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The Citizen

DEVOTED TO COUNTY NEWS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

GODERICH, ONT. FRIDAY, FEB. 28, 1890.

(D. MCGILLICUDDY, PUBLISHER, \$1.50 A YEAR.)

TO ADVERTISERS.

Notice of changes must be left at this Office no later than Monday noon. The copy for changes must be left no later than Wednesday noon. Casual Advertisements accepted up to noon Thursday of each week.

Local Notices.
All advance notices in the local columns of THE SIGNAL of meetings or entertainments of which an admission fee is charged, or from which a pecuniary benefit is derived, must be paid for at the rate of one cent per word each insertion, no charge less than twenty-five cents. Where advertisements of entertainments are inserted a brief local will be given free.

BORN.
MacALLISTER—In Dunlop, on the 22nd of Feb. 1890, the wife of John Macallister, of a son.
McDONALD—At Strathdona, Goderich, on Tuesday the 26th inst., the wife of D. McDonald, of a daughter.

DIED.
SALLOWS—In Goderich, on Monday, Feb. 21st, 1890, Albert SalloWS, youngest son of Mr R. R. SalloWS, aged 1 year, 6 months and 15 days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
Wanted—Mrs Kay.
Wanted—Mrs Garrow.
To Farmers—Jos. Kidd, Jr.
House for Sale—Mrs Morton.
Fine Tailoring—B. MacCormac.
Quilt and Artistic—Saunders & Son.
Dissolution of Partnership—John C. Detlor and Thos. D. W. 4th floor.

TOWN TOPICS.

"A child's amarg ye, takin' notes,
An' faith he'll print it."

A GOOD PRESENT.—The most useful gift you can make is to give a Wirt Pen. Apply to D. McGillicuddy, agent, Goderich.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union meet in the basement of North-st. Meath church every Tuesday afternoon. Fraternal meeting at 2:30. Business meeting at 3.

AT WILSON'S ONLY.—That's what we said! Beef, Pork, Wine in bulk, Broths, Balm, 25 cts., and Children's Cough Syrup, 15 cts., at Wilson's Prescription Drug Store.

Merchants can get their bill heads, Letter Heads, etc., etc., printed at this office for very little, and it helps to advertise their business. Call and see samples and get prices.

The fact that F. & A. Brigham has dissolved partnership does not mean that the well-known tailoring establishment will lose any of its prestige. Suits that are made will still be the order of the day at F. J. Pridham's.

The pen-pictures of "Ratepayer" and "Civilian" are very vivid, but if you want to get a picture to show to advantage call at R. H. SalloWS and get one of his latest designs, beautifully mounted. He can do it in the best style.

Public opinion on political matters is very flakey, but in every day concerns good work means money. Good work means a good work a specialty whether in taking photos or putting excellent moldings on pictures.

IMPROVED NEW MODEL MOWERS, which are equal to the best, give them a trial and encourage home manufacture. Satisfaction guaranteed. See advertisement.

UNKIN BROS.
JUST RECEIVED—A car load of refined oil. Silver Star, Water White Crescent, Canadian, etc., a specialty—and Water White Family Safety, American, which will sell wholesale at a slight advance and guarantee satisfaction. G. N. DAVIS.

Quaint and artistic do not express a hemisphere of the valuable bargains to be had at Saunders & Son's. If you are going to paper any of your rooms in the spring, why not call and make your selections now? The prices are so low you know that you can afford to buy, even if your purse is somewhat attenuated in appearance. If your wealth is burdensome, we will not object to relieve you of a part of it. If your purse is so tight you cannot return, read our advertisement on page 8 of this issue.

BRIEFLETS.
Miss Wren is visiting in Toronto.
Mr C. F. Straubel has returned from Toronto.
Mr F. Prety has returned from a trip to Toronto.
W. A. Cahibich, of Brussels, is visiting in Goderich.
Mr Thos Dutton made a short visit to Clinton last week.
Mr Wm. L. dhann, of Stratford, was in town this week.
Mr E. Campion, Q. C., was in Clinton and Crediton this week.
Mr James Edwards, recently with J. W. Smith, left last week for Chicago.
Captain A. Lawson is getting the Todman in shape for the spring opening.
Mrs W. R. Robertson left on Friday last to visit friends at Brampton and Toronto.
Mrs F. Jordan and children on Friday last returned from a lengthy visit to Montreal.
Miss Hollidrine, of Brantford, is visiting at the residence of her aunt, Mrs E. Campion.
The charter for the Goderich & Wingham railway, via Duncannon, is now a solid, indisputable fact.
Miss E. Boland is in Toronto this week selecting her spring styles and attending the military openings.
Mr W. Vivian, who is attending the London Business College, spent a few days in town during the past week.
Mrs Gamble has returned to town from Toronto considerably improved in health, and is the guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs Horca Horton.
TEIF ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Teif Association will be held in the Alton Hotel, this (Friday) evening, the 28th inst., at eight o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers. A full attendance is requested.

