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WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

A Scott Act Surplus on Water and the Co. Council Don't Know What to Do With It.
—The Waterworks Question—Some thing about Railway Rates.

I see by the minutes of the county council that Huron is troubled with a surplus, obtained from Scott Act, of some \$4,000, and doesn't know how to dispose of it. Now, I was given to understand that one of the objections to the Act was that it would prove self-sustaining, and the county would have to pay a portion of the salaries of the police magistrate and inspectors, but if the minutes of the council are correct—and I have every confidence in my old and esteemed friend, the clerk—then there's a hole punched in one of the chief contentions of the anti-lets in an elephant, and in this case the elephant is a white one, for, as I said before, the sapient county legislature didn't know what to do with it. I'm told my esteemed friend, Pat Kelly, the member from Blyth, wanted it for the purpose of laying the foundation for a county poor-house, but that wouldn't work with a majority of the county daddies. Then there was a proposition made to divide it up pro rata (that's a pretty good term, I think) amongst the municipalities that had contributed to the building up of the surplus in the shape of fines, but John Pollock, of the thriving embryonic city of Bayfield, stood on his hind legs for a minute or two with his face wreathed in a smile that reached from his shirt collar to his hair-roots, and put in his little demer against that scheme being adopted, for in that case his constituency, having fought off the Scott Act constables, and having contributed no fines, would not partake of the distribution.

"But, don't you see, Mr. Pollock," said one of the other representatives, "that Bayfield has paid no fines." "I know that," mildly replied John. "Then, in that case, where nothing was received, why should anything be granted?" "Easy enough," was John's reply. "You see, we had to keep up a standing army in our town to drive off the Scott Act constables, and we want to be indemnified for being put to the trouble and expense of keeping up the standing army."

The laugh that greeted John's closing remarks knocked the bottom out of the opposition to his contention, and up to the time of my latest information no pro rata distribution amongst contributing municipalities had taken place, so far as the Scott Act fines surplus was concerned.

Talking about surpluses, I don't think the town will be able to boast of such a thing for several centuries to come if the waterworks committee are to be allowed to make docks and drains of things, as they have been doing. Up to the time of writing this screed I have been informed that an expenditure of some \$60,000 has been incurred in public works by our town council, and the end isn't yet, by a large majority. And the mischief of the thing is that the beginning, so far as the source of supply for water is concerned, has not yet been decided upon. The engineer has been engaged for the next three or four months, at a salary of \$750, to superintend the waterworks matters, and new Gathore, one of the contractors accepted, comes forward with an application for an extension of time for his supplies. I haven't heard that the engineer has asked for an extension of time for the beginning of his work. More holes in the ground at the dock are talked of, in the hope of getting a sufficient supply, and if that proves to be a failure, then resort will be had to the broad bosom of Lake Huron; but in the meantime the expenditure on the holes in the ground are swelling the indebtedness of the corporation, and proving veritable graves for town surpluses. The monument of debt that will be reared up to commemorate the waterhole fad, will be rather top-heavy for the bantling that will be buried under it. Of course, now that we have gone into the waterworks scheme, an effort should be made to get a good water supply, but I am convinced that there is only one reliable source at present available, and that is Lake Huron. Some will set up the claim that I am no expert, but without any ego on the part of the old man, I am willing to submit

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Latest Political and General News from Ottawa.

Senator Clew's Fad.—The Rise of the League Club—Goodbye, Mr. McLellan—Lord and Lady Stanley—Matters in Quebec—General Notes.

From our Regular Correspondent.
OTTAWA, June 13.

Senator Clew of this city has a great scheme hatching beneath his massive brow. He will move next session to create a Federal District of Ottawa after the fashion of the United States District of Columbia. The idea is to draw a line 10 or 12 miles out from Ottawa and enclose the city in a circle this distance, at all points, from the Parliament buildings. The territory thus set apart would be governed by Government commission, municipal organization ceasing to exist in Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer and other places in the limit. Under this scheme the Government would maintain roads, erect bridges, and generally replace the municipal machinery at present in existence.

A PROTESTANT UNION.
The League of the Rose, which I have noticed in this correspondence, has headquarters in Ottawa, and Mr. Wicksteed, one of the chief promoters has issued a letter as part of the propaganda in which he urges the following: "The British and Protestant better half of the Dominion should drop their political differences and unite to form one overwhelming British-Canadian political party, whose aim should be to obtain concessions and privileges which the Protestants are entitled to."

