

PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

JOHN SCHAEFER, REEVE OF SOUTH EASTHOPE, ELECTED WARDEN, UNANIMOUSLY.

The first meeting of the Perth County Council was held on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 20th. On the roll being called all the members responded to their names, as follows:—Downie, O. Smith, A. Moses; Ellice, F. Ruston, J. P. O'Brien; Logan, T. Coveney, G. Eisler; North Easthope, J. A. McMillan, J. A. Fraser; South Easthope, J. Schaefer, D. Youis; Blanshard, W. Hutchings, D. Johnson; Fullarton, G. Leversage, J. Jackson; Hibbert, A. McLaren, T. Ryan; Mornington, W. Freeborn, J. Grieve; Elma, R. Cleland, W. Lochhead, T. Hammond; Wallace, G. V. Poole, A. Kennedy; Mitchell, S. R. Stuart, I. Ford; Listowel, S. Bricker, Dr. Parke; Miliverton, J. G. Grosch.

ELECTING THE WARDEN.

The first business was the election of warden. The following were nominated: John Schaefer, reeve of South Easthope; S. Bricker, reeve of Listowel; R. Cleland, reeve of Elma; W. Lochhead, deputy-reeve of Elma; G. V. Poole, reeve of Wallace. Mr. McLaren and Mr. McMillan strongly advocated the claims of their nominee, Mr. Schaefer. All the other nominees manifested a friendly spirit toward Mr. Schaefer by withdrawing in his favor, and he was declared elected by acclamation. Having made the usual declaration, the warden-elect thanked the members of the council for the honor conferred upon him. He had been a member of the county council for 16 years, and that was the first election of warden by acclamation. He assured the members he would endeavor to discharge the duties of the position to the best of his ability and judgment.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

The county officials were appointed thus, most of them being re-elected: Clerk, Wm. Davidson; Treasurer, A. Montelth; Auditors, James Jones and G. G. Ewart, the latter the warden's nominee; jail surgeon, Dr. Shaver by a majority over Dr. D. B. Fraser and Dr. Ellis; trustee for Listowel high school, Dr. Dingman; high school trustee for Mitchell school, Capt. Francis, of Fullarton; county solicitors, McPherson & Davidson; auditors of criminal accounts, the reeve of Hibbert and the county clerk; road inspector, J. Corrie; caretaker, F. Brounson; messenger, W. Blair.

A special committee was nominated to strike the standing committees.

After adopting the usual motion in relation to town line grants, the council rose for the day.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

The council resumed at 9 o'clock all being present.

On motion of Messrs. Grieve and Cleland, it was resolved that all petitions and motions for money grants shall be submitted on the first day of any session of the council, and not later.

On motion of Messrs. McMillan and Fraser, the county treasurer was requested to submit a statement of all moneys still due by municipalities on account of the rate of 1890.

The clerk was directed to procure a copy of the municipal manual for each municipality, the cost to be paid by the treasurer.

On motion of Messrs. McLaren and Ryan, the inspector of roads was instructed to inspect a bridge on the town line of Hibbert and Tuckersmith, and after the inspection of them make repairs or build a new structure if necessary.

On motion of Messrs. Lochhead and Coveney, a committee was appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature setting forth reasons why it is absolutely necessary to make certain amendments to the Drainage Act and the Ditches and Watercourses Act, in view of making these acts more practicable to work under, and also to secure justice to all parties concerned without so much danger of litigation, which is proving so ruinous.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The special committee—Mr. Leversage, chairman—reported the following as the standing committees for the year: County Property—The warden and Messrs. Leversage, Cleland, McLaren, McMillan, Freeborn, Poole and Coveney.

Finance—Leversage, Cleland, Bricker Poole, Smith, Hutchings, Freeborn, Ruston, McLaren, McMillan, Stuart, Coveney.

Roads and Bridges—Coveney, Grieve, Kennedy, Hammond, Johnson, Jackson, Fraser, O'Brien, Youis, Grosch, Ryan, Ford, Park, Cleland.

Education—Lochhead, Coveney, Leversage, Ford, Parke, and Poole.

The report was adopted.

