The Literary and Historical Society of Quebec is making arrangements to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the capture of Montgomery from the walls of that city, when attempting to storm it, on the 31st Dec., 1775.

The bells of the French Parish Church, Montreal, was taken by surprise Thursday afternoon on unwrapping a parcel which he found under one of the pews when he found it contained a nearly-loaded revolver. On account of other outrages nearly similar have been found in this church.

In Hamilton, on Friday evening, two men, named McGreney and John O'Brien Grainger, quarrelled, which resulted in McGreney receiving a dreadful blow on the head, from which he lay for some time in a very precarious condition. Both were intoxicated.

While some men were digging a post-hole on a vacant lot on Parliament street, Toronto, Friday afternoon, they came upon a rough box. On opening it they found two skeletons. A coroner was informed, and a warrant was issued for an inquest, but on looking at the bones he came to the conclusion that they were those of some ancient settlers, and that an inquest was unnecessary.

A fire broke out in Collingwood, on Friday morning in a frame building on Hurontario Street, occupied by Alex. Foster as a grocery and provision store. The family live over the store, and when awakened were nearly suffocated and barely escaped with their lives. Fire engines were promptly on the spot and the fire was confined to the building, which was completely gutted.

The schooner Hopewell, from St John for Harbor Main, N. F. struck on the Blume Rock, N. E. on the 29th ult., and immediately went to pieces. Only one man saved; seven drowned. The schooner Water Witch, on the same voyage, was wrecked on the same night at Pound Cove, and out of 25 persons on board 12 were drowned.

On Thursday night, as Jos. Vanyce of Stayner, was retiring he heard a noise in the garden, and looking he discovered two men stealing his bee's hives. Hurriedly dressing he rushed out just in time to see his bees and the thieves in a sleigh. He ran, caught up with them and made a blow at one of the thieves head, missing the head, but capturing his hat, which it is believed will lead to the identification of the bee thieves.

At an early hour on the 3rd inst, a murderous attack was made at Lisson upon a man named Patrick Flanagan, who driven one of the stages between Exeter and London. As was his wont, he had gone to tend his stage horses before daylight. No sooner, however, did he open the stable door than he was set upon by an unknown man, who, with what he believed to be a club, knocked him to the ground, splitting his head open, and rendering him insensible for some time. Medical assistance was obtained, and the wounds inflicted dressed; and it is believed that, although, severely injured, he will recover. No trace of the assailants.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance assembled at Brantford last week. From returns sent in by 233 divisions, it appears that the estimated membership is 16,175, an increase over last year of 2,136. The number of meetings held was 752, and the cash on hand or invested amounts, after paying all expenses, to $9,780.00. The following officers were appointed:—Rev. J. W. Manning, Almonte, G. W. P.; John McMillan, Toronto, G. W. A; Thomas Webster, Brantford, Grand Scribe; Rev. John Finch, Whitevale, Grand Treasurer; Rev. Donald Fraser, Port Elgin, Grand Chaplain; Byron J. Wade, Clinton, Grand Conductor; John Bingham, Tyrone, Grand Sentinel.

Huron Teachers' Association.

The semi-annual meeting of this Association was held in Clinton, on the 3rd and 4th inst., according to announcement. Meeting was opened by the President at 2 p. m., on Friday. Minutes of June meeting read and approved, and after other routine business a communication from Waterloo Co. Teachers' Association was read. It stated that a resolution to the following effect had been passed by them, viz., That a new text book on Natural Philosophy is much needed, and that T. Kirkland, M. A., be requested to prepare it. And also requesting that this Association take action in connection therewith.—Taking into consideration the state of affairs at present, the meeting decided to take no action on the subject.

The President, Mr. Miller, I. P. S., then delivered his opening address, in which he made some very excellent suggestions, pertaining to the future working of the Association.

Mr. H. I. Strang, B. A., then took up the subject of "Difficulties in Analysis and Parsing," which he handled in his usual clear and concise manner.

