

Cards.

DR. P. A. McDOUGALL, Can be consulted at all hours, at Mr. LeTere's Boarding House, formerly the British Hotel, Goderich, April 29th, 1852.

IRA LEWIS, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, &c. West-street, Goderich, June 1848.

DANIEL GORDON, CABINET MAKER, Three doors East of the Canada Company's office, West-street, Goderich, August 27th, 1849.

DANIEL HOME LIZARD, ATTORNEY AT LAW, and Conveyancer, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. has his office at formerly in Stratford, Stratford, 2nd Jan. 1850.

J. DENISON, CIVIL ENGINEER, &c. GODERICH, C. W. Aug. 25th, 1852.

JOHN J. E. LINTON, NOTARY PUBLIC, Commissioner Q. B. and Conveyancer, Stratford.

WILLIAM REED, HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER, &c. Light-house-street, Goderich, October 28th, 1849.

HURON HOTEL, BY JAMES GENTLES, Goderich.—Attentive Hostler, &c. Goderich, Sept. 12, 1850.

STRACHAN AND BROTHER, Barrister and Attornies at Law, &c. Goderich, C. W.

JOHN STRACHAN Barrister and Attorney at Law, Notary Public and Conveyancer.

ALEXANDER WOOD STRACHAN, Attorney at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, Goderich, 17th November, 1851.

WILLIAM HODGINS, ARCHITECT & CIVIL ENGINEER, Office 27, Dundas Street, LONDON, C. W. August 16th, 1852.

HORACE HORTON, (Market square, Goderich), AGENT for the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Office, Toronto.—Also Agent for the St. Lawrence County Mutual, Ogdensburg, New York, Local Agent for Samuel Moulton's Old Rochester Nursery. July 1850.

A. NASMYTH, FASHIONABLE TAILOR, on door West of W. E. Grace's Store, West Street, Goderich, Feb. 19, 1852.

THOMAS NICHOLLS, BROKER and GENERAL AGENT, Agent for Ontario Marine & Fire Insurance Co.

NOTARY PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND CONVEYANCER, COMMISSIONER IN Q. B. &c. INSURANCE effected on Houses, Shipwrecks and Goods. All kinds of Deeds correctly drawn, and Books and Accounts audited, &c. Office over the Treasury, Goderich, July 23, 1852.

VICTORIA HOTEL, WEST STREET, GODERICH, (Near the Market Square.) BY MESSRS. JOHN & ROBT. DONOHUE, GOOD Accommodations for Travellers, and an attentive Hostler at all times, to take charge of Teams. Goderich, Dec. 6, 1850.

WASHINGTON Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., CAPITAL \$1,000,000. EZRA HOPKINS, Hamilton, Agent for the Counties of Waterloo and Huron, August 27, 1850.

MR. JOHN MACARA, BARRISTER, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Office: Ontario Buildings, King-st. opposite the Gore Bank and the Bank of British North-American Merchants, 4-10

MR. T. N. MOLESWORTH, CIVIL ENGINEER and Provincial Land Surveyor, Goderich, April 30, 1851.

DR. HYNDMAN, QUICK'S TAVERN, London Road, May 1851.

JAMES WOODS, AUCTIONEER, is prepared to attend Public Sales in any part of the United Counties, on moderate terms. Stratford, May 1850.

PETER BUCHANAN, TAILOR. NEXT door to H. B. O'Connor's Store, West Street, Goderich. Clothes made and repaired, and cutting done on the shortest notice, and most liberal terms. December 3rd, 1851.

J. PRINTING of every description, neatly and promptly executed, this office, December 20.

Huron



Signal

THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER.

TWELVE AND SIX PENCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

VOLUME V. GODERICH, COUNTY OF HURON, (C. W.) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1852. NUMBER XLV.

MINUTES

Of the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, of the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, at the Special and General Sessions.

Continued from our last.

After it safe until a new Bridge can be erected, or if repair is deemed impracticable that a new Bridge be erected—the above was referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

53 Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that a Committee of five on Schools be appointed, and that it be an instruction to said Committee to take into consideration the principle of appropriation of School moneys to Union School Sections according to the present School Law, and any other defects of the same—carried. On a ballot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Hays, Holmes, Smith, Hill and Rastall.

