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FRIDAY, DEC. 5TH, 1884.

A MEETING of representative men from points between Goderich and Elora has been called at Brussels for Dec. 16th, at 11 a.m., to discuss the best means of promoting the proposed extension of the C. P. R. to Goderich.

The wretched habit of flinging unseemly epithets across the table at the Public School Board meetings is a bad one, and perhaps the best way to cure the members given to it is to publish their abusive language, putting — for the profanity, etc. We refrain from saying anything more about past offences, but if the thing is repeated in the future, the hot-headed abusers of their fellows will have the pleasure or mortification of seeing their foolish talk in cold print.

The county council is in session this week, and we understand a number of the members are voluntarily bidding adieu to public life, and some of those who will not withdraw voluntarily may receive notice to quit when polling day comes around. Be that as it may, the December meeting of the county council is the "saddest in the year," and the sighings and the partings are usually loud and long. Next week we will give a full report of the doings at the December meeting.

A VALUABLE BAG.

A Sheriff and a Woman Contend for its Possession.

Wingham is talking over the fact that a Sheriff's officer from Goderich, duly armed with authority, visited that town one day last week, and secured a bag containing \$6,000 worth of promissory notes, belonging to the insolvent estate of C. Tait Scott, the absconder. There are two sides to the story, and we give them as follows:

MRS. SCOTT'S STORY.

OVER DONE.—On Thursday last two Sheriff's officers from Goderich visited the residence of Mrs. C. Tait Scott, for the purpose of obtaining money or notes from her. That lady not being willing to give them up a tussle ensued, in which Mrs. Scott was violently pushed backwards upon a box and her daughter thrown to the floor. There were then searched by the officers and the notes taken from her person. When Mrs. Scott was knocked or pushed down she received such injuries to her back and nervous system that medical assistance was necessary, and we are sorry to say she is at present unable to leave her bed. Such actions as these to obtain property may be right according to law, but we think any officer of the law who goes to work and injures a lady in such a rough manner should pay the penalty just the same as one who is arrested for assault and battery. (Wingham Advance.)

THE OFFICER'S STATEMENT.

The other side of the story is as follows:—The sheriff had been informed by the plaintiff's solicitors in the suit against C. Tait Scott, who has absconded, that Mrs. Scott was in possession of a large quantity of notes belonging to him, and the bailiff was sent up to seize the same, with instructions to demand the notes from Mrs. Scott, and, if she refused to give them up, to search the premises, but in no way use any personal violence on or against the person of Mrs. Scott. The plaintiff denies in the most emphatic manner having exceeded his instructions, and only did his duty and nothing more. Mrs. Scott denied all knowledge of the notes in question, and when informed the premises would be searched for them, she was present, went into an inner room and came out with a small bundle. As the bailiff stood between her and the door, she threw the bundle to her mother, who clutched it in her hand, and wound a long string attached to same around her hand two or three times, and then pressed the bundle tightly to her breast. The bailiff surmised that these were the notes, and again requested them, but the only answer he got was a refusal. The only way that he could possibly get the bundle was to take it away from Mrs. Scott's hand, which he did, using as little violence as any one under the circumstances could do. Mrs. Scott, no doubt received a severe nervous shock, as any woman naturally would under the circumstances. The bundle in question turned out to be the notes sought for. There was no unnecessary violence used by the bailiff. It was his duty to secure the notes, and he did so firmly and effectually, but with as little force as possible. What so called "violence" occurred was due to Mrs. Scott's refusing to surrender the notes to the duly authorized officer of the law, and resisting him so vigorously. It is not true that two officers were present. The sheriff is quite willing that a full investigation of the matter should take place.

A Mitchell boy squirted tobacco juice over the floor in one of the Mitchell churches on Sunday, and on Monday the constable marched him to the church and made him scrub the floor.

New Advertisements This Week.

Notice—Joseph Birt. Groceries—C. A. Nairn. Special Drive—G. H. Old. House for Rent—G. N. Davis. To Farmers—Rumcunn Bros. Xmas Coming—Mrs. H. Cooke. For Sale—Cameron Holt & Cameron. For Sale—Cameron Holt & Cameron. Colborne Council—J. A. McDonagh. Harper's Magazine—Harper Brothers. High Court of Justice—Garraw & Proudfoot.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

"A chiel among ye takin' notes And hilt he'll begettin'."