Mr. Miller, Delegate to the Ontario Teachers' Association then gave a full and interesting report of the business meetings of the different sections of that Association, and also synopsis of address delivered during the sessions. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Miller for his valuable report.

A resolution was unanimously carried, requesting the Secretary of the Association to correspond with the Representative of the Public School Teachers in the Council of Public Instruction—Professor Goldwin Smith—with respect to the advisability of allowing Teachers at least one day each half year for the purpose of attending Educational Institutes and Associations.

The evening session began at half-past seven, when Mr. G. Sheppard illustrated his method of teaching Natural History, with a class, after which Mr. Miller read a lengthy paper on his experience in Parry Sound and Algoma Districts, which was well received.

On Saturday the meeting opened at 9 a. m. A resolution was adopted changing the time of the meetings of the Association from June and December, to February and September, and that the February one be the annual meeting.

Answers to Question Drawer on Grammar were then taken up for a short time, after which Mr. Halls gave an excellent address on the proper method of teaching composition.

Mr. G. Baird, jr., took up the subject of Penmanship, showing himself to be an adept in that subject and thoroughly able to communicate the principles of the art to others.

Votes of thanks of the Association were given to Mr. Miller for his address of the preceding evening, after which the Association adjourned to meet in February, 1876.

PORTER HILLS.

WOOD CONTRACT.—Mr. Geo. Fulton has got the contract for supplying the Grand Trunk Railway, between Clinton and Goderich stations, with cord wood. He is paying from $2 to $2.40 per cord.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS are still going on at Wilkinson's Corner. It is eleven weeks since they were started, and the house is crowded every night. A great many converts have been made.

HARD CASE.—A suspicious character passed through this place last Sabbath. He is of a dark, swarthy complexion, and about 45 years old. He carried an axe and a pair of old boots, and acted strangely. A great many tramps are on the move this winter, and a vigilance committee should be appointed to look after burglars and barn burners.

ACCIDENT.—As James Elliott's hired man and Robert Marshall were going down the hill at this place, on a wagon without a box, the board they were sitting on broke and Mr. Marshall fell out striking his shoulder on the hard ground and hurting him severely. The wheel passed over his thigh, but fortunately there was no load on the wagon.

WHO WILL BE REEVE?—It is rumored that Mr. Robt. Russell is to oppose Mr. Ford, the present Reeve. Mr. Russell would make a worthy member of council, if he is elected, and his chances of being elected, should he be the young man of ability and experience in township affairs.

Grand Trunk Railway

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Newest designs in calling cards at this office.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, DEC. 15, 1875

The Normal School Question.

The establishment of a Normal School in Western Ontario came up in the House on Wednesday last, when the majority of opinion appeared in favor of increasing the present accommodation. It was announced that delegations and memorials had been received from St. Thomas, London, Stratford, Goderich, Ingersoll, Woodstock and other places, and as all correspondence was called for bearing upon the subject, a definite decision will shortly be arrived at. For many years Toronto has monopolized this educational institution, but last year a Normal School was established Ottawa, and it has met with an unexpected measure of success. A far greater proportion of scholars attend the Normal School from the eastern section than when there was only the one school in Ontario; and reasoning from this evidence there is every cause for the belief that a Normal School would be equally successful in the western portion of the Province. Having established one in the extreme eastern part of the Province, and still more accommodation being desired, the establishment of another on the western boundary would furnish every convenience to students.

Normal School certificates are apparently better appreciated than those obtained from the Board of Examiners, as the course of studies is more efficient and the examination, we believe, more rigorous. Many a teacher is detained from taking a course in the Normal, as they desire, on account of the expense of city life, and the distance from Toronto is an important item to the generally far from wealthy students. Many are kept from taking a course for these reasons.