THE DECEMBER SESSION.

A debate took place on a motion of Mr. McLaren to dispense with the December session, on the score of economy. Finally the motion was withdrawn until the June session, when the mover promised to re-introduce it.

NITH BRIDGE.

The reeves of Mornington moved for a committee to act with the representatives of Mornington in ascertaining

what share of the cost of erecting a bridge over the Nith at Poole the county should bear. Messrs. Leversage and Smith in discussing the motion gave the experience of their respective councils in building new bridges—they had built many within the past few years. Messrs. Freeborn and Grieve strongly supported the motion, the latter suggesting that the reeves of Fullarton and Downie should be members of the committee. Mr. McLaren showed that Hibbert had built within the past few years a number of new iron and stone bridges at an even cost of \$800. He opposed the motion, Mr. Cleland supported it. On a vote being taken the motion was carried by a majority of three, and the following named as the committee: Messrs. Cleland, Leversage, Coveney, Bricker and McLaren, to report at the June session.

In amendment Mr. Stuart moved, seconded by Mr. Ford, that Messrs. Cleland, Leversage and McLaren compose the committee—a small committee preferable on the score of expense. Mr. Grieve would prefer a committee of five. On a vote being taken the amendment was carried by 16 to 11.

The council adjourned till 9 Thurs day.

THURSDAY—LAST SESSION.

The council resumed at 9 a. m. The special committee—Mr. Coveney, chairman—appointed to consider amendments to the Drainage Acts, reported a memorial to the Legislature, suggesting certain amendments. The report was adopted.

The report of the finance committee—Mr. Leversage, chairman—was adopted. It related to a few accounts submitted.

On motion of Messrs. Grieve and Leversage, the reeves were asked to prepare a statement of all bridges in their municipalities, when and of what constructed, and report at the June session.

On motion of Dr. Parke and Mr. Johnson, a grant of \$100 was made to the 25th battalion to assist them in procuring helmets.

The Huron council, by telegraph, asked the co-operation of Perth council to memorialize the Government to appoint a railway commissioner to regulate traffic, etc., on railways. The council gave an affirmative answer.

That ended the business and the council rose.

Our Canada.

After publishing a series of interesting sketches of England and the principal cities of the continent of Europe, the Rev. Dr. Withrow, Editor of the Methodist Magazine, sums up the whole with the conclusion that there are worse places than Canada. We quote in brief:—"East or west, Home is best." One of the chief pleasures of going abroad is that of coming home again; and a most important lesson is that no land furnishes happier conditions of existence than our own. Beautiful and picturesque scenes may be seen in Germany, Italy, France, and England, but for abundant cheer and social enjoyment Canadian homes are without a peer on earth. Good food and plenty of it, are the first physical conditions of happiness, and these almost every Canadian may possess. Throughout Europe the peasant populations are ill-fed, poorly housed, and coarsely clothed and to one accustomed to Canada, their pitiful economies are a strange surprise. I have seen scores of women carrying great loads of hay on their heads, on mountain paths so steep that I found it difficult to make my way with an alpenstock. I have seen a village the only access to which is by ladders fastened to the cliff. I saw an old woman carrying large stones on her head from a quarry. I have heard of a woman and a cow harnessed to a plough, and I have seen a woman and a dog harnessed to a wagon. The beauties of the Rhine may be marred by the spectacle of gangs of women unloading military stores, while in the adjoining barrack yard five thousand soldiers are polishing their bayonets and pipeclaying their belts. In Britain the poor man is sadly handicapped in the race of life, and in cities the drink curse inflicts its tyranny to a degree unknown here. If the assertion be true that a civilization depends on its physical development, we should develop on our virgin soil one of the noblest civilizations the world has seen. The very sky seems several stories higher than in the Old World, the air is more exhilarating, and the climate unequalled in its ministry to health and pleasure. Untrammelled by the fetters of the past, with its almost boundless extent and inexhaustible resources, Canada offers to its sons a fairer heritage than is, I think, to be found elsewhere on earth.

Land of my birth, Where'er I roam, whatever climes I see My heart untravelling fondly turns to thee.