TOWN TOPICS.

FARMERS ATTENTION.—Wanted at the Goderich tannery, hides, furs and skins, for which we will pay the highest cash price. W. F. & A. SMITH.

The coal we wood question is still undecided, but it is a settled thing that G. B. Holborn, the photographer, understands his business, and turns out excellent picture-cards and cabinets.

Salvage, the photographer, has made his name a household word by prudent advertising and good work. He invites an inspection of his work, and will aim to give still further satisfaction in the future.

Parties getting up Christmas trees, should call on Saunders & Son, they are making the finest display in town, and are giving special discounts to schools, churches, and families getting up Christmas trees, save money by buying at the cheapest house under the sun.

TO THE PUBLIC.—Don't forget that Christmas is close at hand, and all you that want any gifts made up in presentation don't forget to take them to Rines, the shoemaker, on King's Walk, where you get them made up in first-class style. Rubber goods repaired.

Christmas falls this year on Thursday. John Donogh, jr., is in Louisville, U. S.

George Parke is now engaged at Blyth.

Jamieson Reid has returned from Buffalo.

Joseph Kidd, of Dublin, was in town last week.

Miss Mary Wilson, Maple street, is ill of pleurisy.

Miss Emma Westcott, is visiting friends in Brantford.

James Copeland, of Moosejaw, was in town last week.

Potatoes are being sold at Brantford for 20c. per bushel.

Mrs. Philip Holt has returned from her trip to Oshawa.

Knox Church has had a porch added to the front entrance.

Miss Matilda Bates left for Detroit on Wednesday morning.

Miss Mary Heal, of Mitchell, is the guest of John Pridham.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. Spence, Victoria street.

Mrs. Joseph Noble has been visiting friends in Ashfield this week.

William Black is the guest of his mother Mrs. Black, West street.

Victoria street church is to have an Xmas tree for the young this year.

St. Patrick's ward is taking the "cake" in matrimonial ventures this season.

Mrs. Wm. Rhynas, has we learn, had an attack of fever in her southern home.

The fat cattle and poultry show will be held in Goderich on Thursday, the 18th inst.

Mrs. Knight, of Clinton, has been visiting at her former home for a few days.

Mrs. James Addison has had a severe attack of illness arising from blood poisoning.

Rev. Messrs. O'Connor and West, were the guests of Rev. B. J. Walters, last week.

Harry Johnston was in town on Saturday last. Mrs. Johnston has been here some weeks.

Mr. Kelly, vocalist, of Collingwood, was the guest of H. I. Strapp, during his stay in town.

Mr. Proctor, of Belle Isle, Mich., paid a visit recently to his friends in Goderich and Holmesville.

Grace Johnston, grandchild of J. Dickson, Registrar, has had a very severe attack of diphtheria.

Mr. Grierson, father of W. Parke Grierson, Duncannon, is, we are sorry to say, seriously ill.

R. S. Chilton, American Consul at this port, returned last week from a short visit across the line.

The High School Literary Society will meet this (Friday) evening. There will be a good programme.

Miss Campbell, of Seaford, was the guest of the Misses Wilkinson during her recent stay in town.

Services will be conducted during advent, at St. Peter's church, on Wednesday and Friday each week.

At St. Peter's during advent prayers and benediction will be offered on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Two cars of cattle were shipped to Buffalo on Saturday, one by S. Andrews and the other by S. McLean.

The propeller Sovereign, with wheat from Port Arthur for Ogilvie & Hutchison, arrived on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. David Campbell and Mrs. Lyons and child left for their home in Jersey City on Monday last.

Miss Hutchison has gone to Montreal to reside with her brother, Dr. Hutchison, who has been practicing in that city.

We understand the circus, menagerie and museum, of W. H. Harris, of Chicago, will show at Goderich next summer.

Rev. P. J. Shea, of Seaford, and Rev. J. Carling, of Woodstock, were the guests of Rev. B. J. Walters, during the week.