In speaking of a location, it was remarked by one of the members that the government should distribute the public institutions as widely as possible, and since no public institution has come west of London or been established in the northwestern portion of the Province, we think that Goderich is a point which presents strong claims. It is conveniently connected by railways with the whole western Peninsula; it is healthy in location, is possessed of many natural attractions, and is superior to the cities in as much as it offers none of the temptations and vices common to those places to lure the susceptible young students from the pursuit of their studies. London makes a very attractive offer, but it has already received marks of favor and the other places are either not central or not so situated as to make the apportionment of districts between them and Toronto and Ottawa equal. We express our honest conviction when we say that Goderich presents the strongest claim as regards central situation and healthfulness of locality, and if any better inducements than these are required to recommend it, we are willing to concede that we are unworthy the honor of possessing a Normal School.

Every effort is being made by the County Council, Town Council, School Board and our members to lay our best claims before the House, and our citizens may rest assured the Government will be made fully acquainted with the advantages offered.

The Municipal Elections.

This is a subject of all absorbing interest at the present time, and surmise is rife as to the likely candidates.—Various opinions are expressed as to the administrative ability of the council of 1875, and at the only time when the opportunity presents itself a good many have come to the conclusion that changes are needed. The public are the judges in the matter, and as we have presented to our readers during the year the work and conduct of their servants, they should be prepared with their verdict. In choosing new candidates, however, we cannot forego the opportunity to give a little patent advice. Choose for your representatives men who have sufficient stake in the welfare of the town to make its interests vital to them; men of independence, who will not aim solely to secure their re-election by their official truckling; men who have experience of the town's needs; men who have grown to be influential, not through their ability to entertain those whom they habitually meet as boon companions, but through their ability to manage their affairs successfully and their general worth. In choosing a mayor it is best to select a candidate who has served an apprenticeship in the council.

As to the candidates who have made their appearance, a great deal that is said is wild rumor. For mayor several names have been mentioned:—Messrs. J. C. Kirkpatrick, Samuel Pollock, W. R. Squier and Horace Horton, M. P.—We should like to see Mr. Horton again in the chair, and it is very probable that he will be elected by acclamation. As to the other three gentlemen we hope they will contest for seats at the board, when we have no doubt they would be successful.

In St. George's Ward Messrs. Savage, J. H. Findlay and Geo. B. Johnston are again, we believe, to be brought out. We regret to learn that Mr. Jas. Buchanan refuses to come out, but we hope he may be induced to change his mind before the election.

In St. Patrick's Ward Mr. Passmore resigns, and Mr. S. Pollock is mentioned in his stead. Messrs. Sloan and Campbell are also coming out, and Mr. Geo. McKenzie and Mr. W. G. Smith are mentioned.

St. David's Ward has numerous candidates, the old councillors, Messrs. Smalll, Evans and Graham, being named, whilst Mr. Allan P. McLean and Mr. T. Johnson, M. A., have their supporters.

In St. Andrew's Ward Messrs. A. Watson and R. W. Johnston will again stand for election, Mr. Seymour has expressed a desire to retire, but as he cannot well be spared from the council, he can from the several iron bridge builders, and if possible procure plans and prices, and lay such information as he shall receive before the Council at its next session, so the Council can judge of the comparative expense of iron and wooden bridges.

DISMANTLING.

A petition from John Sheriff and others, of School Section No. 4, township of West Wawanosh, asking the Council to dismiss Mr. J. R. Miller from the position of Public School Inspector, and if the Council would not dismiss Mr. Miller, the petition asked that the township be united to the Eastern district.

Mr. Miller, in a few remarks, explained the cause of dissatisfaction to the Council. The section in question after being frequently urged by Mr. Miller to furnish the necessary school accommodation, refused to do so. Mr. Miller then, as the law requires him to do, withheld the Government grant. This raised the ire of a few local nabobs in the section, and the petition was the result. The Council were perfectly satisfied that Mr. Miller had done only his duty, and further, that instead of acting harshly with the section, he had acted as leniently as the law would allow him to act. The petition was, accordingly, ordered to be filed.

A "PRESSING" MOTION.