New York Sun: It is not a secret that Stanley has been grievously disappointed in his lecturing tour. His manager had expected that he would make an unprecedented success, and that he would enjoy a triumphal progress through the country. But somehow or other things have not gone according to anticipation. In not a few cases the audiences have been slim, the receipts light, and the enthusiasm rather tame.

Parliament Dissolved

The Sixth Parliament of Canada Ended.

NOMINATIONS ON FEB. 26TH; POLLING ON MARCH 5TH.

The Sixth Parliament of Canada is at an end. Acting on the advice of his responsible Ministers, His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to dissolve the House of Commons and issue his writs for a new Parliament. Nominations take place on Thursday, Feb. 26th, polling on Thursday, March 5th. The writs are to be dated February 4th, and made returnable on April 25th.

In view of the foregoing important statement, the question will naturally be asked, What are the reasons which have induced the Government to appeal to the country at the present time? It is understood that the Dominion Government have, through Her Majesty's United States for certain proposals looking to an extension of our commerce with that country. These proposals have been submitted to the President for his consideration, and the Canadian Government is of the opinion that if the negotiations are to result in a treaty which must be ratified by the Parliament of Canada, it is expedient that the Government should be able to deal with a Parliament fresh from the people rather than with a moribund House.

It is understood that Canada will send a delegation to Washington after March 4th, the date on which the life of the present Congress expires, for the purpose of discussing informally the question of the extension and development of trade between the United States and Canada and the settlement of all questions of difference between the two countries. This delegation will visit the United States capital, it is said, as the result of a friendly suggestion from Washington.

Donegal.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the report of the Donegal public school for the month of January: Fifth Class—Charles McFarlane, E. J. McClellan, Ellen A. Johnston, Senior Fourth Class—Duncan McKenzie, Louis Wilson, M. E. McCourt, Junior Fourth Class—Thomas McFarlane, Elizabeth McFarlane, Rebecca McFarlane. Senior Third Class—John A. Matheson, Robt. Barton, Ettie Capling, Maggie Cooper, John McKenzie. Junior 3rd Class—Willie S. Buchanan, Sarah McNichol, Frank Wilson. Promoted from Part I. to Part II, First Reader—John Buchanan, Effie Buchanan, Albert Hopson, Maud Barton, Mary Hemphill.

DIED.—On Monday afternoon of this week Wm. Flood, one of our oldest residents, passed away after a brief illness of two weeks. For some weeks he complained of feeling poorly, but nothing serious was anticipated until about two weeks ago when typhoid fever set in, and in spite of the best medical skill and nursing death claimed its victim. Deceased was highly respected in this locality, and his family, a wife, three boys and five girls, have the entire sympathy of the neighborhood in their hour of deepest sorrow. The subject of this notice was about 54 years of age. The funeral which was largely attended took place on Tuesday afternoon, interment in the Donegal cemetery.

Listowel.

A convention of the North Perth Reform Association will be held in the Town Hall, Listowel, on Feb. 11th, at 1:30 p. m.

Electric light is being again freely discussed in town. Representatives of the Reliance and Ball Companies were in town last week.

Andrew Little, G. T. R. agent here, has been sick in bed for three weeks, with a complication of troubles which seem to be baffling the doctors, and at the present time is very low.

During the past week our streets have been well filled with farmers' teams laden with wood, grain and other products of the field and forest. The sleighing so far this winter has been only occasionally good, consequently, the farmer has to take advantage of every fresh fall of snow.

The first meeting of the Public School Board was held on Wednesday of last week. J. C. Burt, the only new member this year, took the declaration of qualification of office. Andrew Little was re-appointed chairman, W. E. Binning, secretary, and the various committees were also appointed.

The High School here has become so crowded with pupils that the board has been compelled to engage another teacher. Some ten applications were sent in. The choice fell on G. A. McGee, of Uxbridge, who is an honor graduate of Toronto University. This will raise our school to the position of a four-master school.