HALF A CENTURY AT A DOOR.
It is a saying that civil servants seldom die and never resign. Michael Naughton, inner door keeper to the Privy Council, has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his appointment to this post. For half a century this tall, erect, and stern guardian of State secrets has seen many public men and many ministers pass away; it has been all one to him. His age is seventy. The first Governor he served under was Sir John Colborne.

NEW P. O. REGULATIONS.
On July 1st post-offices in Canada will be divided into two classes; money order offices which will continue to render accounts to the Department, and non-accounting offices which will render no accounts. Hereafter postmasters will not retain their salary from the receipts for postage stamps; it will be paid to them direct from the Department.

GOOD BY MR. M'LELLAN.
Mr. McLellan, Postmaster General, is it is officially known, will take the Lieut. Governorship of New Brunswick. The Hon. Archibald Woodbury McLellan is 64 years of age. He was born in Nova Scotia, in whose Assembly he sat from 1838 to 1850, and was shortly afterwards called to the Senate where he sat until 1881, when he entered the Commons. He has been Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Finance Minister and Postmaster General. As Mr. McLellan was a conspicuous figure in the Finance Minister it is only fair to him to say that he has been the most industrious and reforming Postmaster General since Confederation. This is the tribute of officials of the department with whom I have been in contact.

LORD AND LADY STANLEY.
The unostentatious demeanor and friendly bearing of Lord Stanley has favorably impressed the people of Ottawa, accustomed as we were to Lord Lansdowne exacting all the homage due to a Viceroy. Stanley's request for a quiet entrance when he first arrived showed that he felt himself to be in a democratic country, and his driving to the installation ahead of the guard of honor proved him to be above the fuss and feathers of a red coat display with brass band accompaniment. I think Canadians will like this disposition. Lady Stanley has a winning personality and an agreeable manner not tinged with an offensive graciousness. She is of fair complexion, embosomed, or what ordinary folks would call stout or fleshy. The aides and staff are nice agreeable fellows, and to the press at all events this will be agreeable news, as all viceregal information filters through the official staff. Capt. Bagot the military secretary, was in Ottawa with Lorne, and he it was who gallantly stopped the tongue that was wagging with the tongue. Lord Stanley, the Governor's most attached son, has gone to England to join his regiment, the Grenadier Guards. He will, however, again return to Canada in a year or two, and spent the balance of his father's term here.

MATTERS IN QUEBEC.
Ottawa has separated from Quebec province by only a bridge we watch their proceedings closely. Treasurer Sheehy has just delivered his Budget speech in the Legislature. For 1886-7 there was a deficit of \$324,000. There is an estimated surplus of \$93,000 for the coming year. They will spend \$783,000 in subsidies to railways.

THE BRIGADE CAMP.

The Volunteers of No. 1 District Under Canvas.

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From the Stratford Beacon.
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COUNTY COURT.

June Sessions—Cases Before Court—The Proceedings.

Before His Honor Judge Toms.
[Owing to the pressure upon our new columns last week we were unable to publish the result of the doings at the county court last week. We do so now.—ED. SIGNAL.]
Court opened on Tuesday with a calendar of six civil cases.

The following were sworn in as the Grand Jury: Alfred Delry, Blyth; John Duggan, Stratford; John Harrison, Norfolk; John Johnson, Ashfield; John Harding, Guelph; Geo. Holland, McKillop; Albert Harding, Thomas Kidd, Seaford; Wm. Kerr, Hailey Park, Wingham; Thomas McLauglin, Daniel Robertson, Grey; Wm. McVittay, Colborne; John Martin, Wroster; Chas. Reid, Bayfield; Alex. M. Ross, Egmondville; Thomas Shipley, John Sinclair, Jas. Young, Tuckermith; W. T. Walsh, Goderich; Wm. Waugh, Hensall; John Walsh, Uxbridge; Jas. Young, Brussels.

His Honor's address to the grand jury contained a very strong appeal for the erection of a county house of refuge. He expressed the opinion that those county constables who refuse to act in this matter could not be reflecting the views of their constituents, but only their own individual opinions.

The first case taken up was Hutton vs. Lennon, an action for goods sold and delivered. By direction of His Honor the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for the sum of \$40 for profit.

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The charge assaulting against John H. Hyndman, Esq., in which constable Bissett was the complainant, and which was traversed from last session, was disposed of by a fine of \$5 on Hyndman.

The following is the GRAND JURY'S PRESENTMENT
The jurors for our Lady the Queen beg leave to present that in compliance with Your Honor's instructions they have examined the jail and find all the rooms clean and in good order.

