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MONEY TO LEND. 1372

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PATENT guaranteed or no charge. Send for printed instructions. Agency in operation ten years.
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Stanley Street,
Goderich, 19th Aug., 1874.

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PRIVATE FUNDS to lend on Farm and Town property at lowest interest, Mortgages purchased, no Commission charged, conveyancing fees reasonable.
N. B.—Borrowers can obtain money in one day if title satisfactory.
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1441-ly

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FRUIT, VEGETABLES, OYSTERS, &c., &c. in their season.
HOT AND COLD MEALS AT ALL HOURS.

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THE REGULAR COMMUNICATION is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p. m. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
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$25,000
TO Loan on Farm or Town property at 7 per cent, Apply to
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AT LOW RATES OF INTEREST.
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THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON
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Available Assets, $27,000,000
Losses paid in the course of Thirty-five years exceed
FORTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS!
Claims by CHICAGO FIRE estimated at nearly $3,000,000, are being liquidated as fast as adjusted WITHOUT DEDUCTION.
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STEAMERS FROM NEW YORK EVERY SATURDAY.
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Intermediate and Steerage as low as any other line.
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Every SATURDAY from PORTLAND during winter and from QUEBEC in summer.
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For Tickets and every information apply to
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CAPITAL—ONE MILLION POUNDS STERLING.
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LOANS made on the Security of approved Farm City or Town Property for periods of Five years or to suit the convenience of Borrowers, and either repayable at expiry of time or by annual instalments. Payments in reduction of Loans will be accepted at any time on favorable terms.
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TERMS

Tuition per quarter	$3 00
Music, Instrumental	7 00
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French	2 00
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Payment quarterly and in advance. Plain and ornamental needle-work do not form extra charges to pupils.
Aug. 11th, 1874. 1434

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MACHINE OIL
Has been in general use for the past two years and giving the best satisfaction, as may be seen by testimonials from many of the leading houses in Ontario. It will not congeal in the coldest weather, it is therefore suitable for the lightest and fastest, as well as the heaviest machines in use.
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From the Joseph Hall Machine Works, Oshawa.
I consider Stock's oil cheaper at $1.00 per gallon than olive oil at 50 cents. Yours respectfully,
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SOLE AGENTS.
1312.

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SIZES from 7x9 to 32x46, Star and Diamond Star.
—ALSO—
Coloured Glass for Side Lights For Sale Cheap by
GEO. H. PARSONS
Market Square,
Goderich
August 21st, 1874. 1436

Owen Sound Academy.
TEACHERS preparing for teaching, young men seeking a good Business Education, or preparing for the Professions; also, ladies desirous of Studying Music, French, German and Drawing, should send for circulars before attending elsewhere.
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If such is the [illegible]
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Just received a large and [illegible] stock of English, French and American [illegible] Perfumeries, Hair Oils, &c. &c. Also one gross [illegible] Brushes, Tooth and Nail do, [illegible] most popular Patent Medicines [illegible] constantly on hand.
Bond's Blood Purifier for H[illegible] and Cattle, Condition Powders &c., a large [illegible] on hand.
A Call is respectfully solicited.
LARGE STOCK OF DYE STUFFS. 1456-1yr

Autumn and Winter GOODS.
H. DUNLOP
Merchant Tailor,
WEST STREET,
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BEGS to direct attention to his very full stock of
AUTUMN AND WINTER GOODS,
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Gents' Furnishings of all kinds kept on hand as usual.
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DANIEL GORDON,
CABINET MAKER,
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HAS now on Hand a large and complete stock of Furniture such as
BEDROOM,
DINING ROOM,
AND PARLOR SETTS.
All of which he will sell cheap for Cash. Picture framing a specialty.
Has always on hand a complete assortment of coffins, shrouds, caps and Hearse to hire.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS ARRANGED WITH Wholesale dealers and Manufacturers, so that he can supply Canadian, American and English Cottage Pianos from $225 upwards. Also the new celebrated Canada Organs, and American Cabinet organ at lowest price.
Terms to suit purchasers payable monthly, quarterly, or a liberal discount for cash.
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ALL KINDS OF
SEWING MACHINES
repaired and put in good running order before taken from the shop or no charge. Remember the place McIntosh's Gun-shop, in rear of F. Jordan's Drugstore.
Goderich, Aug. 13, 1874. 1435

