LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1879.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

There is little or no agitation over municipal matters in town, and from present indications it is quite probable that the election of a Council for 1880 will not be the occasion of any particular excitement. The present incumbents of the offices of Mayor and Reeve signify their willingness to accept office for another term, and as no opposition is spoken of, their return by acclamation on Monday next is not at all improbable. For the Deputy-Reeveship, there is likely to be a contest, Mr. T. G. Fennell having responded to the solicitation of a number of the electors by consenting to enter the field. Should Mr. Fennell receive the support of the electorate, he will no doubt make a very efficient and worthy representative, his ability, knowledge of municipal affairs and his personal integrity eminently qualifying to do so. It is understood that Mr. J. A. Hacking will again be a candidate for the Deputy-Reeveship, in which event it will remain for the electors to decide which event it will remain for the electors to decide which of these gentlemen is most deserving of their confidence. Ward politics are almost *in statu quo*. An endeavor was made to bring the "free and independent" of the "noble West Ward" together on Tuesday evening to select fit and proper persons to fill the aldermanic chairs belonging to the ward, but the "free and independent" didn't rally above a half a dozen strong, consequently the meeting was postponed until Friday evening. The names at present before the electors of the West are Messrs. John Binning, Jno. Page and W. G. Hay. Should none other turn up by nomination day, these gentlemen will have a "bloodless victory." In the Centre Ward Messrs. Jacob Heppler, A. D. Freeman and W. Bradley are spoken of as probable candidates. For the East, Mr. A. S. Deavitt, a former representative of the Ward at the Council board, announces his candidature. His card appears in another column. The cards of Messrs. Wm. Hess and H. Martinson are also before the electors of the East Ward, and it is understood that Dr. Nichol is again in the field; so that present intelligence from the East is indicative of a lively contest in that quarter on the 5th of January. "To the victor belongs the spoils."

ELMA.

Election matters are being freely discussed in this township. There is a pretty fair crop of candidates already in the field, and "more to follow," if rumor proves correct. We learn that Mr. Thos. Knox has consented to be a candidate for the Reeveship. Mr. Knox is thoroughly versed in the municipal affairs of the township, having occupied a seat at the Council board, and for several years past discharged the duties of assessor in a very efficient manner. Should he be the choice of the electors, he will no doubt fill the position of Reeve with credit to the township. Mr. R. Clelland is also spoken of as a candidate for the Reeveship. The present Deputy-Reeve, Samuel Roe, after having served the township for twenty-one years, has decided to retire from active duty. His place will in all probability be filled by Mr. Loughhead, who is the only candidate at present in the field. Mr. Loughhead's large experience as Councillor eminently qualifies him for the position. Mr. John G. Alexander has also signified his intention of retiring this year. Mr. Alexander has discharged his duties as Councilman in a very conscientious manner, and many of the electors would have been pleased to have seen him remain in the Council. Mr. Samuel S. Rothwell is announced as being a candidate to fill the vacancy, and being well qualified, he has a fair chance of being elected. In the southern part of the township, the names of Councillor McKenzie and Mr. James Smith are spoken of as the probable candidates, and in the Trowbridge Wards, among the names which have been mentioned are those of Chas. Cosens, R. M. Halpenny, Whitfield McCormick and Robert Smith.

IN WALLACE

Mr. McDermott will probably be opposed by Mr. George Follis for the Reeveship. The candidates in the field for Deputy-Reeve are Mr. John Willoughby and Mr. Alex. Kennedy. For councillors, in addition to the present representatives, Mr. James Robinson has signified his intention of running for the Ward in which he resides.

THE RE-DISTRIBUTION OF COUNTIES.

Another Deputation From North-Western Ontario.

A deputation composed of the reeves, deputy reeves, and other influential men from several municipalities in the counties of Wellington, Huron and Grey on Monday afternoon waited on Hon. Attorney General Mowat for the purpose of expressing their opposition to the proposed re-distribution of those counties, which had been urged by a deputation which visited the Premier a few weeks ago. Among the gentlemen forming the deputation were Alex. L. Gibson, Reeve of Wroxeter; John Prain, Reeve of Minto, Warden County of Wellington; Robert Scott, Deputy Reeve of Minto; Jas. Fallis, Councillor, do.; John Kaine, Reeve of Howick; B. S. Cook, First Deputy Reeve of Howick; David Wier, Second Deputy Reeve of Howick; Thos. Wilson and Robt. Gibson, delegates from Howick; Samuel Black, Reeve of Turnberry; and Dr. Stewart and S. Caswell, of Palmerston.

