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HURON SIGNAL.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3rd, 1888.

HON ALEX MACKENZIE entered upon his sixty-seventh year last Saturday. He was born on the 28th of January, 1822. His health is not of the most robust, but present indications point that he may be spared for years to the country for whose welfare he has worked so earnestly and so well.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the full address of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. A. M. Ross, at the Goderich farmers' institute meeting, held on Tuesday, Jan. 24th. The speech is replete with common sense and sound advice to the agricultural community, and were the suggestions thrown out taken to heart by many of our farmers, it would not be long before a marked improvement would be discernible in the condition of many agriculturalists who now find difficulty in making ends meet.

The Reform Administration in Ontario struck a popular chord when it decided upon establishing a farmer's department, with a Commissioner of Agriculture at the head. It is quite true that for years past, Provincial Treasurer Ross, aided by Deputy-Commissioner Blue, has succeeded in doing good work in the interest of the farmers of Ontario, but latterly the business of the department has assumed dimensions so large that it has been thought best to have a representative in the Cabinet who will be able to devote his entire time and attention to the duties of the office. Thus far the names of Messrs. Avey, Drury and Dryden have been mentioned favorably in connection with the new appointment.

There is a society of cranks in Ottawa known as the League of the Rose. It is unnecessary to state that it is largely composed of civil service officers of English proclivities, and imbued with a desire to exhibit their "loyalty," you know. The latest phase of lunacy on the part of this tuft-hunting brigade is the determination to prosecute all Canadian Irishmen who have been guilty of the heinous crime of subscribing to the Irish National Defence Fund. The League of the Rose, you know, has undertaken a very large contract, you know, and it is quite possible, you know, they will discover what a set of fools they are, you know, before they have succeeded in filling many of our jails, you know, with Canadian criminals of the class named, you know. We have no Tullamore jails here, you know, and the free air of Canada would be too strong for Balfour's lungs, you know.

Dunlop.

The sale of Dunlows on the farm of Mr. Thos. Anderson came off as advertised on the 26th Jan. The bad weather was somewhat against the attendance of buyers, but all the animals were disposed of.

Mr. Nichol, who has been laid up for some time, is we are pleased to state, able to resume work in his former situation at Manchester.

Port Albert.

Dr. J. R. Shannon will be at Delong's Hotel, Port Albert, on Wednesday of each week from 12 o'clock to 3 p.m. To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

Sir,—I accept Joseph Martin and partner's challenge to saw two cords of wood, one cord beech and one maple, 22 inches long, staks \$25 each side. And to give Joseph and his mate to understand I mean business, I have put up the \$25 in R. J. DeLong's hands as stakeholder. Sawing to be done not forty rods from the post office in Port Albert, on or before the 28th day of February, next. Each party to find their own timber. Martin to put up his stakes within three days from the date of the issue of this paper. Come, Joe; put up or dry up.
ANDREW McFILLER.
Port Albert, 31st Jan., 1888.

TOWN TOPICS.

"A child's amusements, taken notes, in a pleasant way."

Concord wanted in exchange for furniture—D. Gordon.

Large groups are specially at the photographic studio of George Stewart, corner of Hamilton and Square.

A Good Example.—The best New Year gift you can make is to give a Wet Pen. Apply to R. McMillan, agent Goderich.

Our First Exhibition.—The best visiting the whole house during the past week, making spring purchases, and consignments of goods are on the way to P. & A. Fiddlers.

Li-Quon Tea.—The ingredients for this delicious beverage can be obtained at the pharmacy of George Rhyms, where the best satisfaction can be given in drugs and fancy goods.

Call on Goods, the druggist, Albion Block, for everything in the line of drugs, patent medicines, chemicals and toilet articles. Special personal attention to prescriptions.

W. C. Gordon, Druggist, Albion Block.

The Huron and Bruce Loan and Investment Company.—Depositors in this company have been paying interest for their money, all being invested in mortgage on farm property. Depositors have a first lien in all the company's assets. Bank notes in town, from \$4 to \$5 per cent, according to amount and season of the year. Farmers having surplus means should call and see the manager.

FREE Tailoring.—Overwhelming stock of cheap goods always to be found at prices to match the goods you buy. No trash or shoddy goods, but good goods made to wear and give satisfaction to all buyers to call and inspect themselves of my assertions. R. MacCormack.

James Clark was in Toronto this week.