Extensive New Premises
A
Splendid New Stock.
C. Barry & Bro.
Cabinet Makers, Undertakers & Wood Turners,
HAMILTON ST.
Have removed across street to the store next door to W. Acheson's Harness Shop, where will be found
A GOOD ASSORTMENT !
of Kitchen, Bedroom, Diningroom, and Parlor Furniture such as
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CHAIRS hair, cane, wood seated,
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BEDSTEADS
WASHSTANDS
MATTRESSES,
LOUNGES,
SOFAS.
WHATNOTS, LOOKING GLASSES
GILT FRAMING.
C. B. & B. are prepared to sell everything in their line
Cheap for Cash.
N. B. A complete assortment of Coffins and Shrouds always on hand and a Hearse to hire; al on reasonable terms.
A CALL SOLICITED.
Goderich, 15 Aug 1870

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THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVING commenced the manufacture of Pumps are prepared to furnish any kind, at short notice and on reasonable terms. Having had 9 years experience with Mr. Do[illegible] they can promise satisfaction. Give [illegible] a call.
Place of business Corner of Cedar and Maple street near the Huron Road.
JAMES MARTIN & CO.
Goderich, June 1h, 1874. 1427

$5 TO $20 PER DAY. Agents Wanted! All sex young or old, make more money at work for us in their spare moments or all the time, than at anything else. Particulars free. Post card to States costs but two cts. Address G. STINSON & CO., Portland, Me. 1447-1yr

Poetry.

Reminiscent.

Over her knee, over her knee,
How my old grandmother used to spank me
Over her knee, over her knee,
When I was quite a small boy!
It was spank, spank, spank!
No use was it kicking, for on she went licking,
With spank, spank, spank!
The thing she quite used to enjoy!
Chorus—Then it's over her knee, &c.

Over her knee, over her knee,
Oft she would turn me, as it for a spank,
Over her knee, over her knee,
Turn me again and again.
It was spank, spank, spank!
[illegible] was my crying; she kept on applying
[illegible] spank, spank, spank!
[illegible] was terrible pain!
[illegible]—Then it's over her knee.

[illegible] knee, down from her knee,
[illegible] I was certain to be;
[illegible] back to her knee,
Acting the same as before;
It was spank, spank, spank!
Wretched young fellow, oh, how I did bellow!
Still spank, spank, spank!
Oh, it was [illegible] of a bore!
Chorus—What over her knee, &c.

Toronto Correspondence.

TORONTO, [illegible]th Dec., 1874.

The most interesting [illegible] of this week's proceedings in the House was, perhaps, the debate on the Redistribution Bill. Of all the subjects which have come up for discussion during the present session this we would have thought afforded one of the best opportunities of displaying to the House and country the critical and oratorical ability of the gentlemen occupying the Opposition benches. But we would ask any one who has either heard or read a report of that debate, whether there was a single incisive speech made on that side of the House other than that of the Hon. Mr. Cameron. Instead of giving utterance to the argument that the House would be against the wishes of the people, the best interests of the country, and valuable time of the House was occupied in listening to a long series of [illegible] having for their theme little more than that the redistribution [illegible] was arranged by the Government [illegible] party purposes, [illegible] was done without the consent and direct opposition of the municipalities chiefly concerned. On the first ground there was an extraordinary want of unison among the gentlemen. Several of them, [illegible] too, representatives of constituencies chiefly concerned, contended, either that the result of these changes would be beneficial to the Opposition, or that they were made against the wishes of all parties in the municipalities principally affected, thus evidently showing that the measure could not be devised for the particular benefit of any political party. Among those who contended thus was Mr. Ardagh, who expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the arrangement as far as his county (Simcoe) was concerned—adding he was now sure of the return there of two Oppositionists. Mr. Fitzsimmons [illegible] nothing to complain of with regard to the change made in his constituency. And Mr. Scott (Grey) contended that his constituents of both political parties were opposed to the division made in that county. But it was left to Mr. Scott (Peterboro) to cap the climax of absurdity which he effectually did by stating that the result of the two Reform townships from his county—which is now represented in the Local House by two Oppositionists—would be the return there of two Reformers! When the general principle that those proposed changes were for the benefit of the country at large was established—and it is was virtually [illegible] scarcely been referred to during [illegible] debate—surely the other grounds, viz the necessity for having the consent and the approval of the municipalities chiefly concerned were but frivolous—otherwise our legislation would be for the interest of the minority in opposition to that of the majority.