Mr Alex. L. Gibson, Reeve of Wroxeter, who acted as spokesman, presented the Attorney-General with a petition from Howick, signed by upwards of 900 ratepayers, and one from the township of Turnberry, signed by upwards of 300, praying that the proposed redistribution should not take place. He stated that one had also been numerously signed in the village of Wroxeter to the same effect. He produced the minutes of a public meeting held at Palmerston on the 9th inst., when a resolution was passed unanimously against the scheme, and when the initiatory steps were taken for the appointment of this deputation a document, embodying the views of the delegates and signed by them, was read and handed to the Attorney-General.

Mr. Mowat asked if all the rural municipalities were opposed to the scheme.

Mr. Gibson replied that every one of the rural municipalities interested, without exception, were opposed to any action being taken at the present time.

Several other members of the deputation briefly endorsed the views expressed by Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Mowat said that when he had investigated this question some time ago he had found the agitation in favor of the redistribution scheme to be confined chiefly to the towns, while the townships generally were opposed to it. The present deputation had represented the rural municipalities to be even more unanimously opposed to any change than he had been previously aware of. It was extremely unlikely that any action on the matter would be taken during the coming session. When the Government did come to consider it they would not fail to give every consideration to their representations to-day. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the deputation and at having the opportunity of hearing their views. The deputation then withdrew.

S. BRICKER & Co. have an immense stock of stoves on hand, bought before the late rise, and which they are selling at present wholesale prices. If you want either a coal or wood stove of any pattern, call at their hardware store.—47.

LISTOWEL HIGH SCHOOL.

TORONTO, 18th Dec., 1879.

Extract from the report of Inspector McLellan on his visit to the High School at Listowel on 11th Dec., 1879. Transmitted for the information of the Board and Head Master.

Accommodation.—At present High School is held in Public School. Has three rooms which are quite convenient. A beautiful High School building on a two-acre site, is rapidly approaching completion. It will be ready about 1st of February.

Equipment.—Three teachers; fair supply of maps and apparatus.

Remarks.—The school is still improving. The Head Master is a man of energy and great enthusiasm. The school cannot but do well under him if he be well sustained. Mr. Springer seems to be a very painstaking teacher. Miss Foote's engagement terminates at end of this term. The trustees thought of doing with two teachers; this should not be attempted. The trustees are, however, very liberal men, and are quite willing to do all they can to meet the views of the Department, and make their school thoroughly efficient. A beautiful and very convenient High School building is near completion. With such accommodation the school under present management is likely to take a first-rate position. (Extract certified.)

ALEX. MARLING, Secretary.

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.—Dangerous counterfeit one dollar Dominion bills (payable in Toronto) are in circulation. The paper is much thinner, but the engraving is singularly well executed, and, apart from the general appearance and texture by which experts can usually detect counterfeits, it is not easy to point out differences by which the bogus bills are to be distinguished from genuine. Perhaps the most noticeable difference is the engraving of the head of Jacques Cartier. In the genuine bill the neck is fairly exposed between the beard and collar, while in the bogus there is a light line immediately below the beard, and the work about the neck is done so imperfectly that it is difficult to say whether the collar reaches close up to the beard or a portion of the neck is exposed. The face of the female figure is also inferior, and much coarser in expression. The next most conspicuous difference is in the cloud work about the central figure. The line engraving in the genuine bill will here be found even, continuous and quite distinct, though faint, while in the bogus bill the same general effect is obtained by coarser and less regular lines, not continuous but dotted. In nearly all the fine work, such as clouding, shading and scrolls, the counterfeit will be found comparatively blurred and indistinct, though so slightly that only the closest scrutiny will ensure discovery. Clipped silver coinage is also in circulation, but, as the banks are refusing it, this petty fraud must soon come to an end. It is well, however, that handlers of small coin should be cautioned against accepting silver the weight of which has been reduced by cutting, clipping or punching. Counterfeit American trade dollars have also found their way to Canada.