Moved by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Simpson, and carried, that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the members of the local press for their kindness in furnishing the Council with their papers for the year 1875.

The Council adjourned, to meet again in January, according to statute.

Town Council.

A SITE TO BE OFFERED FOR THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Council assembled Monday evening at the call of the Mayor who occupied the chair. All members present except Mr. Seymour.

Report of special committee regarding the assessment of Judge Toms' salary reporting, after taking legal advice from Toronto, that they consider such assessment illegal under the act and recommend that the taxes be remitted. The Clerk stated that a communication had been received from Messrs. Squier & McColl asking the Council to remit taxes to Judge Brough and that it had been sent to said special committee. Mr. Garrow moved, seconded by Mr. F. W. Johnston, that the taxes on salaries of both County Judges be remitted in accordance with report, Carried—

Report of Finance Committee, recommending payment of the several accounts mentioned in our last issue, was adopted.

Petition of Thos. T. McLean complaining of over assessment and asking Council to review the matter, sent to Finance. Report of Cemetery Committee as to purchase of lots by Mrs. Edwards, adopted.

Communication from Mr. Archibald Hadden as follows:—

"To the members of the Town Council. I write you a few lines to let you know that I am about to build a house on lot 855 on the corner of St. Andrew's St. where you know there is an old house standing. I wish to pull down the old house and build a new frame building and plaster it on the outside and fill in between the studding with concrete. I had all my doors and windows made to suit a frame building some time before the by-law was passed, I consider that a frame building plastered with a good thick coat of mortar outside and filled in with concrete is as safe as a house with one brick outside of a frame, when built back 50 or 60 feet from any other building. I wish to state that there has been a frame kitchen built for Mr. Doty, and Mr. John Mitchell had a frame store house built and Rev. C. Fletcher a wood shed, all built since the by-law was passed. I wish to know if I am entitled to have a roughcast house or not, and if not I wish to have all these three buildings bricked up or torn down at once. I now stand at a loss of some $50 in work on that by-law. If this is not accepted I shall not build a house but I will fix up the old one and leave it to spoil the looks of the town."

Mr. Campbell thought the prayer of the petition should be granted as he considered a house such as described came within the spirit of the by-law. Mr. Savage and Mr. Sloan supported Mr. Campbell, but after some further discussion the communication was received and filed.

Mr. D. Watson called attention to the fact of frame buildings being erected in defiance of the by-law and wished the proper officer would take necessary steps to see that the by-law is enforced to the letter.

The following accounts were sent to Finance Committee: Kerr & McKenzie for nails ordered by the street Inspector to nail together the lumber for the main sewer, so as to keep it safe until next season, $12 37; P. Nolan, for repairing chains, wires, grating, steeling picks, &c., $28.40; G. H. Parsons, hardware, $; Whitely & Elliott, relief $1.50; J. V. Detlor & Sons, coal for lock-up, $7.37.

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LAST WEEK the jury on the trial of the Caraquet, N. B., rioters returned a verdict of guilty of murder against the principal prisoner, Joseph Gusinon. The prisoner was deeply affected when the verdict was announced, and broke down completely. Seven other prisoners who are implicated in the same affair, have withdrawn the plea of not guilty and confessed to the crime of manslaughter. Our readers will remember the circumstances of this case, which grew out of the opposition of a number of ignorant French Canadians to the use of the bible in the public school in their district, and which caused their opposition so far as to resist military authority. In a melee which ensued a policeman was shot dead by the rioters, and several persons wounded.

THE VOTE taken in the House on Wednesday on the amendment to Mr. Lander's bill to amend the Administration of Justice Act, which resulted in the Government being supported by a vote of 33 to 44, settles the question of the position of the parties there. The total vote amounted to 77, leaving 11 votes to be accounted for. Four Government supporters were absent on that day, three paired off with opposition members and the Speaker makes up the full number. This leaves the figures as follows, giving the latter the benefit of the independents: Government, 52; opposition, 36.

County Council.