J. A. Morton, lawyer, of Wingham, was in town last week. He is a candidate for the majority of the junction town.

There will be a meeting of the Women's Temperance Union next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, in the temperance hall. A full attendance is requested, as business of great importance will come before the meeting. Every lady interested in temperance will be welcome.

John Platt, of Plattville, is visiting his cousins and other relatives in town. He likes the lay-out of our town very much.

Messrs. W. Moore and Frank Rookidge, of Lucknow, drove to Goderich on Saturday last, and spent Sunday, the guest of friends.

Clinton was alarmed last week at a rumor that a case of small pox existed in that town. The rumor is denied by those who ought to know.

J. C. Harrison does not intend returning for a month at least, and if the winter be an open one, as is predicted, it will be useless to build a skating rink.

Rev. J. Sieveright, with a gang of men, is shantying in Muskoka, getting out timber for the new Presbyterian church, near A'Port.—[Canada Presbyterian.]

The International Hotel and the brick house known as the Worton property, were put up for sale by auction last week but were not sold, owing to the low bids.

At a Scott Act meeting at Parkhill, Rev. Fr. Corcoran made a stirring speech in favor of it. Rev. Fr. Macrea, formerly of Goderich, was also upon the platform.

R. McLean is going to go largely into pork packing and sausage making this season. S. Papst, the well-known packer, has been secured to slip up the hogs for the pork-packing establishment.

There was a most decided drop in the price of cordwood during the week. The low price of grain has forced a large number of farmers to go into the cordwood line who have not before done much in the way of marketing it.

GOOD WORK.—During the past two weeks three coopers at the Star Selt works have made the large number of 3,481 barrels, or an average of a trifle over 47 barrels a day. This is a record the Star men may well be proud of.

We are pleased to see by the writings of the local correspondents of the various county journals, that so many of them read THE SIGNAL. At present so many of them are quoting from THE SIGNAL that we are the best advertised paper in the county. And advertising pays.

Mr. McGillivray, a teacher in Balacava street school, was compelled by ill-health to leave the city recently and go to his parents' home in the West. The termination, and that early this week he passed away. Typhoid fever was the immediate cause of his death.—[St. Thomas Times.]

The St. Mary's Argus says:—Rev. Mr. Turnbull is growing in popularity with his people of the First Presbyterian Church. He is a forcible speaker, and has the courage of his convictions. The congregation is to be congratulated on having such a minister, and it is to be hoped that his pastorate will be both happy and prosperous.

We have received the Cosmopolitan Standard from the editor and publisher, Thea, Benough, Toronto. It is a live journal, and specimens of all the leading systems of shorthand, clearly illustrated, are given from month to month. Mr. Bengough turns out an excellent monthly magazine, one of the best of the shorthand publications of the day.

In addition to the two beacons, a second pair of day beacons has been erected, to further facilitate the entrance of vessels into Club Island Harbor, Georgian Bay. In approaching the entrance, to avoid outside shoals, the back beacon should be kept open, southward of the front one until the one on the west shore of the harbor are exactly in line, when the bar may be crossed.

The Seaford Examiner says:—There is a prospect that the combination of salt manufacturers, which has existed for nearly three years, will not be continued longer than this year, as some of the members are becoming restive under the association rules, and are longing for another war of rates. Should be combination break up there will likely be 'cleap salt' for a while.

SHAKE, BROTHER.—The Halton News has the following reference to this paper:—"THE HURON SIGNAL ably defends the Scott Act, and fires many a round of hot shot and shell into the ranks of the front-line army of the opposition. The latter have boycotted THE SIGNAL, but it stands up manfully to the front, and we glory in its spunk. The Halton News has been there, and we know how to feel for our brother in Goderich."

OPEN SKATING RINK.—The lovers of skating, will rejoice to learn that Messrs. Cooper & Brown, intend to run an open skating rink, at the lot near Martin's hotel, facing Newgate-st., during the winter. They will put up suitable buildings where ladies and gentlemen can put on, and take off skates in comfort, and will also provide a good clear rink for the skating during the season. For full particulars, apply to S. Cooper, at Sloane's seed store.