There are fifteen prisoners confined in the jail; eleven males and four females. Of the eleven males two are insane and two are vagrants, the latter feeble old men; four are committed for larceny and waiting sentences. Of the females two are insane and two are vagrants, both under sentence. Of the insane persons three of them are quiet and harmless, the other is very violent at times. They have all been reported by the Sheriff, and are now waiting removal to the Asylum, and we regret that provisions cannot be made for their removal at once. Of the vagrants the two males are aged 66 and 65 years, both feeble; and one in a complete state of dotage. The females are both weak-minded, not at all fit to take care of themselves; ages, 65.

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Lieut-Col. A. H. Macdonald, mayor of Guelph, commanding "A" Battery, Major Nichol, Capt. Davison (adjutant), Capt. Murchison, Lieut. Knowles and Ross, Battery Serjt-Major Snodgrass. "B" Battery, Major Hood, Capt. Higginbotham, Lieut. Merryweather and McCrae, Battery Serjt-Major, John Watson.

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"B" Battery, Lieut-Col. Peters, Capt. Williams, Lieut. Fairbanks and Heathcote, Battery Serjt-Major, T. Hood, Brigade Serjt-Major, Young, Brigade Trumpet Major O'Neil, of Guelph; Brigade Quartermaster Serjt, Thatcher of Guelph. There are 4 Armstrong muzzle loading guns to each battery.

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Lieut-Col. Peters of London commands the Field Artillery Brigade.

WEDNESDAY'S PARADE.
The following Battalions formed lines of quarter column in front of staff parade:
21st Essex Fusiliers.
22nd Oxford Rifles.
27th Lambton Infantry.
29th Waterloo Battalion.
32nd Bruce Infantry.
33rd Huron Battalion.

Then the brigade of field artillery, under command of Col. Peters, wheeled to the left, forming in right angle from original line.

The infantry corps were ordered to close in the right to an interval of two paces.

THE COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.
Lieut-Col. Smith then addressed the men, complimenting them upon their soldierly appearance. He hoped they would feel the responsibility of their position. The district was the first in name and it should be first in fact. He looked to the men to assist him in making it so. In order to do that, every officer and non-commissioned officer should know his duty. In fact, the first thing was to obey, and see that the regulations were carried out. The feeling of every one should be that his battalion was the best in the brigade, his company best in the battalion, and himself the best man in his company, and he could only be the best man in his company by obeying orders implicitly, and if they all would do that, this would really be the best brigade in the Dominion. The men were then dismissed to private parades, where they followed out brigade orders to march with arms.

ORDERS OF SENTRY OF MAIN GUARD.
Surgeon-Major Brown of London, and public property in view of post. In case of fire, or any other unusual occurrence alarm the guard. Allow no nuisance to be committed on or near year post. Challenge all persons approaching post, between Tattoo and Reveille sounding. Pay proper compliments to all officers and all parties entitled to them.

By order,
BRIGADE-MAJOR.
STRAY SHOTS.
The artillery are provided with two caissons.

The main guard is changed every morning at 10 o'clock.

The clergyman's stand is situated near the supply tent.

Several privates of the 32nd Batt. were suffering from a mild sunstroke to-day.

The Young Women's Christian Association have a tent upon the grounds.

The officers of the Guelph and London batteries have each separate mess tents.

Mr. Starke's barber shop is now in full swing in the camp, under the management of J. E. Smith.

Major-General Sir Fred Middleton is expected to-morrow.

The 32nd Bruce Battalion is the only rural Batt in camp that received orders to go to the Northwest.

Rations were issued yesterday for 2,015 men, the largest camp in the District for 10 years, it is said.

No 1 company of 29th Batt was out for drill last evening, under the instruction of Lieut. Chrystal.

The opinion of the officers of nearly every Battalion in the Brigade is that the camp rounds are far ahead of those of London.

The gun was fired at 5.30 this morning, succeeded by strains from the 21st Batt band, which resounded on the morning air with pleasing effect.

Private Otto Shoemaker, Wm. Noyes and Otto Hoyer of No 3 company, Princeton, Oxford Rifles, were taken ill at the camp to-day. They will be sent home.

Of the buglers, when told to sound the "fall in," gave the "grab alarm" instead. There was a general stampede among the Guelph battery men who had nothing to eat from early morning.

Lieut. Wells, of No 1 company, 33rd Batt has met with a sad bereavement by the death of his beloved wife. He has leave of absence from 6 o'clock this morning, till 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow, for the purpose of attending the obsequies.

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