FRIDAY, Dec. 3, 1875.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, The Warden in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Willis, seconded by Mr. Parsons, and carried, that the Clerk is hereby instructed to get from the Crown Lands Department all maps and field notes, defining the boundary line between the County of Huron and Lambton, as it seems to be a disputed point as to which of the said counties the bridge over the Aux Sauble River at Grand Bend belongs to; the said bridge is in a very dangerous condition and not safe for travel, yet both counties refuse to repair it.

SIGNS OF CIVILIZATION.

The sum of $200 was ordered to be paid to each of the villages of Brussels and Exeter for lock-ups, the lock-ups in each of these municipalities being now completed.

Moved by Mr. Keys, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the Engineer be instructed to examine the approaches of Turner's bridge, which crosses the Bayfield River, and have the same repaired if necessary. Referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

A communication from the Provincial Secretary, in reply to a memorial from the Council, was read, in which it was stated that when Council let their printing and advertising by tender, the Government had made it a practice to allow Councils to publish conviction lists in the paper of the contractor at the tender rates, if Councils desired to do so.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The following report of the Road and Bridge Committee was read and passed:

The Committee report as follows: In reference to the contract for the Manchester bridge, they regret to learn that the contract has not been finished according to agreement, and that the engineer has refused to take the work off the hands of the contractors. The Committee recommend that the contractors be allowed for the piling one half the cost of the same amount of stonework, thus reducing the amount claimed $435.31. The balance of the amount the Committee recommend the Finance Committee to allow provided the contractors give a receipt in full for all claims. In reference to Mud creek bridge approaches and the approaches to all new bridges, the Committee recommended that the engineer make all such approaches safe and passable for public travel without waiting for instructions from the Council. In reference to the bridge between Hullett and McKillop, the Committee recommend that the engineer use his discretion in the matter, but he must not alter the water course, if by so doing he will involve the Council in trouble and expense. In reference to the nuisance of toll-houses from the gravel roads the Committee find that the authority lies with the local municipalities, as the County Council repealed the by-law assuming the gravel roads. The Committee are glad to learn that Exeter and Fisher's bridges are about completed satisfactorily, although the contractor for Fisher's bridge is behind in the time of completing his contract. In reference to County boundary bridges the Committee are glad to learn that those bridges have been rebuilt satisfactorily, each County paying one half the expense. The Committee further approve of the engineer's suggestions in reference to the other bridges, with respect to chains, wires, grating, steeling picks, &c., $28.40; G. H. Parsons, hardware, $; Whitely & Elliott, relief $1.50; J. V. Detlor & Sons, coal for lock-up, $7.37.

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Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

THE HARBOR MILLS are expected to be again in operation on the 1st of January.

WHY IS our Board of Trade like Sir John Franklin? Because it is never heard from.

THE GALE.—The Heather Belle broke some of her lines and was slightly damaged at her dock, on Sunday night.

BLOWN DOWN.—Prof. Pratt's wooden amphitheatre, on the corner of East St. and the Square collapsed on Sunday night, during the gale.

RINK OPENING.—The first game of the season will be played on the rink this afternoon, amongst the members of the club. Up wi' yer bonnets, lads!

AN OPEN WINTER.—Crows are still to be seen in the leafless woods, and the "oldest inhabitant" says this is a sure indication of an open winter.

MR. WM BARNATYNE, the Ashfield bard, will call upon the people of this vicinity shortly with his book of poems, when we feel satisfed they will liberally patronize him.

AGENTS WANTED.—Wanted, agents local and travelling, for every Town, Village and Township in the County, on salary or commission. Particulars at the SIGNAL Office.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. Gibson and Ross have been appointed on the Public Accounts Committee, in the Local Legislature; and Mr. Bishop on the Standing Orders Committee.

APRON SALE.—The ladies of the Methodist Church propose holding a sale of aprons on Thursday, the 23rd inst., in Mr. McLean's new store, commencing at 2 p. m.