In the course of his speech Hon. Mr. Cameron paid the Ministry a compliment which, coming from him, was rather extraordinary. In referring to the death of the late lamented member for Glengarry, he said that "the House had lost a valuable member in the late Mr. Craig. He was elected to support the Government of which he, Mr. Cameron, was a member, and when they went out of office, being a man desirous of doing right and without strong party leanings, he had supported honorable gentlemen opposite in many of their measures, in fact nearly all of them up to the time he left the House." If Mr. Cameron was as sincere as the language he made use of would indicate he was certainly correspondingly uncomplimentary to the gentlemen on his side of the House.

An interesting discussion arose on the second reading of Mr. Bethune's Compulsory Voting Bill. Mr. Bethune himself made a capital speech in support of the measure, which was also supported by many others on both sides of the House, among those who spoke in its favour being Hon. Mr. Cameron, and Messrs. Prince, Deroche, Meredith and Scott of Peterboro. After the discussion Mr. Bethune having no desire to have the Bill become law at present, but having, he said, introduced same only for the purpose of ascertaining the feelings of the House on the question, withdrew the Bill.

In the Rykert case the committee having finished their investigations reported to the House on Thursday, finding Mr. Rykert guilty of having accepted for Parliamentary services $1000 from the Great Western Railway, $100 from one Edward D. Tilson and $150 from the Toronto Street Railway Co'y. Several excellent and manly speeches were made on both sides of the House. Owing to the near approach of the end of the session the House could not conveniently take any further action in the matter than to order the report of the committee to be printed. Mr. Rykert has reason to be thankful that circumstances have thus interfered in his favour, as otherwise he would certainly have been ignominiously expelled from the House.

The Agricultural Farm committee have reported to the House to-day. On account of the virtual closing of the House to-day they could not continue their investigation no longer, [illegible] far as the investigation has gone it has proved the correctness of the statements made by the Hon. Mr. McKellar when the committee was appointed, and if they had time for further examination of parties connected with the Farm doubtless Mr. [illegible]'s position [illegible] been [illegible] strengthened. [illegible] of this inv[illegible] double [illegible] notions rathe[illegible] servati[illegible]

We have now in the field one candidate for the Local House, the Hon. Provincial Treasurer in the East Riding, and Wm. Thompson in the West. The Hon. Mr. Crooks has decided to run in the East in consequence of a challenge given him at last election by Hon. M. C. Cameron. There is no doubt that Mr. Cameron will, by the time the election is over, have the best of reasons to regret his giving this challenge. The candidate in the West has some of the best recommendations for the position he is—we think we may confidently say it—about to attain. He is much respected by all his fellow citizens generally—is a successful wholesale merchant—holds several prominent positions of trust and honor among them, being the Vice President of the Royal Canadian Bank. He has had considerable municipal experience, having for several years been alderman for the Ward in which he resides. The King street merchant we referred to in one of our last letters, withdrew his claims to the candidature and is heartily supporting Mr. Thompson. No Opposition candidate for the Assembly has as yet formally taken the field in either riding. Mr. Cameron, however, in the course of a speech made by him in the House the other day, declared his intention of running in the East. The Mail also has made the same announcement.

Since date of my last there have been two elections for the House of Commons, viz: North Leeds and South Norfolk, that in the latter constituency being a gain to the Opposition. Conservatives were very jubilant over this their first victory since the general election last winter. The Mail came forth next morning announcing in capitals the commencement of the "revulsion" of which we have been hearing so much during the past few months. But the fact is that notwithstanding the hullabaloo raised by the Mail and other Opposition organs the election of Mr. Wallace in such an essentially Tory constituency was not such a wonderful victory after all. It was only through favouring circumstances that Reformers managed to secure the return of Mr. Stuart at last general election. The opposing candidate was weak and unpopular, and besides the Pacific Scandal was at that time too fresh not to have its effect on the minds of respectable Conservatives.