DOTAGE AND YOUTH UNITED.—A Napanee paper (the *Standard*) tells the following story, in which a Toronto man occupies a principal figure:—"Napanee has lost one of its aged citizens by marriage. Some six weeks ago, Mrs. Robert Carlton, a venerable widow of three score and sixteen years, went to visit some friends at Kingston. While there she made the acquaintance of a dapper young man named Charles Nelson, of Toronto, a sausage maker by occupation. Whether the matrimonial fire was kindled in the heart of the old lady, or in that of the young man, who is about twenty-six years of age, is not known. It would seem probable that the latter conceived an affection for the aged dame when he learned that she was possessed of a goodly amount of the world's riches. He accordingly resolved upon making her is wife, 'and his words, replete with guile, into her heart too easy entrance won.' The old lady, to evince her love for Nelson, bought him a suit of clothes and a watch. The happy couple went to Toronto and were married, but why it was necessary to travel 175 miles to have the knot tied has not transpired. They came from Toronto to Napanee, when, rumor says, the bride gave her husband about $3,000 and a deed of her house and lot. On Tuesday evening they returned to Toronto, where they will henceforth reside.

Kincardine wants the Credit Valley Railway and a number of other things. At a late meeting of the Board of Trade of that town a committee was appointed to correspond with the Credit Valley Railway Company and other railways with a view of procuring increased railroad facilities between Kincardine and Toronto. A committee was also appointed to enquire into the advisability of having a dry-dock at Kincardine, and to ascertain the cost and other information in connection with the matter. Also a committee to correspond with the North American Company, and bring before their notice the suitability of Kincardine for the purpose of salt refining, &c. The President and Secretary were instructed to petition the Attorney-General of Ontario to Amend the Municipal Act so that cities and towns might by a by-law submitted to and passed by the ratepayers, reduce the number of aldermen and councillors, and also to allow towns and incorporated villages to collect their taxes by instalments. Also to petition the Postmaster-General to so arrange the mail service between Wingham and Kincardine so that mails from the West, London, and intermediate stations arriving at Wingham at six o'clock p. m. may be delivered in Kincardine the same evening.

The iron bridge at the C. V. R., over the Grand River, at Galt, having been finished a test of it was made a few days ago, in presence of a large gathering of people, including the Mayor of Galt and several of the Council. The test was made by coupling three of the heaviest locomotives on the road together, and running backwards and forwards several times, an engineer being stationed on each side of the river to take a deflection in the centre of each span as the load moved on. This deflection was only three-quarters of an inch in the centre of any one of the spans, which proved conclusively that the structure was most rigid. The absence, also, of all lateral motion was most remarkable. The bridge is similar in construction to the International Bridge, and was built by the Toronto Bridge Company. It consists of five spans of 150 feet each, with 200 feet of approach on each end, and a queenspost bridge over the Grand Trunk Railway. Altogether the work reflects the highest credit on both designers and builders, and will be a great ornament to the town of Galt.

TORONTO *Telegram*: It is quite settled-we believe that Col. Clarke of Centre Wellington, will be the next Speaker. He is popular with the members, and is fully competent for the position. He is probably the only man in the House who stands in the way of Mr. Deroche, whom many of the members, as well as some who are not members, would like to see in the Speaker's chair.

IT does not always follow that the makers of our Statute books are strict observers of the laws which they place therein. Toronto had an amusing illustration the other day, when among thirty odd convictions at the police court for non-compliance with the snow by-law, were Hon. Oliver Mowat, Sir. W. P. Howland and others who were each fined $2 and costs, or ten days in gaol.

MR. WALTER M. DACK, who has until recently been connected with the Guelph *Mercury*, has purchased the *Bruce Reporter*, Kincardine. Previous to his departure for his new sphere of journalistic labor, a presentation was made him by the *Mercury* staff.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Major Cavagnari's widow and mother have been pensioned by the British Government.

The capture of Secoceni's stronghold has put a finishing touch to the troubles in South Africa.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise sails for Canada in the Sarmatian on January 22nd.

THE conviction of Sir Francis Hincks for making false returns in connection with the Consolidated Bank has been quashed.