54 Moved by Mr. Pentland, seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the deed of the site of the School House No. 1 Wawanosh now in the hands of the County Council be delivered to the Trustees of said School section—carried.

55 Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that the salary of Joseph G. Kirk, County Surveyor, be settled by the Council at its present session. The above was referred to the Finance Committee.

56 Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Dr. Cole, that the Warden and Provincial Wardens of Perth, along with Mr. Wallace be a Committee to co-operate and correspond with the Directors of the Buffalo, Brantford and Goderich Railway, to advise with them on any steps to be taken for forwarding the same, and that the County Clerk communicate with the directors informing them of this Resolution—carried.

The Council adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, } 22nd October, 1852.

The Council met. PRESENT: WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., Warden, in the Chair. Messrs. MITCHELL, Messrs. WALLACE, HILL, RASTALL, HAMILTON, COBBETT, PENTLAND, SMITH, (Downie), HAYS, COLE, GIBBINGS, LAMB, MILLER, MCGOY, HAYS, ADAIR, HOLMES, DOIG.

The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved. The three following documents were received and referred to the Finance Committee.

57 Account of James Hand for building Bridge over the Mill Creek, London Road.

58 Account of Railroad Committee.

59 Letter from the County Treasurer.

The Warden produced the Debentures for £30,000 that were issued for raising money to construct Gravel Roads, which were openly destroyed by being burned.

60 Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gourlay, that the Reeve of the Township of Fullerton be authorized to expend the sudden breach fund for the Township of Logan, as the Reeve of that Township is at present absent from home—carried.

61 Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted for the building of a Bridge across the Black Creek on the Township between Fullerton and Downie, the same to be expended by the Reeve of Downie. The above was referred to the Finance Committee.

62 Report of the Road and Bridge Committee was received and referred to a Committee of the whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Hamilton to the chair. On the Report being read, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 22 were adopted.

63. On No. 50 being read, it was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hays, that the County Surveyor be authorized to let the contract for the Bridge over the Big Sable without requiring any security from the Reeves for the making up of any deficiency—carried.

Nos. 51 and 54 were adopted.

The Committee rose and the Warden resumed the chair, when the Report was again submitted and adopted.

64 Moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Lamb, that a Committee of five be appointed to examine the tenders for the Maitland Bridge and to report thereon—carried. On a ballot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Wallace, Rastall, Smith, Holmes and Hays.

65 Letter referred to the last named Committee.

66 Report of the Committee appointed to report on the separation of the County of Perth, from the Counties of Huron and Bruce was received, when the Councilors belonging to the County of Perth withdrew from the Council Board. The Report was read, and the Council went into Committee of the whole. Mr. Lamb in the chair.

On the Report being read Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (being the whole report) were adopted.

The Provisional Warden for the County of Perth approved of and signed the above report on behalf of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of Perth when the member of Council belonging to the said County resumed their seats at the Board.

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The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved. 67. The Report of the Committee appointed to report on the Maitland Bridge was received and referred to a Committee of the whole. Mr. Mitchell was nominated to take the chair.

68 On the Report being read, it was moved by Dr. Chalk, seconded by Mr. Hill, that after the words "at or near the old site" the words "to be determined upon by the County Surveyor" be inserted—carried. The report was otherwise continued.

The Committee rose and the Warden resumed the chair, when the Report was again submitted and confirmed.

69 Report of the Committee appointed to report on the Common School Law, was received, read and referred to a Committee of the whole. Mr. Smith in the chair. On the Report being read, it was confirmed, when the Committee rose and the Warden resumed the chair.

70 On the Report being again received and submitted, it was moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. McGoy, that the Government and other School appointments be paid accord-

ing to the ratio of children residing in each School Section, and not according to the average attendance of pupils. The above was lost by a majority of 13. The Report was confirmed.

71 Report of the Committee on Finance was received and read, when the Council went into Committee of the whole. Mr. Hays in the chair.

On the Report being read, No. 18 was adopted.

72 On No. 25 being read, it was moved by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Adair, that the Council do grant only fifteen pounds instead of twenty pounds for drawing the Plan of the Maitland Suspension Bridge—carried by a majority of three.

The names being called for, there voted for the motion Messrs. Hamilton, Smith (Downie), Mitchell, Lamb, Gourlay, Miller, Wallace, Ryan, Corbett, Pentland, Davidson, Chalk, and Holmes—13. Nays Messrs. Hill, Hamilton, Smith, Mitchell, Gourlay, Adair and McGoy—7. The Report was confirmed by a majority of 15.