A. J. Moore, B. A., visited Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith are visiting in the States.

P. Holt's new house on North street is nearly finished.

F. W. Johnston was in the Queen City on Saturday.

Wm. Lasham, Jr., of Grand Forks, Dak., is home for a visit.

The first regular meeting of the school board next Monday evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the town council this (Friday) evening.

Mrs. E. C. Russell, of Waukegan, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Magnus Swanson.

The President of the West Huron Agricultural Society was in Toronto on Saturday.

William Marlin is making good progress with the large tag he is building for James Clark.

Rev. W. G. Hanna, of Tara, will occupy Knox church pulpit next Sabbath morning and evening.

Dudley Holmes passed his first intermediate law examination successfully at Toronto last week.

Rev. Mr. Scott, of Carleton Place, supplied Knox church pulpit during the past two Sabbaths.

Miss Wynn, who has for some time past been pursuing voice-culture in London, is in town on vacation.

The ice-harvest has commenced. The cones and floats will be in fine condition between the piers.

Geo. Rhyms has been confined to his house during the past week. We hope to see him around again soon.

The waterworks let having been surveyed, Peter McEwen has started the work connected with the contract.

The snow plow has been doing good service during the recent heavy snow fall, in keeping the streets passable.

It is understood that the Big Mill will start again next week. We hope to see a full complement of hands on in a short time.

Wm. Lasham, sr., of Saltford, we are sorry to learn has been on the sick list again. At latest accounts he is improving however.

The meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. will be held in the library of Knox church Feb. 9th at 7.30, all the members are requested to be present.

Rev. W. F. Campbell, of Duncannon, will conduct the quarterly services in North-street Methodist church next Sabbath, 6th inst.

Dr. McDemagh will be in Goderich for consultation on Saturday, the 4th of February, and afterwards on the first Saturday of every month.

A number of Masons left town for Clinton on Friday, to attend the funeral of the late Major Murray who was a prominent member of the fraternity.

Richard Baxter has completed an ice boat of considerable dimensions, and may expect to hear of some fast time being made on the surface of Lake Huron.

We regret to learn that the Right Rev. Father Brydger, of London, was stricken by a paralytic stroke on Wednesday last week, and faint hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Dr. M. Nicholson, the West street dentist, makes the preservation of the natural teeth a specialty. Gas administered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the painless extraction of teeth.

The Home Knowledge Association has been very successful in securing many of the best men in the town as members. It is a splendid chance of securing a good library at a very small cost.

D. M. Buchanan, recently of Goderich, but now of Toronto, has rented his farm on the 10th concession of Ashfield, containing 108 acres, to John Greedy, of Kintail, for \$300 a year.

Messrs. J. R. Miller and Ed. Duncan, both at one time residents of the circular town, have formed a partnership in the Queen City. We trust the new law firm may have a successful business career.

PATENT FLOUR.—The Big Mill is now turning out a very fine sample of patent flour which will gladden the heart of all breadmakers of this section. Its bread-making qualities are excellent, and it cannot fail to give satisfaction. We know whereof we speak, for a sample bag is at present doing good service in the culinary department of The Signal.

The magic lantern and concert in the Catholic church this (Friday) evening, Feb. 3rd, in connection with the hearty support of all, as it is in the midst of the Sabbath school. Admission only 10 cents, help them.

PROHIBITION LEAGUE.—A successful meeting of the Prohibition League was held last Tuesday evening. Four new members joined. A lecture and concert is announced for Feb. 14th, in the Temperance hall.

"AMUSEMENTS"—A lecture on "Amusements," by Rev. John Shaw, D.D., of Toronto, will be delivered in Victoria-st. church, on Friday evening next, Feb. 10. Lecture to commence at 8 p.m. sharp. Admission free. A silver collection will be taken up in aid of the Young People's association of Victoria-st. church.

Mr. Gray, of the Public Works Department, visited town a few days since, on business connected with the harbor improvements. While in town soundings were taken north, south and west of the north pier, with a view, it is understood, of finding out how far the north pier would need to be extended to be in water so deep that barges could not form to interfere with the entrance to our harbour.

At the regular meeting of the High School Literary Society, held last Friday evening, Messrs K. Aikenhead and J. Wilson were nominated for the office of treasurer, and Albert Strachan was elected by acclamation to the position of secretary. The following program was then presented: President's address, Jas. Wilson; recitation, Miss Ella Dickson; solo, S. P. Ellis, B.A.; recitation, Miss McCormack; questioner, H. I. Strang, B.A.; chorus by the members.