Mr. James Monteith, Gore of Downie, h s purchased Richard Hearn's farm, lot 9, con. 8, containing 109 acres, for the sum of $5,000.

Mr. Justice Burton has been compelled to retire from active duty for the present, owing to an affection of the eyes. For the time being he has entirely lost all power of seeing.

Wingham is to have waterworks constructed costing only $8,000. The system will include 3,200 feet of pipe, six double hydrants, a turbine wheel and two double acting piston pumps.

The Governor-General is to be invited to Detroit next spring to meet the Governors of six of the States of the Union on the occasion of a demonstration organized by the Detroit Light Guards.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN ELORA.—On Saturday morning as they were raising the round house on the C. V. R. in this place, one of the bents fell, striking Michael Mulrooney, of Guelph, on the back, killing him instantly.

The general store goods of the insolvent estate of Robert Leach & Sons, of Gorrie, county of Huron, inventoried at $5,661 and $12,520, were sold to D. Montgomery and P. McGibbon, at 70½c. and 65½c. respectively.

Two girls had a go-as-you please hair-pulling match in the streets of Hamilton the other day, over a young man. "Lize" is said to have pulled the most hair, but "Mary" got her work in with long finger-nails. No arrests.

An old beggar woman named Jane Barrett, who was searched the other day at St. John, N. B., having been accused of theft, was found to have fifteen bags of money sewed up in her clothes, the whole amounting to two thousand dollars.

John Still, found guilty of burning Jas. Martin's barn, in Maryboro, a couple of months ago, was sentenced to seven years in the Penitentiary. The prisoner remarked to a constable in a whisper: "I can work myself out of limbo in less time than that."

RURAL DEAN.—The Rev R. C. Caswell, M. A., Incumbent of St. James' Church, Fergus, has been appointed by the Lord Bishop of Niagara, Rural Dean of the County of Wellington, in place of the Rev. H. L. Yewens, late of Elora, and now of Franklin, Pennsylvania.

Dan. Rice the famous circus man, announces that he has been converted, and will at once enter the field as an evangelist. He had an interview with Moody at St. Louis, and will probably begin his new career by speaking at Moody's meeting.

At the close of the Plymouth prayer meeting, on Friday evening, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, speaking of the American Bible Society, said:—"For me, I won't give a dollar to a society that prints a bible notoriously false in some parts, and which the society knows is false."

The Niagara Falls are assuming their winter garb. The trees and shrubs are loaded with ice, and heavy icicles under the banks and around the edge of the Falls have accumulated. The sleighing is fine, and already numerous visitors are arriving to see Niagara ice scenery.

THE TICHBORNE CASE.—It is understood steps for a Writ of Error in the Tichborne case were taken under the advice of Dr. Keneally. It is stated the case will be taken to the House of Lords for final decision, and that Keneally will exercise his right as a member of the Irish Bar to appear for Orton before that tribunal.

It is said on the authority of "those who know" that General Grant would not refuse a unanimous Republican nomination for the Presidency. Horatio Seymour, it is said, takes much the same stand as to a Democratic nomination. Hayes is said to favour a third term for Grant.

The Louisiana State Lottery is in trouble in consequence of the non-appearance of the holder for the ticket winning the $100,000 prize. It is believed the ticket was among those confiscated by the Government, in which case the lottery people will be sued for the amount of the prize for the benefit of the poor.

At a meeting of gentlemen interested in the erection of a sugar refinery at Moncton, N. B., it was resolved to form a company with a capital stock of $200,000, to be divided into two thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, and it was resolved that a stock list be opened for subscription of stock, and placed in the hands of a committee.

Parnell, previous to his departure for New York, said that he hoped that one of the results of his visit to the United States would be to show that the hearts of Americans would beat warmly towards Ireland. He said that if Davitt was put on trial, or if impressive measures were introduced into the House of Commons for the purpose of imprisoning Davitt, he would return immediately.

The C. V. railway failed to run the promised train from Fergus on the 17th inst., the unfavorable weather interfering with the completion of the ballasting. It is expected, however, that trains will be running from Elora by Christmas a day as the ballasting is nearly completed to that point. The C. V. railway engine, the Angus Morrison, passed over the diamond crossing over W. G. & B. railway, at Fergus, on Sunday afternoon last. A large number of townspeople turned out to witness it. The station house at that place is nearly completed and the freight shed is well under way.