Mr A. McD. Allan was at Ottawa last week attending the Dominion Convention of Fruit Growers.

Mrs Moss of Aylmer, returned home on Monday, her daughter, Mrs Dr Richardson, whom she had been attending, having fully recovered from her protracted illness.

Persons wishing to improve their memories or strengthen their power of attention should send to Prof. Loissette, 237 Fifth Ave., N. Y., for his prospectus post free, as advertised in another column.

HAWLEY V. THE QUEEN.—In the Exchequer Court on Monday judgment was rendered in this case, being a claim by the plaintiff Mrs Hawley for compensation for land expropriated for the lighthouse at Goderich. The claimant was given \$500 and costs.

EARLY VISITORS.—Mr Wm. Dickson, county gaoler, is the proud possessor of a brood of chickens which were hatched on Monday of this week, the 24th of February. The brood numbered nine, of which seven are still living. The young chicks evidently believe there is a bright side to prison life.

PAINLESS EXTRACTION.—Dr Richardson, the popular dentist of West-st., extracts teeth absolutely without any pain by the use of an electrical apparatus patented on the 1st of March, 1888. The method is perfectly harmless even to a little child, or to those who have heart or lung troubles. Try it!

ABOUT READY.—Mr Johnston Carey, who has come to Goderich from Peterborough, and who proposes manufacturing all lines of boots and shoes on a wholesale scale, has the premises formerly occupied by A. Murdoch & Co. neatly fitted up with all modern conveniences, and expects to open out in a day or two.

TO-NIGHT.—In Knox church lecture room tonight, a social will be held in aid of the funds of the Sabbath school. Choice literary and musical program. Refreshments served at 8.45. Mouth organ band will be in attendance and will render choice selections during the evening. Admission, 15c; children, 10c.

A SMALL BLAZE.—Wednesday morning, between 10 and 11 o'clock, the stable used by Mr Geo. Elliott, at the rear of his store on Elam-st., was discovered to be on fire. The alarm bell was rung, and the fire brigade was soon on the scene and succeeded in extinguishing the flames in a short time by the use of water from a hydrant.

LOOKING AHEAD.—Vessel owners are already directing their attention towards the prospects for the coming season of navigation. The handsome new schooner, "Sephie," which was launched last July last and proved to be such a commodious and safe carrier of freight, is, we are informed, to be commended by Capt. J. C. McLean. No better choice could have been made.

ONE.—Word has been received of the death of Lizzie, only daughter of Major Thomson, formerly of Goderich, which occurred at Wallhalla, Dak., on the 12th inst. About a year ago, deceased was the happy bride of Mr Geo. W. McKinnon, of a long and useful life before her; but within the brief space which has elapsed, she has passed away. Her death was caused by childbirth, and the new-born babe also succumbed. The many friends of Major Thomson in this section, having sympathize with the afflicted family.

THE CONCERT OF THE SEASON.—The celebrated Balmoral choir, from Glasgow, Scotland, will appear in the Grand Opera House on Tuesday evening next, March 4th. The company comprises eleven artists, with Mr Walter Bruce as conductor. The ebullient Mr R. J. Patrick, is well known as one who ranks with the really first-class artists in his line. In fact, the whole company has earned almost a world-wide reputation as an aggregation of the very highest order. They will come here under the auspices of the Caledonian Society of Goderich. The admission fees are as follows:—Reserved seats, 75c; parquette, 50c; galleries, 35c.

THE S. A. BARRACKS.—The Salvation Army of Goderich intends erecting a fine barracks immediately, and in order to raise funds to begin building, will hold a banquet and jubilee on Tuesday next, March 4th, in the Temperance Hall. The banquet will be held from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The jubilee, which will commence at 8 o'clock, will be led by Major Philpott, assisted by his A. D. C., Capt. Drew, Case, McGee and Rees; Lieuts. Tracy, McAlmon, McRae and Lot, with a host of sergeants and soldiers. Admission to banquet, 25 cts. We hope success will attend its efforts, as the Army intends to construct a building which will be a credit to the town.