Capt. Ed. Robertson, of Sarnia, formerly of Goderich, on his arrival home from his last trip, found a handsome heavy gold pocket watch awaiting him as a memento from the members of the Canadian press association who had gone up on the United Empire on their holiday excursion to Duluth during the past season. The watch was engraved upon it the following:—"Canadian Press Association, to Capt. Robertson, str. United Empire, 1884."

SCOTT ACT MEETING.—A meeting of the supporters of the Scott Act will be held in the Temperance hall, on the evening of Friday next, Dec. 12th, when an address will be presented to Rev. T. M. Campbell, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held in his own town. The affair is in the hands of the committee, and the speeches on the occasion are expected to be interesting. The friends of Mr. Campbell will be glad to witness the presentation of the address, and hear the reply. An open door, and all will be welcome.

We have before us a magnificent engraving of penmanship, just received from C. A. Fleming, Principal of the Northern Business College, Owen Sound. Enclosed in a wreath of flowers is a pen sketch of Ingle Falls, one of the pretty pieces of scenery near Owen Sound. The variety of flourished birds and quills, scrolling letters, etc., is more than we in our limited space can fully describe. Every one can possess a copy of it themselves by sending 2 three cent stamps to Mr. Fleming, to pay postage, etc. It is 18x24 inches, and is a handsome piece of work.

ON BOYCOTTING.—The Orillia Packet has the following:—"THE SIGNAL and Star newspapers, published in Goderich, have been boycotted by the liquor dealers, for having dared to support the Scott Act. This action has not disturbed the serenity of the management of these papers. The boycotting business is a very dangerous two edged weapon. The liquor men are trying also to injure the Party Sound Star because it supports the Scott Act. Our contemporary wisely d-does them, remarking that 'betwixt me and them there's a difference'."

A WELL DEERVED TRIUMPH.—On Wednesday evening, after the prayer-meeting, the managers of Knox church performed a very graceful act, by presenting Miss Fish, who has been organist for the past year, with an additional \$25 to her salary, as a token of their appreciation of her faithfulness as organist, and also as a sign of their appreciation of the energy and ability displayed by her in the management of the recent organ recital and concert. Miss Fish was also presented with a handsome 'Ladies' Companion,' by the choir, as a mark of their esteem for her. She will, at her own request, in about a week, and will be succeeded by Miss Lizzie Dickson for the time being. Miss Fish made many friends here, and leaves with the good will of all who have had the pleasure of her acquaintance.

A HANDSOME CASE.—Alfred Gray, of Wingham, was up on Wednesday before His Honor Judge Doyle, on two indictments for stealing a handkerchief, said to be the property of a guest at the Brunswick House, Wingham. It appears that Gray and two companions were at the Brunswick House early one day last week, and found a handkerchief on the floor. Gray said he would give it to Mr. Dulmage, the landlord, but as he was not yet up, Gray thought he would first get his breakfast and give the handkerchief to Dulmage afterwards.

A WELL-DESERVED TRIBUTE.—The anti-Scott Act party seem to be in the habit of madeness, when at the old proverb asserts, precedes destruction. The thefts of ballot-boxes in Orangeville and Goderich, the thefts of papers in Renfrew county, the petty slanders and malicious outrages in which they have indulged, are so futile and so suicidal that it is hard to understand the purpose or expectation of their perpetrators. In another column we give a brief account of dastardly assaults that have been made by the liquor party upon the reputation of some of our hardest working and most successful friends. Rev. T. M. Campbell is a gentleman whose name stands in the community in which he lives. He has for many years been a faithful and esteemed minister in the Methodist church, and his exceptional zeal and rare platform ability brought him into unusual prominence in the recent conflict in Huron county, where he was the villainous treatment to which he has been subjected at the hands of the whiskey-traffic has only gained him new friends and intensified the regard of the many that he had before. Such slanders as those uttered in this case, not merely do him injury, but are a reflection upon the community, and an attempt to disgrace and humiliate the loved one in the sanctity of his home, could only emanate from a cause totally vile and in utter desperation.—[Canada Citizen.]