Report of Messrs. Hill, Ryan, Cole, Gibbings, Wallace, Pentland, Davidson and Chalk—8. Nos. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 were adopted.

73 On No. 43 being read, it was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the sum of £250 be appropriated for the erection of a Draw Bridge across the River Maitland at the Harbour to be applied to assist in the erection of the Wire Suspension Bridge to be built, and that the remainder be struck out.

74 Moved in amendment by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Dr. Chalk, that this section of the Report be confirmed. On the year and says being taken on the amendment, there voted yeas Messrs. Rastall, Cole, Lamb, Gibbings, Miller, Walker, Wallace, Ryan, Corbett, Pentland, Davidson, Chalk, and Holmes—13. Nays Messrs. Hill, Hamilton, Smith, Mitchell, Gourlay, Adair and McGoy—7. The Report was confirmed by a majority of 15.

Nos. 46 and 47 were adopted, when the Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Warden resumed the chair, when the Council adjourned for one hour.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, } 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment, the same parties present as in the forenoon, excepting the Warden, in the absence of the Warden Dr. Cole was appointed chairman.

75 Moved by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the Council go into Committee of whole on Finance and that Mr. Hays resume the chair—carried.

The Council in Committee of the whole on the Finance Committee's Report. Mr. Hays in the chair.

76 On No. 55 being read, it was moved in amendment by Dr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the Surveyor's Salary be £120 for the year—carried.

Nos. 57 and 61 were adopted.

77 On No. 58 being read, it was moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Miller, that the amount of the Railroad Committee's account be allowed. On the year and says being taken on the above motion, there voted yeas Messrs. Miller, Wallace, Davidson—3. Nays Messrs. Hamilton, Mitchell, Cole, Corbett, Lamb, Gourlay, Gibbings, Ryan, Adair, McGoy and Holmes—11. The Report was confirmed by a majority of eight.

The first paragraph of No. 59 was adopted, on the last part being read, it was moved by Dr. Chalk, seconded by Mr. Wallace, "that after the words 'ten years' the words 'by a tax to be levied on all the rateable property in the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce' be inserted—carried.

The Committee rose and the Warden—who in the meantime had entered the room—resumed the chair, when the report was again received, and on being put for final adoption, it was

79 Moved by Dr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Pentland, that whereas the sum of £1500 unappropriated Debentures raised for the liquidation of the debts of the United Counties, cannot be legally appropriated to any other purpose, that the said Debentures be sold and the amount applied to the liquidation of said debts, and that a sum equal in amount to that produced by the sale of said debentures, be supplied from the arrears of taxes now due said United Counties, towards building the Bridge over the River Maitland—carried. The Report was then confirmed.

80 Moved by Dr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that a Toll-gate be placed on the Maitland Bridge, and tolls collected thereat at the rate of 1d for each foot passenger, 2d for each horse and rider, 2d for single horse and vehicle, 2d for two horses and vehicle, oxen in the yoke to be charged 3d—whenever it is completed—and the tolls received to be appropriated to the several townships in proportion to the amount they paid towards it, after necessary expenses are deducted. On the year and says being taken on the motion, it was lost by a majority of three.

81 Letter of Mr. Galt, addressed to the Warden, ordered to lie over till next session.

82 Moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Warden sign a Debiture in favor of Mr. Gentles for two pounds for room rent—carried. There being nothing more before the Council, it adjourned till called together by the Warden.

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D. H. RITCHIE, County Clerk, }

APPENDIX

REPORT

Of the Committee appointed to report on the Documents submitted connected with Railroads.

Members.—Messrs. Smith, Mitchell, Wallace, Lamb, Holmes, Hamilton and Cole.—John Holmes, Esq., in the Chair.

YOUR COMMITTEE having received and examined the several documents submitted, and likewise obtained all the information within our reach, beg to report.

Address of John W. Gaynes, Solicitor to the Toronto and Quebec Railroad Company.

As the Council have already given preference to the Buffalo and Brantford line, and have passed a By-Law for the purpose of taking stock in the said Buffalo and Brantford line, and as we consider that these Counties are not in a position to take stock in both lines, and also as we think that Mr. Gaynes has failed to substantiate any superior claims that the said Toronto and Guelph line has over the other, we cannot recommend the adoption of the proposition submitted by the Solicitor of the Toronto and Guelph Railroad Company.