TWO VERY INTERESTING LECTURES.—Dr. Cadieux, of New York, gave two of his lectures on temperance in Goderich on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On Monday evening the temperance hall was crowded to the doors, and for two hours the doctor held the attention of the audience by an interesting address on the alcohol and its relation to the human system as has ever been listened to in this place. On Tuesday evening his lecture was accompanied by chemical experiments, and proved to the satisfaction of the large number present that alcohol and alcoholic liquors are not a stimulant. Dr. Cadieux leaves no argument until he has plainly convinced his hearers, both by science and the conclusions come to by the most eminent authorities on the subject, that his deductions are correct.

Dr M. Nicholson, the West-st. dentist, makes the preservation of the natural teeth a specialty. Gas administered from 9 a. m. for the painless extraction of teeth.

The North-st. Methodist church Band of Hope will give an entertainment at the church on Monday evening, March 3rd. A good program will be rendered by the children. Silver collection at the door.

TEMPERANCE.—The Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 3rd, at 7:30 sharp at the home of Mrs R. Henderson. All the members are requested to be present.

Mr Robt. Reid has sold his house and lot on the corner of Cambria Road and Nelson-st for a good round sum to Mr Geo. Elliott. Mr Reid says the sale was made through the instrumentality of THE SIGNAL, in which he had inserted an advertisement.

The Chicago British-American thus refers to a former Goderich man—Percy McKid, formerly of Brantford, Ont., who is in the city this week. He left Wednesday to join a company in Wisconsin, in which he takes the leading part. Percy has become quite a "villain" in the play.

A large number of people were at the G. T. R. station on Monday last to see several young men off on the 1:55 p. m. train. Messrs Wm. Stewart, son of our townsmen Mr Wm. Stewart, Mr Geo. Stewart, son of Mr John Stewart, of Benmill, left for Chicago; Fred Platt and Wallace Black went to Portland, Ore.; Thos. Finn to Australia, and Rich Black to Seattle, Washington Territory.

The boys have been playing marbles, so it may be taken for granted that there will be no more very severe weather. The instinct that has braced around marbles, kiteflying, stints, baseball and "pull-away" in perennial rotation for generations cannot make a skip, even though the first robin get its ear frozen and the two previous snowbirds be sun-struck.—E.K.

PUGLEY AGAIN.—The continuation of the trial against G. H. Pugley of bringing two Percheron mares into Canada, obtained from Ralph Coe, of New York State, was held on Saturday before Police Magistrate Helms at Welland, Ont. The case is held over for next Monday morning. Mr Wm. Honour reserved judgment until March 1st, to give a chance to look up and argue certain portions of the evidence.

BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Bible Society will be held in the lecture room of North-st. Methodist church, on Tuesday evening next, March 4th, at 8 o'clock, when Rev. J. G. Manly, permanent agent of the Society, will deliver a lecture on "Nineveh and Israel." The members of the Society and others interested will meet at 7:30 o'clock to elect officers for the ensuing calendar year. No other business before the lecture is begun.

CLINTON NEW EVE.—Rev R. L. Huton, of Goderich, was listened to with considerable interest in his sermons here on Sunday last on behalf of missions. He is a stranger to Clinton audiences, but will at any time meet with a cordial welcome. He had asked when next he would come to Clinton, and has arranged to raise on Sunday last a special cash collection of \$90 to meet obligations, and Mr James Young, who supplied for Rev Mr Huton, had the satisfaction of seeing the full amount raised and \$10 over.

PURCHASED TROTTER.—Mr Robt. Thompson recently purchased the well-known trotter "Baldwin," which during the past year made a phenomenal record in the 2:40 class. In fourteen entries he succeeded in capturing thirteen first prizes. Mr Thompson paid a sum up in the four figures for "Baldwin," but would not cool \$300 on his purchase money for him now. We hope to see "Baldwin" come to the front during the coming season, and we trust our townsman will be well recompensed for his present outlay.

HONORING A GODERICH BOY.—The following from the Lucan correspondence of the "Mary" at 8 o'clock, when a cool supper was given Mr Arthur Runciman, jun., partner of the firm of Runciman Bros., Goderich, by Messrs Fox and Hawkeham millers of this place, at the residence of Mr John Fox. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Vocal and instrumental music was the order of the evening. Short but pithy speeches were made by a number of gentlemen present. Mr Fox said that it gave him much pleasure upon this occasion, not as the guest of the evening but in connection with an important work in connection with their mill and was about to return to his home in Goderich, to testify to the efficiency of the work performed. The mill is now complete and he had no hesitation in stating that no better mill for its size stands in Ontario today.