The anniversary services in connection with Knox church, last Sabbath were well attended. The Methodist church withdrew its services in the evening in order to give the people an opportunity of visiting their Presbyterian friends. Rev. J. L. Murray, M. A., of Kincardine, preached good sermons and gave his lecture on Monday evening entitled, "My travels through Italy," which was very interesting. The collection amounted to \$80.

Molesworth.

An old-fashioned tea meeting was held in the Methodist church, here, on the 29th ult. Revs. Livingstone and Stevenson gave good addresses and the choir of the church furnished excellent music. Proceeds \$54. Owing to the inclement weather it was decided to hold a second one on Monday evening, 2nd inst. Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Atwood, came to our help and delivered a splendid address on the "Gospel of health." Mrs. Rogers rendered two solos and the choir several selections. Rev. A. Stevenson also gave a short address.

Turnberry.

Wesley Bently and Miss Lena Bently, of Blyth, were visiting friends here last week.

Geo. Bently, of Denver, Col., spent a few days here visiting friends and the scenes of his former life. He has not changed much since he left some two years ago. George is of the opinion that Uncle Sam's domains far excel Canada in giving a start to young men of energy and ambition. This is no doubt true as his own experience at school teaching and business, as well as that of many others, has proven that there are greater chances to rise in the States than in Canada.

The annual tea meeting in connection with the Congregational church, held Wednesday, Jan. 28th, like all preceding events, was a decided success. The weather and sleighing were all that could be desired as was shown by the number who attended. An excellent supper was heartily partaken of after which the intellectual feast began. The Misses Watson and Mr. Scott, of Wingham, furnished the music which was much appreciated. The several reverend gentlemen present gave short and humorous addresses which kept the audience in convulsions of laughter. Proceeds amounted to \$60. A social was held on the following evening for the S. S. children.

Ethel.

Reeve Milne was defeated by one vote for the Wardenship.

Mrs. D. Badgley's father and mother spent Sunday in town.

Albert Keffer, of Port Huron, is renewing old acquaintances here.

The good sleighing of the past week has made business quite lively in this place.

Mr. McCurdy and family have moved to town. They will occupy a house just east of the school.

Mrs. Henry Keyes returned home after having spent a month in New York and other American points.

Miss Louie Sherlock and Aaron Cober are attending the Listowel High School. They come home every Friday evening.

A tea meeting is being arranged for by the Methodists, to be held in their church on the evening of Feb. 12th. A grand tea and program may be looked for.

Robt. Lang met with an accident last Saturday while working in the saw mill here. A strip thrown by the cutting saw struck him in the mouth, cutting his lips badly and breaking his front teeth.

Wm. McLeod has wearied of bachelor life and has taken to himself a life partner. We hope they may long be spared to enjoy the blessings and sunshine of wedded life and that all their troubles may be little ones.

Ethel L. O. L. sent a delegate to Belgrave to attend the County Lodge of North Huron. He reports Orangeism in a prosperous condition at present in that county. It was decided to celebrate the coming Twelfth of July in Brussels.

Huron County Notes.

John Campbell and Laughlin Campbell, hotel-keepers of Gorrie, were fined \$20 and costs, respectively, for selling liquor on election day.

Thos. Lapslie, Seaforth, was last week offered and refused \$500 for a yearling entire colt. This colt is a full-brother of one which Mr. Lapslie sold a couple of years ago to Mr. Bishop, of Strathroy, for \$400.

One of those happy events which characterize and help to break the monotony of our otherwise quiet winters, occurred at the residence of A. Longley, Howick, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at 5 o'clock p. m. The occasion for this friendly gathering was the marriage of Miss Mary Longley, eldest daughter of Andrew Longley, to Webster D. Lamb, teacher, of Yoevil, near Mount Forest. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. C. Totten, Congregationalist minister, Salem.

At the meeting of the County Council, on Tuesday, Jan. 28th, the principal interest centered, as it usually does, in the Wardenship election. Mr. Beck, reeve of Colborne, and Mr. Milne, reeve of Grey, were the candidates. Upon the ballots being counted Mr. Beck was declared elected by a majority of one, 25 voting for Mr. Beck, and 24 for Mr. Milne. The successful man was the candidate of the Conservatives, and it was almost a straight party vote. The Conservatives have an actual majority of two in the council, but the reeve of Wingham, who is a Reformer, was sick and unable to be present, so that two who are supposed to be Conservatives must have voted for Mr. Milne.