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mrs. Robertson, wife of Capt. Robertson, of the United Empire, at her home in Sarnia, on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, at 10 o'clock. She was a general town place on Wednesday, from G. C. Robertson's residence, East street, Goderich, to the North street Methodist church, where the services were performed by Rev. T. M. Campbell, assisted by Rev. Dr. Foote, of Port Huron. The funeral home in Sarnia, where the body was draped, and a special service of song was rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. S. P. Halls. On the casket were a number of beautiful floral gifts, as follows: Anchor, by Mrs. J. D. Beatty, of Sarnia; a wreath, by the ladies' aid society of Sarnia; a wreath, by Mrs. J. H. Symmes, of Sarnia; a star, by a sister of the deceased and near friends; a wreath, by Mr. and Mrs. Greene Cameron; a bouquet, by M. C. Cameron, M.P.; a plate of handsome flowers, by Mrs. T. Johnston, G. T. R., Sarnia. After the service the cortege proceeded to the cemetery, where the body was deposited in the family burying plot. The casket was accompanied from Sarnia by Capt. E. Robertson and family, Miss McConnell, Jas. H. Beatty, and Mrs. Capt. J. W. Savage, Sarnia; Mrs. Geo. McConnell, Detroit; Rev. Dr. Foote, Port Huron; John McCullough, Erie, Guelph; Jas. Willis, Exeter. We have been requested by Capt. Robertson to return his thanks to the members of the North street choir for their kindness in assisting at the funeral service; the captain also extends his best thanks to his friends in Goderich and elsewhere who kindly tendered their sympathy to himself and family in their sad bereavement.

County of Huron Sabbath School Association.

The executive committee of this institution, recently met in Ontario Street Methodist church, Clinton, to draft out a programme of proceedings for the coming convention to be held in this town on Tuesday and Wednesday, 10th and 11th February next. There were present the President, D. Tiplady, and Messrs W. Grav, Seaford; S. Yates and T. McGillivuddy, Goderich; W. J. Clarke, Exeter; James Thompson, J. C. Stevenson, A. H. Manning and H. Fish. Rev. J. Gray and Rev. Kenner were also in attendance. It was unanimously resolved to invite Hon. S. H. Blake to be present one day of the convention to deliver an address in the evening. Mr. Blake is perhaps the foremost Sabbath School man in the Province, and his presence and address will be waited for with great expectancy. The committee proceeded to select topics to be discussed and decided upon the following:—1st, The Sunday school (a) its origin, arrangement and conduct; (b) its present state and its future; (c) how should its own funds be expended; (d) Modes of attracting and retaining attendance; (e) its music, 2nd Sabbath school; (f) its preparation; (g) its responsibility; (h) its reward. For the evening meetings the topics are: The Sabbath school a safeguard against infidelity; temperance training a part of Sabbath school work; 'The Bible, the world's light and guide'; and 'The real objects of Sunday School work.' There will also be examples of hymns to use, illustrative aids in teaching primary and intermediate classes, the question drawer, and the usual officers' reports. On Wednesday afternoon the children's mass meeting will be held and an address on suitable subjects given by Mr. Clark, Exeter, and Rev. Messrs. Musgrave and Soltan. Altogether the convention promises to be one of the best yet held.

KNOX CHURCH CONCERT.

There was a large attendance at the organ recital and concert held in Knox church on Thursday evening last week. The programme was an attractive one, and expectations were high as to the treat in store for lovers of harmony. Nor was there disappointment. The affair, as a whole, was a grand success. In addition to the excellent pipe organ, a piano had been procured for accompaniment to the vocalists, and nothing was left undone to render the singers every assistance in their solos.