As a proof of what I say, I now take the liberty to draw your attention to the beautiful bread used here tonight; the flour of which it is composed was manufactured in this mill. No better proof could be given with regard to the efficiency of the mill and no better testimony can be shown with regard to the completeness of the work performed by our "guest." A more honorable and straightforward firm than the one to which Mr Runciman belongs can scarcely be found, and if additions must be made to our mill any future time, the firm of Runciman Bros. shall get the preference. Mr Wray, the present miller, followed and in a neat speech fully endorsed the sentiments expressed by Mr Fox. Mr Runciman returned home on Thursday morning.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Last Regular Semi-Monthly Meeting.
The town council met last Friday evening, 21st inst. Members all present except deputy reeve Smith. The minutes of last regular and the special meetings were read, approved and signed.

COMMUNICATIONS.
Two communications from the Reliance Electric Mfg. Co. in reference to the payment of the account, were referred to the finance committee.
A communication from Mr Jos. Williams, inquiring as to the terms upon which water would be supplied to run a motor at the harbor in his ventilated barrel factory, was referred to the waterworks committee.

A communication from the secretary of the High School Board, asking for the sum of \$3,000 to make such alterations in the school as will make it suitable for a Collegiate Institute, was referred to the finance committee.
A communication from Mr Wm. McLean, making a proposition in regard to the rental or leasing of the old fair grounds, was filed.

A communication from the secretary of the Board of Trade, recommending the council to send a deputation to Ottawa to secure an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor and also to further the railway interests of the town, was filed for future consideration.
A communication from the Gordon Steam Pump Co., requesting a settlement of their account, was filed.

A communication from the Standard Carbon Co., in regard to the supply of carbons for electric lights, was filed.
A communication from Mr J. T. Garrow, Q. C., town solicitor, stating that he had paid out on account of town for the improvement of the harbor and also to further the railway interests of the town, was filed for future consideration.

ACCOUNTS.
The account of R. Campbell, for taking soundings between the harbor piers, was ordered to be paid. The following accounts were referred to the finance committee: Stevens & Burns, London, waterworks supplies, \$63 07; R. P. Wilkinson & Co., belting, etc., \$31.63; Doherty Mfg. Co., Sarnia, waterworks supplies, \$30 38; Standard Carbon Co., Cleveland, Ohio, 5000 carbons, \$50 00; John Robertson, relief, \$15.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.
Your committee has examined the following accounts and recommend the payment on being duly certified, excepting the account of the Reliance Electric Light Co. of \$1,645 63, which is not payable at present:—D. C. Strachan, \$25 50; E. Graham, \$4 95; Jos. Williams, \$11 19; A. M. Polley, \$23 50; Wm. Videns, \$1 50; Thos. Videns, \$3; C. A. Nairn, \$14 55; J. T. Garrow, \$141 62; Royal Oil Co., \$43 20; Reliance Electric Light Co., \$1,645 63; Jas. McVicar, \$6 30; Jas. Robertson & Co., \$958 26. (Signed) W. PROUDFOOT, Chairman.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.
Your committee beg to report that they have considered the application of Wm. McLellan for the rental of the drilled shed and would recommend that the petition be not granted. We would also recommend that the chairman be authorized to procure 2000 ft. of 3 inch honk-log for repairing drains.

REPORT OF HARBOUR COMMITTEE.
Your committee beg leave to report that they have had soundings taken between the piers from the wheel water to the mouth of the piers and extending into the lake about 700 feet. The clerk has prepared a plan of the soundings which he will lay before you. We would recommend that in making a step be taken to bring the matter before the Government for their consideration, and if necessary that a deputation from the council be appointed to wait on the Ministry at Ottawa. (Signed) T. MCGILLICUDDY, Chairman.

MOVED BY PROUDFOOT.
Moved by Proudfoot, seconded by McKenzie, that a committee consisting of the Mayor and councillors Pridham and Campion be appointed to make arrangements with the Government to meet a delegation in reference to the harbor improvements, and in the meantime to communicate with Guelph, Wingham and other points in regard to a deputation on railway matters.

This motion was carried by a vote of 8 to 5, after an amendment that the matter of communication with the authorities at Ottawa be left in the hands of the Mayor till the next meeting had been defeated, the amendment being supported by Murney, Campion, Natel, Pridham and Holt.