LECTURE AND CONCERT.—A concert will be given in the Grand Opera House, on Tuesday, Feb. 7th, under the management of Miss Cooke, Scholastic of St. Peter's R. C. church. On the same occasion a lecture, subject, "Christianity and Infidelity," will be delivered by Rev. A. McKee, B.D., L.S.T., of Bothwell. The rev. gentleman is looked upon as one of the promising lecturers of the day, and will no doubt be a great attraction to the reception he deserves. Doors open at 7.30, commence at 8 p.m. Tickets 25 cents.

Knox Church Band of Hope will meet on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at three o'clock, when the new officers will take their places. The names of those that were elected for the next three months are as follows: Miss Nellie McKenna, vice-president; Miss Alberta Evans, 2nd vice-president; Miss Jennie Manon, Secretary; Miss Meta Elliott, assistant Secretary; Master Peter McPhail, Finance Secretary; Master Freddie Bisset, Marshal; Miss Mabel McKnight, assistant Marshal.

At a meeting of the Gun Club held on Tuesday, the following officers were elected: President, E. R. Watson; vice-pres., Jas. Niabert; sec.-treas., R. P. Wilkinson. F. J. T. Nafel, W. Elford and S. J. Reid, together with officers elect, form the executive committee.

Wm. Roton was unanimously elected club inspector. The Gun Club is a live institution, and without doubt the most thrifty organization in town, and are prepared to meet any club in the county at any time, and with any number (not exceeding sixteen), at a flying manometer.

We would like to hear from some of our neighboring clubs. The club will hold the annual match this week, weather permitting.

THE PIOTTS SISTERS.—Don't forget the entertainment to be given in Victoria-st. church by the three Piotts sisters, of Detroit, next Tuesday evening. The press and clergy of Canada and the States speak in the highest terms of praise regarding these little orphans.

The Rev. A. H. Martin, of Oshawa, writes these words, after hearing them three times in his church—"They give the entire concert consisting of music, vocal and instrumental, and recitations in so acceptable a manner that every place where they are known the largest church or hall is filled." Those who wish good seats had better go early. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., concert at 8 sharp. For particulars see program.

HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS.—Following are some interesting statistics connected with the Goderich High School. Number on register for year 1887, 219; for 1886, 167; average attendance, 1st half of 1887, 128; for 1886, 101; average attendance, 2nd half of 1887, 117; for 1886, 93; number on register for January, 1888, 187; for January, 1887, 161; average attendance, 1st half of 1888, 126; for January, 1887, 125; of the 148, there are from town, 88; from rest of county, 55; from other counties, 5. Passed examinations in 1887—senior matriculation, Queen's University, 1; Junior Matriculation, Toronto University, 2; first-class certificate, 10; second-class certificate, 10; third-class certificate, 10. Raised and expended for apparatus, books, etc., for the school by the Literary Society, \$114. Collected in fees for this half year, \$428.50. Preparing for examination—Senior matriculation, Toronto University, 2; junior matriculation, Toronto University, 1; first-class certificate, 1; second-class certificate, 10; third-class certificate, 45; Law Society, 2.

THEY DIDN'T SERVE THE PAPERS.—Monday evening last county high constable Mackay, accompanied by constables Yule and McIvor, of Goderich, proceeded to Bayfield with warrants for the arrest of two residents of that burg, named Murray and Irwin, who were charged with having obstructed some Scott Act constables in the discharge of their duty. Word was sent to Bayfield by telegraph of the contemplated desertion of the law-abiding community by the high constable, and when he and his companions arrived there, they found that Misses Murray and Irwin had taken leg bail and were not to be found. More than that, they found that an organized gang of young rascals had gathered to hoot and jeer at them in their duty, and were unable to obtain any information of the whereabouts of the birds of passage for whom they had driven to Bayfield. About 10.30 the constables started for home, their departure being accompanied by hootings, howlings, and the discharge of pistols in the air by the Bayfield mob.

High School Board.

The annual meeting of the High School Board was held in the Secretary's office on Wednesday afternoon last. The following members present: Judge Doyle, Dr. McLean and Taylor, and Messrs. Kay, Jordan and Williams. Mr. Kay was re-elected chairman for the current year, and Mr. Adamson secretary-treasurer.