The wrestling match between Captain J. C. Daly, the Irish champion, and Prof. D. C. Ross, champion of America, for the belt and a medal valued at $1,000, came off at the Theatre Royal, Montreal, on Saturday night. The attendance was large. Daly won the first round, catch-as-catch-can, in twenty-five minutes. The second round, Scotch style, man thrown to be held on his back thirty seconds, was won by Ross. The third round, collar and elbow, lasted about seven minutes, and was won by Ross. The fourth round, Græco-Roman style, lasted but five minutes, and was won by Daly. The final round, Scotch style, was soon decided in favor of Ross, who was loudly cheered.

For a free-trader, Mr. F. W. Glen, M. P., is one of the best protectionists we know of. Under date of the 29th ult., he addressed a letter to the Reeve of Oshawa to lay before the Town Council, asking if he induced certain parties to establish Malleable Iron Works in the town, employing not less than thirty men, the corporation would grant a bonus of $5,000. The corporation to be secured by a mortgage on the buildings, &c., of the works, for the due preformance of whatever agreement might be entered into. He also asks if a similar sum, under like conditions, would be granted to two other kinds of business, should he be able to induce parties to locate in Oshawa. Mr. Glen professes to be strongly opposed to the N. P., but how many such establishments as he speaks of could he have induced to manufacture their goods in Oshawa under the beneficent one-sided free-trade policy of Mr. Mackenzie? Mr. Glen is bound to make the "hum" boom, and let that be said to his credit.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—A fine variety of merchaum pipes and tobacco pouches received at Knight's barber shop—very suitable for holiday presents.—47.

COAL.—Parties wishing to be supplied with coal will be promptly waited upon by leaving their orders at Geo. Zilliax's flour and feed store. Coal delivered to any part of the town.—47.

MANITOBA.

Oats at Battleford are selling at $1.25 per bushel.

W. F. Knight, while sinking a well twelve miles north-east of Emerson struck hard coal at a depth of 25 feet.

The first base burner is now in use at Edmonton, and is using Saskatchewan coal with perfect satisfaction.

The new bridge across the Saskatchewan at Edmonton was sufficiently completed on November 11th for foot passengers to cross.

Telegraph poles are up as far as Edmonton, and the wire has been strung the whole distance with the exception of seven miles.

Advices from Fort McLead, Bow River, to November 3rd, confirm the reports of the destitution among the Blackfeet Indians. Twenty-five of them had died of starvation at Blackfoot Crossing.

TROWBRIDGE.

ORANGEISM.—At the regular meeting of the L. O. L. No. 652, on Tuesday evening last, the following officers were elected for the current year: C. W. Cosens, W. M.; Alex. Hamilton, D. M.; Elijah Thomas, Secretary; John Hasket, Treas.; Wm. Bell, Chaplain; Thos. Later, 1st com.; Isaac Delyea, 2nd com.; Hugh Gallagher; 3rd com.; Robt. McLean, 4th com.; John Coats, 5th com. The lodge is in a prosperous condition. Extensive improvements are being made in the interior of the hall.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The annual entertainment in connection with the C. M. Church will take place on New Year's eve. Tea will be served at 7 o'clock, to be followed by an entertainment of addresses, music, dialogues, recitations, etc. A tree, laden with presents for the Sabbath school scholars, will form an attractive feature of the programme.

The examination of the Trowbridge public school took place on Friday last. The scholars acquitted themselves in a manner to reflect upon their teacher, Mr. Climie.

The new school building is about finished, and will be opened after the holidays. Mr. Rutherford, from Mornington, has been engaged as teacher, at a salary of $500.—COM.

STRATFORD.

A young son of Mayor Grant injured one of his eyes the other day with a knife. He was whittling, and it is feared he will lose his sight.

On account of the Grand Trunk changing their wood burners to coal, and the citizens using so much of it, cordwood has fallen as low as $2.50 per cord, and will be cheaper still before spring.

MORNINGTON.