COMPLETED.—The last rail on the London, Huron, and Bruce railway was laid on Saturday at Wingham, thus giving direct communication between London and Kincardine, and a straight line from Lake Erie to Lake Huron.

FOR THE CENTRAL.—West, the pious nick-nack thief; Howard, the colored wheel-of-fortune man; and Purcell, the jewelry thief, left on Friday morning in charge of a constable of the Central Prison to put in their several terms of imprisonment in that institution.

BAZAAR AND CONCERT.—A Bazaar will take place in the Oddfellows' Hall, on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Sabbath School children of St. George's Church, commencing at 2 p. m. A promenade concert will take place in the evening.

NEW BAROMETER.—Mr. Geo. Macdonald, lighthouse keeper, has received from the Government one of Nadir's celebrated barometers, manufactured by Adie, of London, Eng. It is a splendid piece of mechanism, and predicts changes with great accuracy.

NEW FIRM.—Messrs. E. Woodcock and Walter Dickson have entered into partnership as land brokers, conveyancers and general agents, their office being over the Post Office. Both gentlemen are experienced, and any business placed in their hands will receive prompt and careful attention.

TOWARD PROHIBITION.—A petition is being circulated throughout the Province, and has received a good many signatures in town, praying the Government to enact a law to entirely abolish saloons and to restrict hotels to one for every thousand inhabitants. The effects of such an enactment are obvious, in being instrumental in abolishing much of the tippling which exists as the result of numerous temptations.

PROF. PRATT.—This famous horse educator will visit this place Wednesday next and remain three days, giving exhibitions of his ability to educate horses and the intelligence of some of his trained animals. He is highly spoken of, and his visit to this country has been one series of successes. Read his adv. in another column, which speaks none too flatteringly of his skill.

PARTING SOUVENIR.—As a parting gift to Rev. Daniel Allan, the venerable and revered pastor of the now vacant church in North Easthops, his late congregation presented him, previous to his leaving for Goderich, with a well-filled purse—equal to the price of a fine gold watch and chain. No man better deserved such marks of esteem and gratitude.—*Stratford Beacon.*

BENGOUGH.—The famous cartoonist of *Grip* will give one of his amusing entertainments this evening in the Oddfellows' Hall. We need only mention the fact, since the recollection of the last visit is still pleasantly fresh in the memory of our readers. Suffice it to say that Mr. Bengough's lecture is fresh and witty, his cartoons laughable and well executed, and his "local hits" are highly amusing. Tickets 25 cts., reserved seats 50 cts.

ONTARIO SALT BLOCK.—The work of putting Lockie's patent evaporator into this block has been completed, and the manufacture of salt was commenced on Tuesday. With the experience obtained in putting in the pans in the Dominion, Messrs. Harrison & Evans have completed the present work in a more satisfactory manner, and its successful operation is better ensured. Economy was one of the principal objects aimed at, and the furnaces were constructed on a better plan, the brine conveyed from the Dominion in underground pipes, so that one engine does the work for two blocks. The enterprising proprietors express great satisfaction with the success of their efforts so far.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES.—John Dougall & Son, publishers of the Montreal *Witness*, have, it appears, begun book publishing; at least we have a very brilliant colored little book before us from their presses, entitled "Dress and Health; or, How to be Strong; a book for ladies" The work urges that many are ignorant that the health of thousands of women is being undermined by errors in dress, and that many others who recognize the fact do not know how to make the necessary changes. This book shows by the testimony of numerous physicians the injury which is being done by the prevailing method of dress, then points out the changes which may be made without effecting the outward appearance. Although the book contains 187 pages, and beautifully got up, and is illustrated, it is sent post free for 30 cents Orders left with us will be forwarded.