In our last we referred to rumors current here anent the establishment in this city at an early date of a new Reform journal. Since then those rumors have assumed definite shape. The new journalistic enterprize is to be under the management of the present proprietors of the London Advertiser, assisted by Mr. C. Tynn, at present on the editorial staff of the Hamilton Times. It is announced that the youthful aspirant to journalistic honors will make its appearance about the middle of next month. The youngster will be strictly ministerial and brought up in the same political faith as its eldest fraternal, the Advertiser of the Forest City. And to guarantee the perpetuity of the family name will be duly christened the Morning Advertiser. There are here already so many similar enterprises that it would be by no means a matter of surprise should the financial embarrassments of the situation make the youthful Advertiser before many suns had gone over his head emphatically a mo(u)rning Advertiser. But "misfortunes never come single 'tis plain." So our city journals [illegible] been whispering that the Canada First Party intend shortly to publish a daily edition of the Nation, the editorial columns of which it is said will receive their inspiration from the able pen of Professor Goldwin Smith. Besides which those we have to notice the "new departure" of the Sun, a small sheet lately published here in the Conservative interest. It had been rumored for some time past that this paper had been purchased by the Canada First Party but as it never at any time had much influence the announcement attracted but little attention—although this report is said to be literally true the Sun now styles itself as independent sheet. It thus bows itself out of the ranks of the Opposition press. "Hitherto the Sun has given a loyal support to the Local Opposition, but by the self-annihilation of that body the journal's allegiance has been rendered unnecessary." The Sun has received new light—a thing hitherto regarded as scientifically impossible—and it now appears to its brightened vision (?) that between the two political parties there "is no line of demarcation save the general boundary which separates 'Ins from Outs.'" And now comes the crisis—now it is that that luminary makes its second stand in history—for it "steps out as the champion of free and unbiased public opinion, prepared to act with perfect independence of party and party influence. Of course the organ is perfectly "free" and "unbiased"—and certain secondary difficulties necessarily attendant on such an annihilation of its formers have had nothing whatever to do with the independent "departure" of the Sun.

For the Mayoralty we have already no less than three aspirants in the field, Mr. Metcalf the present incumbent of the Civic Chair, and Messrs. Angus Morrison and A. T. McCord. It is very difficult at present to form an opinion as to which is likely to be the successful candidate.

During the past few weeks we have been having a religious controversy carried on between the R. C. Archbishop of Toronto and the Protestant clergy of several denominations. The discussion arose from an address given by Archbishop Lynch in St. Michael's Cathedral on the subject of the Roman Catholic faith. The lecture was ostensibly delivered to Roman Catholics alone, but as Bishop Lynch found it necessary to give many of our leading men of various Protestant denominations special invitations to those lectures and to attack the religious belief of Protestants generally, it was but reasonable that those differing from the religious views of the lecturer should understand those proceedings on his part as nothing else than a direct and distinct challenge to disprove, if they could the statements made by him. The result has been that several of the Protestant clergy have felt it their duty to reply to many of the statements contained in those lectures, and accordingly have been preaching specially on the subject. As might naturally have been expected, much that is harsh and unkind, not to say unchristian has been indulged in on both sides. This state of things is much to be deplored. While we admit the necessity of standing up boldly and fearlessly for truth when we see it in peril, yet we deplore seeing those who thus nobly come to the front on such occasions, so forget their true christian manhood and the m[illegible] and nobility of their cour[illegible] to, or indulge in a [illegible] on reflection [illegible] unfair and [illegible]

On Thursday morning last considerable excitement prevailed here on account of a report being current that Mr. [illegible], cashier of Molson's Bank [illegible] had become a defaulter to [illegible] amount and absconded. Since [illegible] it has been ascertained that the [illegible] is a heavy one, Mr. D. [illegible] nothing less than $40,000. He (Mr. D.) left here on Monday last with the professed intention of inspecting some of [illegible] agencies, commencing with that at [illegible]. Since then he has not been heard of. The money he is said to have taken with him was in one thousand dollar bills. It is trusted that the large denomination of these bills will make it difficult for him to cash them with safety to himself.

A daring and successful burglary was committed yesterday morning at Wellington Square. There are circumstances in connection with the affair, which render it not improbable that the perpetrators in this affair are the parties who robbed the express train between Port Credit and this place, only a little more than a month ago, and that they have their head quarters somewhere between this City and Hamilton. Among those circumstances is the fact, that the guilty parties in both cases, consisted of four armed and masked men, that the scenes of those depredations are on the same railway line and within a short distance of each other. The news of the affair put our detectives on the qui vive, but it is most probable that no arrests will be made. It would surely be well worth the expense to the country to have a properly trained and paid body of men, devoting their entire time to the detection of crime.

A meeting of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association was held on Wednesday, in the Agricultural Hall here, your worthy Sheriff occupying the chair. The business of the meeting being principally of a routine character; there was nothing in the proceedings of sufficient interest to your readers to call for comment on the part of the writer. The weather has been raw and wintry during the past week, but we have had very little snow yet. Two or three times this season we have had falls of snow, but not sufficient to make sleighing for more than two or three days in succession.

