

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MY IMMENSE STOCK OF DRY GOODS IS NOW Open for Inspection.

On account of being delayed in opening until the season is so far advanced...

WHOLESALE COST.

Call and judge for yourselves.

G. A. SMITH, McQUILLAN'S BLOCK, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Business Cards.

New Advertisements.

WANTED.—By a married couple, one or two rooms, furnished or unfurnished...

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE, OR TO RENT, situated on Ontario Street...

HOT AIR FURNACE.—For sale, a fine wood furnace, in good order...

BONDSMEN WANTED.—Two or three respectable young men can be accommodated with comfortable lodgings...

HOUSE TO LET.—On the corner of Brandon Road and Mitchell Street...

MONEY TO LOAN.—The undersigned has over \$50,000 to lend on good farm security...

ANDERSON'S DOMINION SALOON.

The undersigned begs to inform the public that he has leased the above Saloon...

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.—Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between John W. Edgar and Thomas H. Hill...

Witness: GEO. WORTS, Dated at Hillsburg, this 1st day of December, A.D. 1874.

CRAWFORD'S Jewellery Stock is SELLING OFF QUICK.

Parties wishing Watches, Clocks, or Jewellery, will save money by calling at his Store, next the Post Office.

BOOKBINDING.—MERCHANTS and others requiring first-class LEDGER BOOKS, DAY BOOKS, of any size, need not send away to get them.

MAGAZINES and all kinds of books bound in plain and fancy styles, at CHAPMAN'S BINDERY.

Another New Livery Stable. JOHN & R. EWING

Begin to notify the public of Guelph that they have opened a new Livery Stable in Thorpe's Old Stand, and have furnished it with first-class Stock of Horses and Carriages...

NEAREST CRESCENT GROCERY.

W. Suddaby begs to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has commenced business in the store lately occupied by R. S. King...

Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVEG. DEC. 5, 1874.

Town and County News

Get this week has a cartoon on the Model Farm. Copies for sale at Anderson's and Day's Bookstores.

The School Museum in Elora has lately had a number of valuable specimens added to it.

The Milton News.—We have received the first copy of this paper, which has just been started in the County Town of Milton.

CANADIAN ALMANAC.—Mr. John Anderson has sent us a copy of this almanac for 1875.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The Rev. Mr. Dewar, editor of the Christian Guardian will (D.V.) preach the anniversary sermons in the Wesleyan Church in this town, on Sabbath, the 14th inst.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—We have been requested to state for the benefit of the numerous strangers who attend the services in this church...

FAT CATTLE SHOW.—The Christmas Fat Cattle Show, under the auspices of the Centre Riding of Wellington Agricultural Society will be held at Elora, on Wednesday, the 9th inst.

LITERARY CLASS.—The Y. M. C. A. Literary Class met last night, and the subject debated was: "Resolved that the Miser is Less advantageous to Society than the Profligate."

SOUTH WARD TICKET.—The Herald announces that Messrs. Heffernan, Hall and Petrie will be candidates for the South Ward at the approaching municipal election.

Pigeon Shooting Match. A general pigeon shooting match came off at J. Langford's Hotel, Cranston-road, on Thursday, the 3rd inst.

ITALIAN SETTLERS.—A gang of Italians arrived at Alton recently by the T. G. & B. Railway, en route for one of the heavy cuttings on the C.V. Railway at Cataract where they are comfortably located for the winter, and seem well satisfied with the prospects.

On Wednesday a team belonging to Mr. Abel Moore, Pilkington, ran away in Elora, and in the race knocked Mr. Jas. Henderson's verandah down.

DEER.—The Reporter states that a herd of deer numbering half a dozen have for some time past been frequenting the swamps in the neighborhood of Kirkwall, in the Township of Beverly.

Excitement in Berlin. LONDON, Dec. 5.—Twenty rifles and bayonets with ammunition have been seized in Cork, and one man has been arrested.

Excitement in Berlin. LONDON, Dec. 5.—The general impression is that the message of President MacMahon has made no change in the political situation.