JOURNALISTIC.—We notice that the publisher of the BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN offers a very handsome premium to all subscribers, old and new who remit $2.30 before the first of January next. The premium is not only valuable, but very appropriate, being Inglis's beautiful photograph of the Union General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church held at Montreal in June last, containing nearly 700 portraits of Ministers and Elders. Our Presbyterian readers who subscribe now for their own church weekly secure this picture practically for nothing. The paper itself requires no words of commendation at our hands. Address, drawer 2484, Toronto.

LONDON COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.—The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of Messrs. Curry and Swayze, which appears in another column of this issue. Almost every person residing in Western Ontario has heard more or less of the Komoka Seminary, R. M. Curry, Proprietor, and that old established institution, the London Commercial College, which has for some years past been under the able management of Mr. Geo. A. Swayze. As will be seen by advertisement, these two gentlemen have lately united the above named institutions under the name and title of the "London Commercial College and National Training School," the object of which we understand is to offer increased facilities to young ladies and gentlemen to acquire a practical business education, and also to fit all desirous of entering the University for matriculating in Arts, Law, and Medicine. Special attention will also be given to those who wish to prepare for teaching. To all interested in practical education we cordially recommend the new enterprise as well worthy of extended patronage, which no doubt it will enjoy.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The regular semi-annual examinations are going on at present in the Central School. The public examinations will be held on Monday, 20th inst., in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th divisions, and on Tuesday in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd divisions, commencing each day at 1.30 p. m. The pupils will meet on Wednesday, 22d inst., at 2 p. m. when prizes will be awarded to successful competitors. Parents and others interested are cordially invited to be present.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Monday a workman at the Ontario Salt Block had a very narrow escape. The steam blast pipe was disconnected from the furnace and the end secured with a strong iron nut, which became loose. There was a pressure of 100 pounds of steam at the time, and as the workman was approaching the pipe the nut was suddenly blown off, when he was within a step of the line of the jet. With such force was the nut driven that it forced a brick in the wall opposite, three or four inches into the wall. Had the man taken another step, the nut would have struck him in the head.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—A very small audience, owing to the inclemency of the weather, visited Knox Church on Monday to hear the missionary addresses of Rev. Messrs. Goldsmith and Scott upon the affairs of the Presbyterian home and Foreign missions. Mr. Goldsmith, after the opening services, gave an interesting and excellent address, in which he reviewed the progress of missionary schemes. England, he said, when it inaugurated missions for spreading the gospel in foreign lands, immediately experienced the effects of a religious and commercial reflex. The activity the church sustained in carrying on the work strengthened its own hands, and as the work spread into other lands the commerce of the country was extended, and the progress of the country was in great measure due to the efforts of her missionaries. The work of the mission was every year increasing, new fields were being found, and in Formosa, India, Japan, amongst our Canadian aborigines, and other places the work was being prosecuted with vigor. The fields for labor were constantly opening up, and God graciously furnished resources to carry on the work. In Canada, the church possessed 100,000 adherents, and six colleges and one seminary furnished the means of educating its evangelists About $7,000 had to be raised to carry on the work of the missions, and if this was not furnished the church would have to take the ignominious step of withdrawing from new fields, where they had staked their reputation, their successful servants. Mr. Scott followed in a short address, referring to the success of the missionary work in Japan, Madagascar and other countries, and calling attention to the magnificent field being opened up by Stanley, the African explorer. The chief of the Uganda country had asked that missionaries be sent to him, and he would support and assist them. In conclusion he related an anecdote of a traveler in Russia, who, prompted by compassion, resuscitated a benumbed pedestrian and in his efforts restoring his own waning vitality, which was appropriately compared to the missionary efforts in its effects upon the church which made them. Both ministers pressed the necessity of liberal contributions, and a collection was taken up which, notwithstanding the small number present, was very liberal.