There are as yet but few indications of preparation for the festivities of Xmas and New Year. Those preparations, will no doubt, be commenced by Monday. At this season our shopkeepers all vie with each other in the artistic display of their wares. But I fear I have already occupied too much of your valuable space and therefore wishing you and your readers a merry merry Xmas and happy New Year, I bid you for the present adieu.

DUNGANNON CORRESPONDENCE.

Dec. 21st, 1874.

The members and adherents of W. M. church at the Nile presented their pastor, the Rev. James Broley, with an elegant rocking chair and a finely finished set of hair bottomed chairs. The presentation was made by the Misses Agnes Morrow, Christina Nancolas, Charlotte and Lydia Morris, Isabella Graham, and Mrs. Morrow, while the following address was being read by Mr. Wm. Symington:

DEAR ESTEEMED PASTOR,—We the members and adherents of the Methodist church at the Nile, embrace the present opportunity in tendering you our sincere thanks for the very efficient manner in which you have discharged your ministerial functions since you came amongst us. It is a pleasing task at all times to do honor to those we esteem, but the pleasure manifestly increases when we find that this esteem is shewed by so large and respectable a body as those who compose the subscribers in the present case. As an able, faithful and earnest expounder of the Holy Scripture you have won golden opinions. Were you not present much more might be said, and endorsed by every one here. But let this suffice. And now most esteemed pastor please accept these gifts as a [illegible] proof of our appreciation of the commendable zeal manifested by you at all times in our spiritual welfare, we are sure that you will not look at the intrinsic value of the testimonial so much as you will at the feelings which prompted the presentation. And above all we would devoutly pray that you may be long spared in the vineyard of the Lord and be instrumental in winning many souls to the Redeemer.

The Rev. gentleman in reply expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the kindness manifested by his congregation at the Nile on the present occasion, and also for the kindness and support accorded him by the Nile and his other congregations on the circuit. He then alluded to the success that had attend his ministerial labors during the last eighteen months, when not less than 80 persons were admitted as members into the church. The company amused themselves with readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental music, and then partook of a splendid repast tastefully prepared by the young ladies who manifested commendable zeal throughout the entire affair.

On Wednesday evening 16th inst., Mr. R. Treleaven, superintendent of the W. M. Sunday School of Dungannon, was made the recipient of a very elegant writing desk and gold pen, as a proof that his pupils appreciate his efforts in connection with the school over which he has so long and faithfully presided. All his Sunday School pupils, quite a number of their friends, and the Rev. Mr. Broley were present and assisted materially in making the affair a decided success. While the presentation was being made by Miss Emma Sproul, the following address was read by Miss Jenny Anderson.

MR. R. TRELEAVEN.—We the friends of the Methodist Sabbath School of Dungannon, embrace this opportunity of congratulating you upon your success as superintendent of the school. By your urbanity of manner you have made many friends, and by your efforts and zeal the school is in a very healthy state. As a token of our high regard please accept this writing desk, gold pen, and stationery. Wishing you and your family all the compliments of the season, and praying you may be long long spared to discharge the duties devolving upon you as the superintendent of the school. Mr. Treleaven in a very appropriate speech acknowledged the kindness conferred upon him by those present, and desired a hearty co-operation on part of the teachers for the future welfare of the school. The young ladies furnished vocal and instrumental music of a very superior quality and also a most inviting repast, to which the large company did ample justic.

WEST WAWANOSH.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Council met 14th Dec. 1874 according to adjournment, all the members present; the Reeve in the chair. J. Plunket gave bond as Treasurer of School Section No. 2; handed to Treasurer.

Communication from School Inspector [illegible] and filed. Moved by E. Gaunt, seconded by D. McIlwain, that the following accounts be paid:—John Jeffers [illegible] repairing scraper, $3; Thomas Fen[illegible] surveying, $8; W. Berry station-

ery, $13.98; Sentinel office printing, $9; W. Donaldson lumber, $1.06; Buchanan & McNee, gravelling, N. G. R. $270.11; John Harp draining, $4.15; H. McMath inspecting gravel N. G. R., $3.30; McNeil & Ledbeat cutting hill, &c., 9 con. $50; Hugh Anderson, culverts crossway 10 con. $20.50; Co. Caynor, bridge 12 con, $12; John Elliott, culvert N. G. Road, $6; McVittie, [illegible] lumber, $6.62; John Clarke, cutting hill, Manchester, $20; T. & D. Todd, lumber, $11.75; Fenton, gravel, $1.50; Young Glen, gravel, $2.10; William Saunders, cutting hill East boundary [illegible]

ROBERT MURRAY, Tp Clerk.