THOROUGHBRED STOCK.—A valuable addition has been made to the horse stock of this township by Messrs. Swan and Anderson, who have lately arrived with two fine animals, one a stallion purchased by Mr. Swan of one Mr. Moreton, of Ancaster. This is a handsome colt two years old and weighs over 1,000 lbs. He was sired by that celebrated Clydesdale, Ontario Chief, and at present holds no fewer than three first prizes, among which is the one taken at the Dominion Exhibition this fall. The other animal is a filly, of the same age and is sired by the same horse, and was purchased by Mr. Anderson.

MOOREFIELD.

ANNIVERSARY AND TEA-MEETING.—The anniversary services in connection with the Methodist Church, here, will be held in their beautiful church, on Sabbath, Dec. 28th. Sermons will be preached at 10 30 a. m. and 6 30 p. m. A special collection in aid of the trust fund will be taken up at the close of each service. On Tuesday evening, the 30th inst., the annual tea-meeting will be held, when addresses will be delivered by a number of talented ministers. Suitable music will be furnished by the Moorefield choir. The ladies of Moorefield have become renowned for their sumptuous socials and tea-meetings, and I am certain that the coming one will not be behind any previous attempt. The public are cordially invited to attend.

CARTHAGE.

The Orange Soiree on Thursday evening, 18th inst., was quite a success, although some disappointment was occasioned by the absence of some of the speakers who were expected. There was a good attendance of people from the neighborhood, as well as a few from Walkerton. After the inner man was sumptuously provided for, the gathering was called to order, and R. L. Alexander, Esq., of Palmerston, County Master, was installed as chairman, which position he filled in his usual happy manner. Dr. Burgess, of Listowel, delivered a very able address, which was heartily received by his hearers. The Doctor is a gentleman whose ability and pleasant manner cannot fail to win respect. We trust that this shall not be the last occasion on which the people of Carthage and vicinity will have the pleasure of meeting him. The speaking was interspersed with music and recitations, which combined to make the entertainment pass off very agreeably.

The temperance people are actively preparing for their soiree, which is to come off on New Year's night. It promises to be a highly successful entertainment.

WALLACE.

KURTZVILLE.—Saw logs are rolling in briskly. Mr. Kurtz mill is very busy. Mr. Charles Chapman and Mr. Gibson are also in the saw log business. Things are "booming" here just now, and there is some talk of having the Shipley post office removed to this place.—COM.

ANNIVERSARY.—Anniversary services in connection with the Mayne M. E. Church, will be held on Sabbath, 4th January 1880. Rev. S. Hartley of Palmerston, is to preach at 10.30 a m., and Rev. H. Norris of Listowel at 6.30 p m. The annual tea-meeting will take place on Tuesday evening following. Tea served at 6 o'clock. Several speakers are expected to address the meeting. The efficient choir of the Listowel M. E. Church will be present and furnish an abundance of good music.

SPECIAL MEETING.—The Municipal Council of the township of Wallace met at the call of the Reeve, at the Queen's Hotel, Gowanstown, 15th Dec. 1879, all the members present, the Reeve in the chair. The Reeve addressed the council, stating that the late burning of tools, &c., on the line of the Stratford & Huron Railway demanded some action on the part of the municipality. Moved and resolved, that this council offers a reward of one hundred dollars to any person or persons giving such information as may lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who set fire and burnt a quantity of tools and other property on the line of the Stratford & Huron Railway, in the township of Wallace, on or about the 7th of December 1879, and the Clerk publish the same in the Listowel STANDARD. Moved by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that Proctor Bros. be paid five dollars, for printing in 1878, presented but overlooked, and $6.50 for printing in 1879, and the Reeve issue his order—Carried. The council then adjourned.

R. G. ROBERTS, Clerk.

HOWICK.