The concert was opened by the chorus, "Hark! the Song," by the choir, which was creditably rendered. Mr. Foot then gave the fantasia on the organ, which was well received. Miss Wynn sang with much sweetness and expression "Beaune the Maid of Dundee." When Mr. C. Kelly, the Canadian basso, appeared, he was warmly received, and when he had concluded his song, "Committed to the Deep," the burst of applause was loud and hearty. He favored the audience with an encore, which was much appreciated. Miss Campbell followed in a duet, "See the Pale Moon," which found many admirers. Miss Smeeth's simple little song, "Angels' Whispers," was given in a modest yet pleasing manner. Mr. Kelly's re-appearance, to sing "Not Ashamed of Christ," was the signal for another hearty welcome. His rendition of this grand hymn was a sermon, and added to his popularity as a vocalist. Miss Lizzie Dickson made her debut as an organist in a nicely rendered march, and the first part closed with a quartet, "Hear our Prayer," by Messrs. Kay and Muldron, and Messrs. Foote and Robertson. The second part was opened by Mr. Kelly, in his celebrated solo, "Alone in the Desert." Kelly appears to have made this song his own. He identifies himself with it, that the audience cannot rid themselves of the idea that a traveller dived of thirst is before them. The appeal for aid, the fluctuating hope for succor, the hovering vultures, the tinkle of the bells of the approaching camp, all present themselves to the mind of the audience as the powerful yet sweet tones of the dramatic singer fell on their ear, and as they watched the play of his features. The encore that followed was no ordinary one. It was an ovation. No vocalist could desire anything more hearty and spontaneous. He gave "Thinking" in the present style in a vocal solo, and Miss Hattie Price, organist of the church, and conductor of the concert, played "Inflammatus" in such a style as to bring out some of the capabilities of the instrument, and received loud applause. Mr. Foote sang "Abide with Me" to Torrington's air. Miss Campbell's singing of "Adore and be Still" showed cultivation, but her voice did not appear to be in as good condition as usual. The duet, "I Praise thee," was capably rendered by Miss Wynn and Mr. Kelly, considering the short time they had for practice together. They were loudly encored.

Miss Hattie Price's first appearance in her solo on the organ, "Officers in E.B.," was very creditable. Mr. A. B. Henderson was warmly received in "True to the Last." In response to an encore he gave "In a Hundred Fathoms Deep" in splendid style. Mr. Henderson is a warm favorite here as a vocalist. Mr. Kelly's last solo, "O, Holy Father," was grandly rendered, and called forth another song, "Every Ballet has its Billet," which he gave in a charming manner. The concert closed with a quartette by Messrs Campbell and Fish and Messrs. Brown and Henderson, followed by the National Anthem by the full voices. At the close Dr. Urs spoke highly of Miss Fish's efforts to make the concert a success, a sentiment which was endorsed by the vast audience.

OUR TOWN FATHERS.

Report of the Doings of the Last Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of Goderich town council was held on Friday evening last.

The following members were present:—The mayor in the chair, reeve Johnston, deputy-reeve Cameron, councillors, Murney, Culborne, Elliott, Lee, Bingham, Cayston, Campion, Butler, Nairn, Nicholson, Jordan.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were laid before the council:—From James Crawford re taxes on horses. Referred to finance committee.

From Mrs. Ellen Hilliard, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Jas. Brown, re remission of taxes. Laid over.

An application was received from Mrs. Buchanan for relief.

From John Russell, asking for an investigation into the Sherwood letters. Sent back to Mr. Russell, as the council has no power to deal with the matter.

ACCOUNTS.

A number of accounts were read and referred to finance committee.

REPORTS.

St. David's ward, for relief, \$12.15. St. Patrick's ward, for relief, \$12.00.

The finance committee recommended the payment of the following accounts: The Star, \$2.94; Mrs. John Mitchell, \$6.72; Joseph Wilson, \$1; John A. Naftel, \$7.58; Williams & Murry, \$34.32; Luke Ellard, \$2; E. Graham, \$2.05; George Grant, \$13; A. F. Elliott,

\$4.91; A. Kirkbride, \$7.85; Ruveiman Bros., \$2; N. W. Telegraph Co., \$3. The monthly statement of the treasurer was received.

The section's report showed that there had been interred during the past month, 7 adults, and 1 adult re-interred. The street inspector's report showed that \$159.36 had been expended since last meeting of council. A number of extra expenses had been incurred in connection with Platt's road, the bridge hill, the harbor hill, and other repairs.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From night watchman Yale, asking for three months leave of absence, on account of ill health, he to find a suitable substitute, subject to the approval of the council. Granted.