Excitement in Berlin. LONDON, Dec. 5.—It is reported that the Deputies of Alsace and Lorraine were so incensed at Bischoff's speech of the 30th ult., that they threatened to withdraw from the Reichstag and quit Berlin.

Excitement in Berlin. LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Daily News' correspondent in Berlin, telegraphs that the debate in the Reichstag continued until a late hour, amid scenes of great excitement.

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BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

Military Arms Seized in Cork.

Small Pox.

President McMahon's Message.

Dr Livingstone's Journals Safe.

The Governor of Fiji Islands.

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Wellington County Council.

Dec. 4th.

The Council met at 10 a.m. The Warden in the chair. Thirty-seven members present.

The Warden read accounts from the Mercury, Herald and Orangeville Advertiser offices, also one from the County Clerk for stationary, &c.; W. Sunley, for staves, &c. These were referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication from A. D. Fordyce was referred to the Committee on Education.

Moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the County Road Committee consider the propriety of letting the contract of grading and leveling that portion of the county road known as the Reading and Orangeville road, in order that the contractor may get the timber for culverts and bridges.

Reports were presented from various Road Committees and referred to their appropriate Committees.

Moved by Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. Darby, that this Council are of opinion that all small shows, circus riding, shooting alleys, and all criers and vendors of small wares, are an injury to the Central Exhibition, and ought not to be allowed on the ground during the time of the show, and that the clerk forward a certified copy of the resolution to the Directors.

A Yes and Nay vote having been taken on this motion, it was lost—16 voting Yes and 21 Nay.

Moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Mair, that the Warden obtain the opinion of the Inspector over the Irvine Bridge, and if the matter of the Irvine Bridge could not be brought before the Council, so as to obtain their decision without entering into a suit at law.

The Council adjourned till three o'clock p.m.

Dec. 4th. Moved by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that a note of thanks be sent to the Rev. Mr. Leslie, for his valuable services as a member of the Council, and that the Rev. Mr. Leslie be invited to give the invocation at the next meeting of the Council.

A report from Mr. Duffield in reference to certain portions of road in Ermosa, was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

A communication from the Clerk of the Peace in reference to rent, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Warden read the opinion of the County Solicitor on the Irvine Bridge question. He gave as his opinion that this matter could not be brought before the Judges except as an ordinary suit.

An opinion in reference to the extension of the Arthur Corporation limits, was also read. His opinion is that a By-law cannot be brought in to extend the limits of said corporation.

Moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. McGowan, that in future all opinions given by the solicitor in reference to County matters, be engrossed upon the minutes.—Carried.

Mr. Raymond presented the report of the Committee on Education. It recommended the payment of several accounts, amounting to \$61.70. The report was on motion adopted.

Moved by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Hanson, that the Council memorialize the Lieutenant Governor in Council in reference to the necessity of aid being granted by the Ontario Government to the settlers in different parts of this County who have suffered so severely by the extensive bush fire.

Mr. Leslie read the report of the Committee on County Roads. It recommended the payment of the excess expenditure over appropriations to be deducted from next year's account. It also recommended that any unexpended balance of \$50 per mile on any of the County roads should remain at the credit of the road until next season.

The Committee found that some of the Commissioners were under the impression that culverts were not to be included in the sum per mile, but the Committee would not recommend any alteration of the former arrangement of this Council in which it was distinctly understood that culverts were to be included in the expenditure of \$50 per mile. It recommended that the Commissioners of the Reading and Orangeville road be empowered to let out the several contracts on that road. It also recommended the payment of Mr. Cooper's account amounting to \$15.32.

A detailed tabular statement of the expenditure on different roads accompanied the report.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Darby presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges. They reported that they had examined the reports referred to them, together with the vouchers connected therewith, and had found them correct.

The report was, on motion, adopted.

The Warden read an account from the County Solicitor, amounting to \$293.51. Referred to Finance Committee.

A By-law to confirm a By-law of the Township of Peel, was read a first and second time.

The Council then adjourned till tomorrow at 9 a.m.

Dec. 3th. The Council met at 9 a.m. The Warden in the chair.

