as the reduction of thirty-six cents per dozen, has been added to increase to size of the bottles containing these remedies, thereby giving one fifth more medicine in the 75 cent size. The August Flower for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, and the German Syrup for Cough and Lung troubles, have perhaps, the largest sale of any medicines in the world. The advantage of increased size of the bottles will be greatly appreciated by the sick and afflicted in every town and village in civilized countries. Sample bottles for 10 cents return the same size. you

Look Here.

Look here my friend don't turn up your nose. And say you're near dead. Well, I'm up. Asthma and bronchitis have kept you in bed. Now, why do you suffer such terrible fits? Will you try Dr. J. Wilson's medicine and inevitable relief, cure whatever you have. No matter how long standing the case do now go to the druggist, and get according. For sale in Goderich by FRANK JORDAN

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The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, preached an eloquent sermon on temperance Sunday last. The church was crowded, as it generally is. His text was Matthew 3:10.

The Nile literary and debating society has opened again for the winter months they are going to have a debate next Tuesday, the subject is "Home Rule for Ireland." Thomas Alton, takes the affirmative and John Watson, the negative. We are looking forward to a jovial time.

Mainly Benson gave his popular lecture Men Wanted, in the Nile Church. Those who missed it missed a treat. Miss Hetherington has been appointed organist of the choir. It is either a good move or a bad one, because every young lady that has been organist has got married in a very short time.

The public school children assisted by some outside talent gave a grand literary and musical entertainment. The pupils carried out their parts well, and reflect great credit on the teachers. Everything passed off well, with the exception of some grown children, who saw fit to try to insult some of the young ladies who took part in the entertainment. We say let them go they don't know any better.

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## The Major's Platform.

From Pittsburg Dispatch.

"I understand Major Jones is running for the Legislature in your county as a temperance man."

"Yes, and it looks as though he was going to have a big majority."

"Well, that's curious. The major can get away with more liquor than any man I know. It is his claim for the support of the temperance voters."

"He says he does more to destroy liquor and put it away from the sight of young men than any other half dozen men in the country."

"He does? Well, by thunder, I guess he's about right. That's the major's strong point."

Reasons why you should purchase Fluid Lightning in preference to all other remedies are: Rapid result—no trouble—no loss of time. It does not require constant use—one application is sufficient. One bottle will remove more pain than any other remedy in existence. Try it for Neuralgia, Toothache, Headache, Rheumatism. Sold at 25¢ a bottle by G. Rhynas, Druggist.

"Can you speak Spanish, Miss Steinkamp?"

"Well, not quite. But I can strike the Spanish Dance on the piano."

A woman always tells a secret to some one because she is afraid she might die and then there would be no one left to keep it.

Mr. Philip Fidler, of Clinton County was summoned out of a thousand dollars last week by three-card monte men. Ah, he played on him, did he?

"When I ate, my food was like a lump of lead in my stomach. I took Burdock Blood Bitters. The more I took, the more it helped me. I am like a new man now," says Ezra Babcock, of Cloyne P. O., Township Barrie, Ont.

Treasure ship in Lake Champlain.

From the Rutland (Vt.) Herald, Oct. 9.

Professional divers from Boston have been at work two weeks exploring the remains of the Royal Savage, a vessel sunk off Valour Island, in Lake Champlain. Tradition says that the vessel was Arnold's flagship, containing treasure, and was buried to the water's edge and sunk to prevent capture. The divers are reticent about what they find.

Seeing is believing. Read the testimonials in the pamphlet on Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure, then buy a bottle and relieve yourself of all those distressing pains. Your Druggist can tell you all about it. Sold by J. Wilson Goderich.

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