WATERWORKS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.
Your committee beg to report that they have examined the petitions of Mrs F. Smeth and Jos. Kidd, asking for water supply, and John Acheson and others, asking that an electric lamp be placed at the corner of Cambria Road and Trafalgar-st., and would recommend that they be referred to the finance committee. We would also recommend the adoption of the following rates to be charged for the use of the electric lights:—For single lamp, 15 cts per night; for extra lamp, 10 cts and that all removals of lamps from one part or place in a shop or store shall

be done at the expense of the applicant. (Signed) JOHN BUTLER.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COURT OF REVISION.
Your Court of Revision committee, having considered the following petitions for exemption and reduction of taxes, would recommend that in the case of Wm. Hennings be allowed a reduction of \$26 in his taxes; that the application of Jas. Hylop for an extension of time be granted and the taxes be returned against the land; that Miss Graham be allowed a reduction of \$4 on her personal tax; that the taxes of the following applicants be remitted:—Wm. Robertson, \$3; Rosina Burns, \$5; Johanna Wright, \$5; J. S. Walton, \$4; Kate Barrit, \$5; Mrs Hilliard, \$10; Sarah Hadden, \$10; Jessie McIntosh, \$7; J. Durnin, \$11; Mrs McCloy, \$4; Mrs McCaig, \$4; Wm. Williams, \$4; Jane Antstay, \$6; Sarah Bird, \$3 50, and Mrs Dennis; that the applications for remission of dog tax by the following be granted:—John Sproule, \$1; G. Bates, \$1; John Brophy, \$1; Thomas Pettis, \$1; A. McD Allan, \$1; James Jenkins, \$1; Wm. Sutherland, \$1; Wm. Skimmings, \$1; Wm. Blackford, \$1; Wm. Jardine, \$1; Thos. Murdoch, \$1; H. McKay, \$1; Daniel Burk, \$2; Mrs Young, \$1; that the following be exempt from paying poll tax:—W. Pridham, Kedaley, J. Bedford and Campion.

(Signed) JOHN BUTLER, Chairman.
The report was adopted by charging the taxes on John Durnin's property against the land and was then adopted as amended.
In pursuance of notice of motion Amber moved, seconded by Natel, that bylaw No. 6 of 1889 be amended by inserting the words "Each additional horse, including washing harness and rigs, \$1," after the words "Harness and rigs, \$2," in the 112th line of said bylaw.
Moved in amendment by Campion, seconded by Proudfoot, that the additional charge be 50 cts. The motion was carried.
Bylaw No. 4 of 1890, making the change as per foregoing motion, was read three times and passed.
On motion of Proudfoot and Cantelon the question of reducing the rate fixed by the waterworks bylaw for the use of water by steam engines was referred to the waterworks committee.

Bylaw No. 5 of 1890, amending the bylaw No. 6 of 1889 as respects the appointment of Mr Jas. Gordon as assessor and collector, and fixing his salary as street inspector at \$300, was read three times and passed.
Bylaw No. 6 of 1890, appointing J. A. Natel assessor, collector of taxes and water and light rates, and caretaker of the town of Goderich, was read three times and passed.
Reeve Proudfoot gave notice that he would move at the next regular meeting to amend clause one of bylaw No. 6 of 1889 (stipulating that the water department of the town of Goderich shall be under the direction of the electric light and water committee, to be composed of three members of the town council) by substituting the word "five" for "three."
The council then adjourned.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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

A Commission Wanted.
To the Editor of the Signal.
Sir.—Your correspondent "Ratepayer," whose letter appeared in THE SIGNAL of 7th February, I must say, deserves the thanks of his townsmen for so forcibly calling attention to the utter incapacity, if not something worse, displayed by Mayor Butler and his adherents. I had hoped that he would have followed up that letter by others and shown more fully the lamentably low state financially of our fair town, and how it has been brought about by a set of boasting, arrogant incapables. It may be that "Ratepayer" is merely waiting to see the effect of his first epistle, and again at an early date, renew his attack. However, another correspondent, "Civilian," last week, in the meantime, taken up the cudgel in an able report of the 14th, and makes a most important suggestion, viz: To ask the Government to send a commissioner or commissioners for the purpose of thoroughly overhauling the accounts of the town and its affairs in general. By our democratic constitution the power always remains in the hands of the people, and, although the council or Mayor may keep the autocrat by attempting to play the public in the dark as to the true state of affairs, yet the power of redress is in the hands of the people, should they choose to avail themselves of that power. They can, as "Civilian" shows, obtain the appointment of a Government commission, which, no doubt, would be composed of skilled accountants, so that our affairs might be thoroughly investigated, a true statement of our monetary position shown, and all other matters now cunningly hidden from public view brought to light. I trust that the town clerk's pigeon holes could possibly reveal some strange things. Five members of the council or thirty ratepayers can petition for this commission and are sure to obtain it. Surely the councilmen can be found with sufficient independence to take this stand—certainly those of that board possess sufficient pluck