VARNA CORRESPONDENCE.

The County Lodge of [illegible] O. of G. T. met at Varna on the 16th [illegible] Bro. Jas. Wanless, County Chief, presiding. The County Lodge will hold it next meeting at Live and Let Live Lodge Room, Hay, on the first Wednesday of March. An open lodge meeting was held in the evening, Bro. J. B. Fisher, [illegible] Chairman. Rev. Mr. Danby, Redman and Wanless addressed the meeting. Choir gave selections of music led by Rev. A. Campbell and Duncan. The meeting closed in the usual form, all well satisfied with the night's entertainment.

A meeting of the pupils of the Varna school took place in the Temperance Hall on Thursday evening. Although the night was stormy, the hall was crowded. The children's performance highly entertained the audience.

A meeting of the ratepayers of Stanley met on Friday, in the Temperance Hall, to take into consideration the necessity of choosing councillors who will pledge themselves not to license so many taverns in the Township. It was agreed not to support any of the candidates unless they agree to resolutions passed at said meeting. A deputation was appointed to wait on the different candidates before the day of nomination.

ASHFIELD.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The council met at Kintail on Monday, the 9th of November. The members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A circular from the Ontario Temperance and Prohibitory League, was laid before the Council.

A petition from James Mullin, Wm. Mallough and others, to divide the township into wards.

Moved by A. Dreany, sec. by A. C. Hawkins, that widow Sutherland be granted the amount of her taxes for the year as she has a large family to support, and is in indigent circumstances. Carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by M. Dalton, that James McDonald be given the sum of eight dollars and Henry Hacket ten dollars, they being destitute. Carried.

Moved by A. Dreany, sec. by A. C. Hawkins, that Mary Johnston be exempt from taxes for this year, amounting to ten dollars and fifteen cents, and that the widow Shields be also exempt from taxes, both being indigent. Carried.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid: James Gl[illegible], for $1.55; John McWhinney, for [illegible] $4.75; John R[illegible] $4.[illegible]

Moved by P. Clare, sec. by A. C. Hawkins, that this Council grant the sum of twenty-five dollars to be expended on 6 & 7 side line on [illegible] Con. W. [illegible] to clear the road. Carried.

Moved by A. Dreany, sec. by A. C. Hawkins, that Alex. Shields be paid fifteen dollars for road work on the 2 & 3 con. Carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by P. Clare, that the widow McRae be given five dollars as charity, and the following persons be exempt from taxes for the year, viz: The widow Mary Martin, widow Ross, [illegible], and Rose and Maggie McGuire, and that the widow Ledsome be given five dollars. Carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by M. Dalton, that the Clerk examine the list of lands liable to be sold for taxes and have all the unpatented lots and those on which the taxes have been paid struck off the list. Carried.

Moved by A. Dreany, sec. by P. Clare, that the Council do now adjourn to meet again on the 23rd of of this month at Anthony Black's Dungannon, for the purpose of considering the petition of Jas. Mullin, Wm. Mallough and others for dividing the township into wards. Carried.

Nov. 23rd. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by A. Dreany, sec. by M. Dalton, that the clerk procure a copy of Harrison's Municipal Manual for the use of this Council. Carried.

Moved by P. Clare, sec. by M. Dalton, that the petition of Jas. Mullin and others praying the council to divide the township into four wards, resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted so far as relates to the proposed division, the council to use their best judgment in the formation of said wards and to the best advantage of the people in general. Carried. M. Dreany dissenting.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by A. Dreany, that the council adjourn to meet again at G. Black's Hotel, in the village of Port Albert, on Saturday, the 28th of Nov., at one o'clock, p. m. Carried.

The Council met at Port Albert on the 28th of Nov. All the members present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by A. Dreany, sec. by P. Clare, that the Deputy Reeve be instructed to have the fallen timber cleaned off the 10 & 11 cons. road opposite lot 11. Carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by P. Clare, that this council instruct the Clerk or Reeve to take legal advice in the matter of a certain petition now before the council, relative to dividing the township into wards, and that the council meet again at the call of the Reeve or before the 8th day of Dec. next. Carried.