On motion of Mr. McKim, seconded by Mr. McManus, the By-law to confirm By-law No. 35 of the Township of Peel, was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Rea, that the thanks of this Council be tendered to the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of Guelph for their kindness in granting the use of their Council Chamber to the Council during the present session.—Carried.

Mr. Mair read a second report of the Standing Committee on Boundary Line Bridges. They reported that they had expended \$5,095.71.

This report was, on motion, adopted.

Mr. Leslie presented the report of the Standing Committee on Finance. They recommended the payment of several accounts. With reference to the communication of the Clerk of the Peace, the Committee saw no ground for deviating from the report made by the County Property Committee in June last. They recommended that Daniel Hurley be sent and kept at the Blind Asylum, Brantford, at the expense of this County until the 1st of May next.

This report was, on motion, adopted. Mr. Howard read the report of the County Property Committee. They reported that they had made the necessary repairs and changes on the Court House and Jail, in accordance with instructions given them. They recommended the payment of several accounts. The report was adopted.

On motion made and seconded, the Warden left the chair, and Mr. Howard took the same.

Moved by Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. Leslie, that the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to the Warden for the courtesy and impartiality with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Council during the present year.—Carried.

The Warden resumed the chair, and thanked the Council.

The Council then rose.

Our schools.

Dear Sir,—In a former communication I deprecated the appointment of a Principal over our High and Common Schools, and hinted that while such an appointment would in certain circumstances be appropriate as regards our Common Schools, it would be not only undesirable, but absolutely illegal as regards our High School. The Principal has been appointed, but my opinion remains unchanged, and I still regard the appointment as not only illegal, but absurd. I believe that according to our present school law, no person but the Inspector appointed by the Government has any right to exercise any superintendence over the Teacher of a High School, and unless it is the intention of the School Board to make the recently appointed Principal Teacher of that School, an interference of his in the High School, will be contrary to law. And again, if he is made Principal of the High School, he will certainly have no time to devote any attention to the common schools.

In this connection I will briefly refer to a letter in your issue of Monday, of "Another Ratepayer," called forth, as he says, by my former letter. I was pleased to see his communication, as I believe, sir, that nothing will conduce more to the improvement of our School System than a free interchange of opinion regarding it in the public press. The writer agrees with me in my strictures on our school system as a whole, and takes exception only to my opinion as to the legality of appointing an Inspector over the Teacher of the High School—or rather perhaps, as to the necessity of such an appointment. Now, sir, if our High School is in such a state as your correspondent asserts, it is certainly time that a change for the better should be instituted, and if the fault lies with the present Head Master, no time should be lost in putting another in his place. As respects Mr. Lafferty, he is almost an entire stranger to me, and anything I say as regards him is simply in the interests of fair play. As I said in my previous letter, Mr. Lafferty came to us with the very best certificates as to his scholastic ability, and unless it can be shown that the alleged inefficiency of his school is caused by him, and not by the system or want of system, brought about by our School Board, I hold it to be most unfair to put an end to his connection with the school, especially as he has been so successful in his teaching. As was often the case, Professor McCandless, though he believed him to be a gentleman of high attainments, was lacking in administrative ability. The proper and only course open to the Government was to put an end to his connection with the institution. But how was he to be treated? It was quite true that he had thought it right to give him a gratuity amounting to half a year's salary, though he had chosen to follow the advice of the Provincial Secretary, a different view being successfully managed. As was often the case, Professor McCandless, though he believed him to be a gentleman of high attainments, was lacking in administrative ability. The proper and only course open to the Government was to put an end to his connection with the institution. But how was he to be treated? It was quite true that he had thought it right to give him a gratuity amounting to half a year's salary, though he had chosen to follow the advice of the Provincial Secretary, a different view being successfully managed. As was often the case, Professor McCandless, though he believed him to be a gentleman of high attainments, was lacking in administrative ability. The proper and only course open to the Government was to put an end to his connection with the institution. But how was he to be treated? It was quite true that he had thought it right to give him a gratuity amounting to half a year's salary, though he had chosen to follow the advice of the Provincial Secretary, a different view being successfully managed. As was often the case, Professor McCandless, though he believed him to be a gentleman of high attainments, was lacking in administrative ability. The proper and only course open to the Government was to put an end to his connection with the institution. But how was he to be treated? It was quite true that he had thought it right to give him a gratuity amounting to half a year's salary, though he had chosen to follow the advice of the Provincial Secretary, a different view being successfully managed.