to come forward and act irrespective of the browbeating they will likely receive for so doing from our blustering, bullying Mayor. Should it be the number of fearless, independent councilmen cannot be obtained, then the alternative can easily be adopted—a petition to the Lieutenant Governor in Council drawn up and circulated for signature throughout the town, and it will be found that not only thirty, but 300 or 400 names can be readily obtained.
Neither "Ratepayer" nor "Civilian" have painted our financial position darker than it should be—indeed, they have been too sparing. There is one item in the financial statement made by the Mayor last December which seems to have escaped the eyes of your two correspondents. Mr Butler will no doubt say it is merely a trifle; it is this—"Bills discounted, \$7,500." I may be wrong in my assumption, if so, no doubt Mr Butler will correct me, but this appears very much like a mortgage on the taxes of 1890. It will possibly now be argued that a portion of that sum has since been met by the sale of the organ factory debentures. What then—the debt still remains although in a somewhat different shape.
Another specimen of the incapacity of the Mayor and his lieutenant, Mr T. Natel, Chairman of the Board of Works, may be seen by our sidewalks from the G. T. R. depot to the Harbor Hill. The whole walk until last year was a splendid, hard gravel walk. What it is today—a mile of mud and filth, mostly over the shoes tops. Our beautiful walks, of which we could with justice boast as the best in this part of Ontario, have been utterly ruined. No other repairs were required than the usual dressing given to all gravel paths—a little new screened gravel here and there. But no, that did not suit the ideas of a township padmaster. Township sidewalks being made by gouging a water table and throwing the earth to the centre and sides, accordingly the sides of the streets where the washings of manure for perhaps twenty years had accumulated must be thrown on top of our old, solid gravel walks—this is one of Mr Butler's improvements. But he is now into the "cinder industry," endeavoring to cover up some of the sickening filth made by last year's tomfoolery.

A further matter referred to by each of your correspondents—the Stone Elevator on the Harbor Flats—has been treated by them rather jokingly. "Ratepayer" recommending that it might be converted into a public swimming bath, to which "Civilian" replies that it would not be very pleasant bathing in a pond swimming with tadpoles and pollywogs. But, sir, I look upon it as anything but a joke, that Mr Butler or Mr Natel or anyone else should so ignorantly and wantonly spend the people's money to the tune of some \$700 as they have done in this case. Everyone with the slightest knowledge of mechanics was fully aware that the money would be wasted by the erection of a mere stone box as a reservoir; but the autocratic Mayor knew all about it, and he had it built without consulting engineer or anyone else, and there it stands as a monument to the ignorance and arrogance of one eaten up with self esteem and conceit.

The last mad freak of Mayor Butler is his proposition to sell the steam fire engine, and for the sum of \$2,000. The engine cost, if I mistake not, \$5,000, and adding to this duty and freight it may be set down at about \$6,000, and yet he would part with it for \$2,000 to assist him out of the financial middle into which he has drawn the town. Leaving the loss of \$4,000 out of the question altogether, what would be the position of the fire insurance on the entire property of Goderich? I am informed by one who has been intimately connected with insurance for many years that the validity of every policy would be vitiated by the sale of that engine—the town having been rated on the basis of that engine and a given length of hose. It will be time enough to discuss the feasibility of disposing of the engine when the underwriters have accepted our system of waterworks—but this is only another specimen of Mayor Butler's work.

I had intended touting on several other points—"Butler's Babies" (iron babies I mean) and other matters—had space permitted; however, I will close by merely suggesting to the Board of Trade, who are ever watchful for the interests of Goderich, that they should act on the suggestion of "Civilian," and take the lead in pushing for a Government commission. What better man to start the matter than the President of the Board of Trade? He would do the town a lasting benefit by setting the ball rolling. I am sure he would receive the support of a large majority of the community.
DEBORS.

The world grows weary training men,
And wasted grows of being praised—
But never wasted grows the praise,
Which writes the truth that have amazed
the thousands who have been given up
by their physicians and who have been
restored to complete health by using
that safest of all remedies for functional
irregularities and weaknesses, which are
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