Dec. 8th. The Council met at the call of the Reeve. The members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The opinion of B. L. Doyle, Esq., relative to the petition to divide the township into wards was laid before the council.

Moved by P. Clare, sec. by M. Dalton, that the resolution passed by this council at its last meeting held at Dungannon, relating to the division of the township into wards be and is hereby rescinded. Carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by P. Clare, that the following be and are hereby appointed returning officers in the several electoral subdivisions for the year 1875 as follows, viz:

Subdivision No. 1, John Cooke, Polling to be held at School House, No. 6; No. 2, Robt. McGray, S. H. No. 9; No. 3, Wm. Thos. Gardner, S. H. No. 7; No. 4, M. Dalton, junr., S. H. No. 2; No. 5, Hugh Chambers, S. H. No. 12. Carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by P. Clare, that the nomination for the purpose of nominating Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors be held at S. H. No. 9 in the township, on the last Monday in December. Carried.

Moved by P. Clare, sec. by M. Dalton, that ten dollars be granted towards assisting the school teachers of Dungannon district in establishing a teachers library. Carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by A. Dreany, that this council tender a vote of thanks to Wm. Kingsford, Esq., Engineer in charge of the harbor works at Port Albert, for his promptness in having said work performed, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the said Engineer, care of Bl[illegible] and Kingsford, Toronto. Carried.

Moved by A. Dreany, sec. by A. C. Hawkins, that Andrew McCool be paid [illegible] dollars for clearing the fallen timber on the Lake road [illegible] by the late fire. Carried.

By-Laws, No. 14 & 15—1874 were read and approved.

Moved by M. Dalton, sec. by P. Clare, that this council do adjourn to meet again at Joseph Allen's Hotel, Lucknow on Thursday, the 31st inst. Carried.

JOHN COOKE, Tp Clerk.

BENMILLER CORRESPONDENCE.

An examination commencing on [illegible] 15th, and ended on Dec. 18th, [illegible] place in School Section No. 2, [illegible] borne, in order to determine [illegible] tions which the pupils hold [illegible] spective classes. The [illegible] conducted by the teacher, [illegible] questions in writing, [illegible] answers to the same.

Class 5th—marks obtainable [illegible] Richard Morris, 404 [illegible]

Class 4—marks obtainable [illegible] Thomas Morris, 340; 2, [illegible] 318, and Sidney Potter 318 [illegible] Potter 301.

Class 3—marks obtainable [illegible] Mary Cath. Potter, 240; [illegible] Bell, 203; 5, Lenorah Stev[illegible]

Class 2—marks obtainable [illegible] Margt. Manning, 205; 2, [illegible] Bailey, 203; 3, Malinda Fisher [illegible] 4, Minnie Maniel, 203; 5, Mary [illegible] 200; 4, Chas. Stewart, 193 [illegible] Clement Kerr, 180.

Junior part of Class (lately promoted) [illegible] marks obtainable, 170, 1, Gym [illegible] Morris, 164; 2, Addie Fisher [illegible] 3, William Potter, 147; 4, Eliz. [illegible]

Class 1, senior (2nd reader) [illegible] obtainable, 160, 1 Charlotte Morris [illegible] 128, 2 Priscilla Fisher, 120; 3 Nettie Green, 107.

Non-payment of Volunteers

Potter's Hill, Dec. 10th 1874.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

SIR,—Allow me a small space in the columns of your widely circulated paper, as I want to make a few statements in regard to the non-payment of the volunteers [illegible], as it is only of the 33rd Battalion I can speak with certainty. [illegible] of 1873 that I have reference to, the fall of that year we [illegible] camp on the Goderich flats [illegible] in our annual drill. We [illegible] the Government allowance [illegible] and a badge to the [illegible] company, but the winners [illegible] prizes so far have never received [illegible] of them. The officers [illegible] all right when Brigade [illegible] come up this fall [illegible] come, and when [illegible] asked about it [illegible] prizes; but upon further [illegible] he had forgot to [illegible] give it his special attention [illegible] would go home. Formerly it [illegible] been that the political revolution [illegible] was agitating the public mind, the Pacific Scandal, the change of Government, of the great events that were taking place in the Dominion, occupied his attention, so much that it is no wonder that so small a matter should escape his memory. Latterly it would have been his visit up to Goderich, its headquarters of the battalion, where [illegible] the steep banks on either side of the winding Maitland as it empties itself into Lake Huron, the beautiful scenery, the white canvas tents, the military array of the Hurons, on review day in their form for inspection with arms and accoutrements glittering like the noon day sun, may have made him forgetful. Surely in this wide Dominion the Government could find men in the service with better memories, who would not neglect their duty and pay the men who the Government promised. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I would say that it would be well if the Government would continue to give company prizes, as it causes quite a competition among the men. But more especially that men in office that would do their duty.