COLBORNE.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The municipal council of Colborne met on the 8th Dec., 1875. Reeve in the chair—members all present. Moved by P. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Fisher, that steps be erected over the Maitland Cemetery fence for the convenience of parties wishing to visit the Cemetery—Carried. Petition of the Roman Catholic ratepayers deferred from last meeting was read. Moved by A. Malloy, seconded by C. McHardy, that as there are several other denominations in the Township in the same position, no action be taken in the matter—Carried. Moved by A. Malloy, seconded by D. Fisher, that half the taxes, amounting to $3.30, on James Strachan's mill be remitted, as the mill was burnt during the summer—Carried. The Clerk was instructed to notify James Buchanan to remove his fence from off the public road. The following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz:—Mr. Buchanan, for plank, 63c; Michael Schaunz, $18; John Tiffin, for gravel, $2,05; A. Bay, map for cemetery, $6 50; M. Schaunz, for gravel, $4, Jesse Snider, do, $4.30; Dr. Sloan, attendance of L. Sharp, $2.75; Geo. Shepherd, for timber, $6.50; Moorhouse, for stationery, $6.10; G. Barry, undertaker, coffin, shroud, etc., for Ames, $11.15; R. B. Scott, blankets for L. Sharp, $10.45; Mrs. Craig, attendance to L. Sharp, $62.50; *Star* office, $22.75; *Signal* office, $14; John Varcoe, repairing fence of old cemetery, $2; N. Morrish, for lumber, $10.70; Widows Patterson and Murray, charity, $49,50; Clerk, postage, $6.67; Mr. Dodd, for gravel, $13.30; A. Young, do, $1.80; J. Allen, do, $5; Rich. Jewell, for lumber, $14.87; John Robertson, tavern inspector, $8; John Oake, damage done to grain, $3; James Gledhill, for gravel, $2.15; C. Stewart, shovelling snow, $3; Job Brown, $12; W. Downs, 75c. The nomination for Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors will be held on Monday, the 27th December, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, in the Township Hall, Smith's Hill; and in case a poll be demanded, an election will be held on the first Monday in January, in the several subdivisions as shown by by-law No. 20: W. Robertson to be returning officer for subdivision No. 1, polling at Andrew Heddle's shop, Benmiller village; A. Sands to be returning officer for subdivision No. 2, polling place in McLaren's Hall, Maitlandville; J. A. McDonagh to be returning officer for subdivision No. 3, polling place Township Hall, Smith's Hill; J. O. Stewart to be returning officer for sub-division No. 4, polling place new church, lake shore.—The Collector's time for the collection of taxes was extended to the first meeting of Council in 1875. Moved by C. McHardy, seconded by D. Fisher, that each Councillor receive $20 for their services during the past year. Moved in amendment by P. Carroll, seconded by A. Malloy, that the sum be $22—Amendment carried. The Council then adjourned. J. A. McDONAGH, Clerk.

THE ELECTIONS.—The principal interest is centered in the office of the Deputy Reeveship, Messrs. D. Fisher, one of the present councillors; John Buchanan, an old councillor, and J. Kernighan being mentioned. Mr. Wm. Young will, of course, be Reeve, for Colborne would be like a wagon lacking a wheel if he were not in that position. Messrs. McHardy and Carroll will come out again, and Messrs. R. B. Scott and W. J. Harris are mentioned as likely to be brought out for the office of third councillor.

DONNYBROOK.

TEA MEETING.—A social meeting will be held in the Methodist church, Donnybrook, on Thursday evening, 23rd Dec. in aid of the Sabath School library. Rev. Messrs. Broley, Caswell, Fisher and Walker are expected to be present. Tea served from 5 to 7 p. m. Tickets, 25 cents.

BRUSSELS AND VICINITY.

MARKETS—Wheat 90 to 92, barley 50, oats 32, peas 64, hay $10, butter 18.

BONUS QUESTION.—The people of Brussels are discussing the advisability of offering a bonus to encourage manufacturers to settle there.

CATTLE SHIPMENT.—On Monday of last week, Mr. Thos. Govenlock, cattle buyer, shipped from Brussels station 47 head of cattle, which he had purchased in this vicinity, within a distance of two and a half miles, and for which he paid $2,100. He has also 20 head purchased in the same radius, ready for shipping.

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