Additional Local Items.

ASH Wednesday—February 11.

From all accounts more buildings will be erected here the coming summer than ever before.

JOHN GRAHAM was in Mitchell last Saturday on business in connection with the flax mill.

Of every 1,000,000 people in the world 800 are blind, and the other 999,200 cannot see their own faults.

THE MARKETS.—In response to the request of a number of our farmer friends we have decided to publish the Toronto grain and live stock markets in addition to our local market from week to week. We purpose making the market report a leading feature of THE BEE in the future, and pains will be taken to have them carefully corrected on Thursday morning of each week. The quotations will be thoroughly reliable.

MISSION BAND.—At the last meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian church, it was decided that a Mission Band should be organized in connection with the Auxiliary, when the following officers were elected: President, Miss Lizzie Graham; 1st Vice-President, Miss Annie Dunn; 2nd Vice-President, A. Priest; Secretary, Miss Jennie Harvey; Treasurer, Miss Jennie Peebles. The Band will meet on the last Saturday of each month until further notice. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 28th.

Perth County Notes.

The Motherwell congregation voted organ or none. The organ carried by a sweeping majority.

Malcolm Cameron, one of the Anderson sportsmen, shot a large owl which measured 6 feet 6 inches from tip to tip of extended wings.

Richard Horn, blacksmith, of Whalton, has sold his shop and residence to Wm. Hodgins, for the sum of \$900, and has rented the shop vacated by Mr. Wilson in Granton.

Another old settler gone. J. Hawkey died at his home in the north ward, Mitchell, last week, in his 84th year. He has been a resident of Mitchell and Fullarton over 30 years.

Fullarton council has appointed the following officers: John Cole, sr., treasurer; Alex. Bothwell, collector; Richard Francis, assessor; John Wilson, clerk; William Sterritt and John H. Keeler, auditors.

The lumber for the new church, Anderson, is being hauled this week, the other material being on the grounds. Mr. Roadhouse, who has got the entire contract, purposes commencing early in the spring.

The Stratford Water Supply Co. expect to have their new Worthington pump in operation before the end of the month. It has a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons per diem and will cost \$6,000 and has all the latest improvements.

On Sunday morning of last week when J. T. Brine, East Mitchell road, Blanshard, went out to feed his stock he found that four sheep had been taken from one of his pens. Further investigation disclosed the fact that they had been killed in the pen, as was shown by the blood on the ground.

One day recently a young man, D. McNam, of Logan, was riding on horseback along the concession; the horse became frightened, ran away, threw the rider off and against a barbed wire fence. The man was badly shaken up, his face was scratched and one of his ears was completely cut in two. Dr. Smith stitched up the wound, but Mc declares that he has one whole ear and two half ears.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The deposits in the Post Office Savings banks of Ontario for December amounted to \$528,618, and the repayments to \$666,552.

The Minister of Agriculture has decided to send four hundred bushels of "prize prolific" barley to England to be made into ale in one of the leading breweries, with a view to testing its quality in that direction. The 400 bushels to be sent were collected from all over the Dominion.

Cast iron bricks are noted as a late German invention. They are hollow with very thin shells, and are to be laid without mortar; grooves and corresponding ribs hold them together, assisted by two hook-sharpened lugs in each brick. The outside surfaces are to be heavily painted. The advantages claimed are that they are lighter than ordinary brick, make a house cool in summer and warm in winter, and they readily admit of being taken down and used in other structures without requiring skilled labor.

A deputation of prominent temperance workers waited on the Attorney-General Tuesday last to ask amendments to the liquor laws. In reply Hon. Mr. Mowat said:—"I have listened with great interest, as I'm sure my colleagues have also, to what you have been saying. We must also bear in mind that neither the Province nor the Legislature is composed wholly of temperance people, and we cannot legislate as we might do if the case were otherwise. But we have hitherto done what we could in the direction you wish and in the future we shall continue to do what we can to abate the evils of intemperance."