With many thanks for the space accorded me,

I am, yours truly, Guelph, Dec. 4th, 1874.

Ontario Legislature.

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY.)

Dec. 1.

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Mr. Rykert said that the speech of the hon. gentleman stood in strong contrast to his speech the other night, and the Attorney-General, notwithstanding the fact that the Professor was such a man as he had been described, had stated the other night to this House that Professor McCandless was a most valuable man, and that he regretted to part with him.

On August the 3rd, long after the Government had obtained a full knowledge of the Professor's incompetency and dereliction of duty, the Attorney-General had written a letter to him, in which he said: "You have my best wishes for your future prosperity." He (Mr. Rykert) held that all the Commissioners of Agriculture had said to-night, showed the necessity of having a commission. If the Attorney-General had thought Professor McCandless such a person as he had been stated to be, why had he given him the order for the gratuity? He read from the Guelph Herald an article making a number of insinuations against the hon. Provincial Secretary. If it was so true that the Professor was so totally unfit for his position, it was the bounden duty of the then Commissioner of Public Works to bring the matter before the Government. A proper investigation should be made so that the responsibility for these irregularities might fall on those to whom it belonged.

Mr. Mowat said that a number of observations had come up in the course of the debate for which there was no foundation in fact. (Hear, hear.) The hon. gentleman who had moved the resolution had read private letters, and in commenting upon them had made statements which were not contained in the letter. He took no other ground on the matter than that which he had taken in the past. The recommendations brought forth by Professor McCandless were of a very high order, and he had relied upon the statements made in these testimonials. Complaints had been coming in as to his incompetency, and it was quite true that the Provincial Secretary had represented to him the unfavorable opinion which he had aroused among farmers and other persons who knew how the institution was being managed, and who had no reason for being prejudiced against him. He had been still inclined to think the case was not so bad as was represented, and the Professor had made a number of charges against persons in the institution, but he had placed no more reliance on these charges than on those against the Professor. One thing, however, had become quite clear, and that was that he was not succeeding in the management of the College. The students were in a state of mutiny, as appeared from a memorial he had received signed by a very large number of them. He had not intended to produce that memorial, as it was in reality a private one, but in justice to his hon. friend the Provincial Secretary he would be obliged to do so. He had all along acted on the most kindly feelings towards Professor McCandless—and he was one who could not easily get rid of such feelings once formed—but he could not shut his eyes to the fact that the institution was not being successfully managed. As was often the case, Professor McCandless, though he believed him to be a gentleman of high attainments, was lacking in administrative ability. The proper and only course open to the Government was to put an end to his connection with the institution. But how was he to be treated? It was quite true that he had thought it right to give him a gratuity amounting to half a year's salary, though he had chosen to follow the advice of the Provincial Secretary, a different view being successfully managed. As was often the case, Professor McCandless, though he believed him to be a gentleman of high attainments, was lacking in administrative ability. The proper and only course open to the Government was to put an end to his connection with the institution. But how was he to be treated? It was quite true that he had thought it right to give him a gratuity amounting to half a year's salary, though he had chosen to follow the advice of the Provincial Secretary, a different view being successfully managed.

Another Ratepayer, between the attendance at our High School and the Private School of Mr. Fowler, does not afford any proper criterion of the relative teaching ability exercised in the two schools. During the incumbency of a former teacher of the High School a private academy was opened by a gentleman now teaching in one of our public schools, in the same building now occupied by Mr. Fowler, and was under both him and his successor, still more largely attended. Yet previous to that another gentleman not particularly noted for successful teaching, kept a private school in the same place, which was attended by nearly as great a