The financial statement of receipts and disbursements for the year was submitted, showing the following totals:

RECEIPTS IN 1887.	
Balance on hand from 1886	\$ 422.76
Government grant for last half of 1886	400.00
Government grant for first half of 1887	473.18
Municipal grant, county	933.27
Municipal grant, town	2000.00
Fees from professional examinations	70.00
Metereological grant	180.00
Total receipts	\$4539.30

PAYMENTS IN 1887.	
Masters' salaries	\$3530.00
Repairs, furniture, &c.	147.78
Stationary, fuel and other expenses	292.87
Total expenditures	\$3970.65
Balance to next year	\$568.65

The report having been audited, was on motion adopted.

Dr. McLean, and Messrs. Jordan and Williams, were appointed as the committee of management.

An application from Mr. Heale, caretaker of the school, for an increase of salary, was read, an addition of \$10 was made, with a further sum of \$10 to be paid as a bonus if the duties are performed to the satisfaction of the headmaster.

Mr. Strang reported that \$428 had been collected as fees for the present term, and that he had one application for exemption from payment of the fee.

The secretary was instructed to request the Town Council to make provision for allowing the children of indigent parents to attend the school without payment of the fee.

The board then adjourned.

Nile Sabbath School Convention.

The annual S.S. Convention of the Nile and Duncannon circuit met at the Nile on the morning of Jan. 23rd, a goodly number being present. The convention opened with singing, followed by prayers from Messrs. John Echlin and John Tiffin.

Reports from Nile and Duncannon S. Schools, giving a satisfactory showing in attendance, finances, and spiritual results were presented.

The reports were followed by a paper on "S. S. Discipline," by Jos. Hetherington. After dwelling on the necessity of discipline in order to efficient teaching, the paper pointed out the parents, teachers and S. S. superintendents as those who must assist in this work.

The self-control of those who try to maintain order was pointed out as essential in ruling children, and the gentle method of ruling by love was insisted upon.

The paper was well prepared, and John McLean and Wm. Bailie, who discussed the subject, coincided with the views of the speaker.

Short and kind addresses of welcome to visiting scholars, were given by Messrs. John Pentland and Wm. Bailie. W. Southern, 2nd deputy, H. Chambers and J. McKenzie, conciliators; each member took the oath of office, after which the minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

The following accounts were paid: W. Pellow, for inspecting a gravestone, \$1.00; J. Kilpatrick, \$2.00; pay for work on Richardson's hill; J. Harrie, lumber 98c; W. Lane, filling and delivering ballot boxes \$8; R. McIntosh, inspecting work on 12; \$5; J. McGlen, work on Taylor's hill, \$161; J. Hawkins, clerk, \$120; treasurer, \$80; assessor, \$80; labor done \$4.50; R. Harrison, postage, stationery and extra work in making out minutes, returns to government, for 1887, \$10; K. McLean, balance on current, \$13. A deputation of gentlemen waited on the council, asking that a grant be made for the relief of the family of John McLean, as their house was destroyed by fire, and the family is destitute of both food and clothing. Moved by J. McKenzie and the family by H. Chambers, that the council do hereby grant the sum of \$50 to be expended in buying material for building a house for the family of John McLean. The salaries of township officers for the year 1888: Clerk, \$120; treasurer, \$80; assessor, \$80; auditors, each \$10; deputy returning officers, each \$6. W. Kilpatrick was appointed assessor, M. J. McKay, collector, K. A. Carrick and Morgan Dalton, auditors. The council will meet again on 16th February next.

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Ashfield.

Severe colds seem to be very prevalent at present in vicinity.

Wilson's saw mill yard is getting pretty well filled with saw logs.

Rev. F. E. Nugent, Lucknow, preaching in Zion church last Sabbath in the interests of missions.

Jas Andrew, 12th con., has been very ill with a sore back for some time, but we are glad to hear of his recovery.

Arrangements are being made to obtain a bell for school No. 5, which will be quite a boon to the section.

The late wind storms have drifted the sidewalks very badly, so that they have made travel on those roads almost impracticable.

Council met at council room, J. Griffin, reeve; H. Girvin, 1st deputy; W. Southern, 2nd deputy; H. Chambers and J. McKenzie, conciliators; each member took the oath of office, after which the minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

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