Yours truly,
SERGT. McDOUG[illegible]
No. 7 [illegible]

P. S.—I hope the press [illegible] will not let the matter drop [illegible] take hold of the subject [illegible] [illegible] right.

Street-Cleaning in P[illegible]

The superficial area of public [illegible] which has to be swept daily amounts to eleven million metres (a metre is a yard and one ninth), and the work must be finished before the hour at which general traffic begins. To accomplish this, the operation has to be begun at about three o'clock in the morning.

The hands employed muster by brigades at certain points in each district; thence they are subdivided into bands, and proceed at once to their daily task. Whatever the weather, whatever the temperature, the street-cleaners must be at their post and at work.

These toilers of the small hours are to be counted by thousands. They are, as it were, the chanticleers of the great city. Long before Aurora peeps from the east the tramp of their sabots, or wooden shoes, and the harsh noise of their stiff brooms, are to be heard upon the pavement.

At that matutinal hour, when the stately streets of Paris are under the dominion of the sweepers, you will meet, side-by-side with them, those nocturnal philosophers who explore the heaps of rubbish and refuse which incumber the road-side.

These two classes get on together in the most fraternal manner. The sweeper, or the sweepers, is ever ready to lend a willing hand to the chiffonnier's, or rag picker's investigation, and to contribute to his reaping a good harvest.

Your sweeper is, for the most part, both steady and thrifty, and he is rarely to be seen at the public-house. Indeed he is to glad to get home and to bed as soon as he has got through his fatiguing work.

Besides the hand-broom, there is the machine sweeping. More than forty machines for the latter purpose are employed upon the Paris pavement. They require only one man each. This is a driver, who, while attending to his horse, manages a spring, from the box where he sits, by means of which he lifts and lets down the sweeping cylinder at will.

These machines are chiefly used on the boulevards, the avenues, squares, and broader thoroughfares, where they are to be seen at work the greater part of the day. In bad weather, more especially, they ply their way along the most crowded highways dissipating the mud, half-melted snow, etc.

[illegible] of real pro[illegible]

The resid[illegible] tax collector [illegible] sacked on [illegible] were at church [illegible]

The body of an [illegible] below the river bank [illegible] of death unknown.

The woman Poole [illegible] murder at Bathurst [illegible] sentenced to be hanged, but [illegible] commuted to imprisonment [illegible]

A convention of Reformers [illegible] at Brampton, on the 19th [illegible] Chisholm, Esq., was [illegible] represent the county [illegible] Local House.

Ireland begins to lose her [illegible] emigration. They are [illegible] faces away from home [illegible] Norway, Sweden, Canada [illegible] United States.

Announcement was made on Sunday [illegible] in all the Roman Catholic Churches of Quebec that a petition [illegible] be presented to the Governor-General [illegible] urging an amnesty towards those connected with the troubles of the North-West.

Farmers from the vicinity of [illegible] River complain of the existence of an organized gang of cattle and sheep thieves, who stand by each other [illegible] blow when attacked [illegible] off. Their depredations are [illegible]

[illegible] by thinking of [illegible] favour of the animal [illegible] that such [illegible] attempt [illegible] successful [illegible] the first [illegible] this he reined his horse in a corner [illegible] the fence, jumped out of his buggy [illegible] made the [illegible] and actually [illegible] touched it [illegible] found himself [illegible] ditch. After [illegible]

A REFORMED PRIZEFIGHTER.—The London Times says:—Bendigo, formerly the well-known pugilist, the "champion of England," delivered a religious address recently to a crowded audience at the Adelaide Hall, Dundee [illegible]. Mr. John [illegible] conducted the services at Nottingham. The reporters state that Bendigo, who is now sixty-three years of age, stands as straight as a dart [illegible] is described as "simple, though earnest." He said he was the youngest of twenty-one children, and his father dying when he was thirteen, he was placed in the workhouse. He began fighting when he was sixteen years of age, and gave it up when he was [illegible] years ago, after [illegible] unately in the [illegible] and the public-house [illegible] as if by a miracle [illegible] been the happiest man alive [illegible] should be happier still [illegible] learn "to read the Bible for himself."