Your Committee would recommend that the By-Law for raising a Loan of £125,000 for the purpose of taking stock in the Brantford and Buffalo Railroad, be passed.

Your committee having examined the Bill for establishing a Municipal Loan Fund, are convinced that should such become law, this Municipality will be placed in a more favorable position as regards the amount of tax requiring to be raised for the payment of interest and the formation of a Sinking fund.—We would therefore recommend that should said bill become law, that the Warden take such steps as will enable the Municipality to take advantage of its provisions, either by calling a meeting of the Council to pass a By-Law for that purpose or in such other way as may be required.

All which is respectfully submitted. JOHN HOLMES, Chairman. Council Room, October 20th, 1852.

Poetry.

THE SWELL ABOUT TOWN.

AIR.—'THE JOLLY YOUNG WATERMAN.'

One night, when the moonlight so soft and so tender

Was beaming o'er mountain, o'er strand, and o'er dell,

A mother was warming her shins at the fire,

When Polly ran off with 'a desperate air'.

And Polly, like a hawk, in the dark, on the ocean,

'Mined stays,' and was wreck'd on 'the cold filmy rock.'

'Mangled the childer at home was the deuce's consolation,

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Oh! ladies, beware of 'the swell of the water,'

They are very much given to drench or to drown;

But remember, ye mothers, with growing-up daughters,

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Must 'keep a look out' at the helm for a squall,

And that daughters, though ye may be cunning

Will venture near swells, and are likely to fall;

The current of life may from fifteen to twenty

Flow smoothly enough with the dear little helms,

But after that age, 'twill be told you by plenty,

'They frequently followed by 'desperate swells.'

Literature.

THE SOLITARY FRIEND.

BY SYLVANUS CORB, JR.

I think it is now about twelve years—it may be thirteen—since the Jacob Morgan, a ship of seven hundred tons burden, sailed from Brunswick, Georgia, bound for the East Indies. She was a noble ship, but if we believe the assertion of one who sailed in her, she was built for misfortune. She was launched from her stocks at mid-day but yet the moon was seen in the heavens, when she gave her first impress to the salt water. Several years subsequent to the period when our story opens she was driven upon one of the Martyr's Reefs, and her ill fated timbers were strewn upon the sands of Florida.

At the time of which we write the Jacob Morgan was commanded by Capt. Ben Wallack, a powerful broad chested man, but as kind and considerate as he was fearless and strong. Seamen were scarce, and the ship's crew were obtained with great difficulty, and under the circumstances men had been hired who would otherwise have been perpetually rejected. The ship had been six days out when the first mate, Mr. Gwynn, from Providence, R. I., was suddenly taken sick, and on the next day his lifeless clay was consigned to the deep grave of the blue Atlantic.

This untimely event left Captain Wallack in a critical situation. Nat Faulkner, his second mate, was by no means qualified for the office, nor would he have taken the responsibility had the Captain desired it: There was but one man in the ship who possessed sufficient knowledge of seamanship for the mate's berth, and though Wallack found that to him he must give the office, yet he did so with many misgivings. This man's name was Tom Roland, haughty and overbearing in his disposition, seeming by his general conduct to have been in the habit of commanding, rather than obeying, on shipboard, and who had already begun to exercise a sort of control over the crew. But the case was one of necessity, and Tom Roland was installed into the office of first mate; and quartered in the cabin.

For several weeks things passed on extremely well. Roland proved to be a thorough seaman, a finished seaman, and a ready and efficient officer; and Captain Wallack began to think that his misgivings were entirely groundless. Over the crew, Roland had a most thorough control, and even those men who had evinced towards the captain marks of insubordination, moved without a murmur at the slightest beck of the mate.

One morning when Captain Wallack and his second mate had the morning watch, they both kept the deck while Roland had finished his breakfast, and when the latter took his watch below. When they reached the cabin, Mr. Russell the supercargo, was just rising from the table, and taking a book from the head of his berth, sat down upon a stool at the foot of the ladder and commenced reading. He possessed a few observations upon the weather, as the captain and his second mate took their seats at the table, and then went on with his reading.—Some five minutes had passed, when Wal-

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