From Treasurer of Ontario, asking for payment of \$6.00 due on payment for bank exchange on municipal debentures. Ordered to be paid.

From the publishers of the Sanitary Journal, in reference to that publication. Moved by Jordan, seconded by Cameron, that one copy be procured. Carried.

A Musical Treat and a Financial Success.

From the Kay Electrical Co., Hamilton, giving the cost and plan of lighting the town by the electric light.

Moved by Johnston, seconded by Bingham, that the matter be referred to the public works committee, to enquire as to those who would take lights, and that the clerk correspond with other companies as to costs.

Moved by Johnston, seconded by Cameron, that this council do memorialize the Dominion Government, asking the erection of government buildings here, so that the annual petition be signed by the mayor and clerk, under the seal of the council, and forwarded to the minister of public works, and that a copy be also sent to Thos. Farrow, M. P., and M. C. Cameron, M. P., asking them to co-operate in the matter.

BY-LAW, NO. 9, 1884.

Fixing the places of holding nomination, and appointing officers. The nomination for mayor, reeve and deputy-revee will be held in the town hall. Nominations for councillors will be held as follows: St. David's ward, in Price's seed store; St. Patrick's, in council chamber; St. George's, in D. Gordon's shop; St. Andrew's, in John Brophy's shop. If a poll be demanded the election will be held by the following deputy-returning officers:—St. David's—No. 1, James Addison; No. 2, Ross Price; St. Patrick's—No. 3, Stephen Yates; No. 4, T. B. VanEvery; St. George's—No. 5, D. Gordon; St. Andrew's—No. 6, H. Hamilton; No. 7, John G. Stiven.

The by-law was read a first, second and third time and passed.

The Late Neil A. McGillivray.

Neil A. McGillivray, second son of Rev. Archibald McGillivray, who passed peacefully away in the freshness of manhood on the afternoon of Nov. 25th, was born in the township of Vaughan, county of York. His boyhood and early school days were spent in the township of Bruce, Bruce county, where at the early age of 16 he entered the teaching profession in which he labored till his death with but short intervals of cessation. When the fatal disease seized him he was engaged with excellent success in teaching in the model school, St. Thomas, and it is sad to record that at New Years he had purposed to resign his position, and study for his chosen life profession, but "He whose right it is to reign" decreed otherwise, had higher and loftier purposes for him, and so took him to himself. His life, though short, was not uneventful. His words and actions will agitate in never-ceasing ripples of good influence the hearts of two worlds at least: the world of little tender hearts, and the inner world—the family circle—where his almost faultless generous heartedness, his ever-ready ripples of self when the interest of others were involved, and his cheerful spirit, compelled all the rest, long before his death, to give him his due of being the noblest hearted member of the household. This fact although an imperishable memorial to his family, yet deepens the pangs of separation from such a noble spirit. But there is not "more night than day" in their period of sorrow for his life, and his last soul-resting words tinge the dark portals of death with a glow of heavenly light, and they can truthfully ask and say—

"Could we, we loved him once, Say could of him when further put away In earth's sepulchral clay When mute the lips which deprecate today? Not so! not then—least then! And death's full joy is given, Of him who sits and loves you up in heaven. Say not, we loved him once."

Say never, we loved one; God is too near above the grave beneath; And all our moments breathe Too quick in motion, and too death. For such a world. The eternities average Affections' light of love— There comes none that can justify that change Whatever comes—loved once!"

Meteorological Report.—Month of November, 1884.

It rained on 7 days; amount of rainfall 17.5 cubic inches, equal to 1 1/2 inches on the level.

It snowed on 11 days; amount of snowfall, 17 1/2 inches.

Greatest velocity of wind during 24 hours on the 5th wind, N. W. with snow flurries; 1140 miles, or 47 1/2 miles per hour.

Least velocity of wind during 24 hours on the 19th; wind east; weather cloudy; 96 miles, or four miles per hour.

No. of frosty nights, 15. No. of cloudy nights, 18. No. of rainy nights, 3. No. of clear nights, 2. No. of clear nights, 2. Prevailing winds, S. W. to W.

G.