EXAMINATION.—One of the most successful examinations ever held in Howick took place in S. S. No. 12 last Saturday. The day was clear, though rather frosty, and nearly the whole section turned out to witness the proceedings. The examination was conducted by the present teacher, Mr. Parker Ely, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Ely and three members of the teaching profession, Messrs. Wright, Spence and Hopkins. The manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves reflected the highest honor on themselves and teacher. The senior arithmetic class especially was put though a very searching examination by Mr. Wiggins, and they considerably surprised all present with the ease with which they solved problems which their examiner gave them, not expecting that they would be able to work them. The questions varied from High School problems to ones which were quite difficult enough for the second class teachers examination, but the class seemed so consider them none too difficult, working them all out with seeming ease. In Geography, History, Gra. mar, Reading and Spelling, they all appeared at home, and no matter who was examining the class the answers were uniformly correct, which in some cases was not expected, as nearly every teacher has his own peculiar manner of drilling a class. After the examination was over, Mr. Ellice was aggreeably surprised by his pupils presenting him with a handsome gift in the shape of a splendid copy of Sir Walter Scott's works. The address which accompanied the gift was read by Miss Lizzie Moscop, the gift being presented by Miss Fannie Aldrich. Mr. Ellis made a short reply, thanking the pupils for the gift, and expressing himself as well pleased with the manner in which the pupils had treated him during the past half year. As this is the first present ever received by a teacher in this school, it shows that Mr. Ellis has been more successful than the average, and although he is a severe disciplinarian, he is liked by all his pupils, and leaves for his new field of labor (which is I understand Union S. S. No 1, Wallace and Elma,) with the kind wishes of all who know him. At night a school entertainment took place in the school house, which was only too well attended, for although the building is a large one it was crammed so full that nearly quarter of the gentlemen had to stand on account of there not being room enough for them to sit down. The chair was worthily occupied by Rev. Mr. Ely. The entertainment consisted of recitations, dialogues and singing, and the walls rang again and again with shouts of applause. The equisite mournfulness of one of the recitations entitled "Farewell, Brother Watkins" was so well rendered by Mr. Ellis as to bring forth a deafening roar of applause. Mr. Spence also in the reading of "Betsy and I are out," received a well merited round of applause. The Choir, which was led by Mr. Graybill, the young Howick music teacher, contributed greatly to the success of the entertainment by singing several songs, which could not but be well rendered as the best singers in the Township were in the Choir. After thanks had been tendered to Mr. Ely for the worthy manner in which he had filled the the duties of chairman, and to the choir for their efficient service, the meeting was closed by singing God Save the Queen, in which all joined. Not a jar had taken place the whole evening, and it was an affair long to be remembered by those who enjoyed it.

OBSERVER.

GREY.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Council met at Tuck's Hotel, Cranbrook, on the 15th inst.; members all present; Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Application from Warden Smith for the office of Tp. Clerk, filed. Petitions: James Smillie and 36 others, praying that assistance be granted Duncan Campbell to go to Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary for treatment, as he is almost blind from Cataract in both eyes, and unable to provide for himself and family; petition was also accompanied by a letter from Dr. Reeves, stating that he thought the operation might now be safely performed. On motion the sum of $20 was granted. Geo. Dark and others prayer for aid to enable John Albert, an indigent, convalescent from typhod fever, to return to St. Clemens, he having contracted the disease while in attendance on the Nichol family; $5 was granted. The sum of $10 was granted on application of John Knight to widow Steele, as a slight recognition of her kindness and humanity in rendering assistance to, and waiting on said Nichol family while most of them were prostrated by fever and unable to obtain necessary nursing. Petition Archibald McDonald and 36 others for a grant of $30 to enable William Pollard (a poor man with a large family) to go to Toronto for treatment of his eyes, he having been nearly blind for a number of years; $30 was granted. Anthony Raymann applied for payment of $18 for making three coffins for deceased Nichols, indigents; on motion $15 was granted. John McIntosh was granted a debenture of $16.06, being $11.66 and $1.40 interest, back taxes for 1878, lot 12, con. 6, charged by Co. Treasurer, whereas same has been paid. J. Sharpin was refunded $1 dog tax, charged in error. By-law read and passed appointing place of holding nominations and appointing Returning officers viz: Div. No. 1, Alex. Rose; Div. No. 2, A. Hunter; Div. No. 3, Adam Turnbull; Div. No. 4, James McNair; Div. No. 5, William Spence; Div. No. 6, Robert Pirie. Election (if any) to be held at school house sec. 4, Dames Hall Cranbrook, school house Sec. 2, school house Sec. 9, and school house Sec. 5. The following accounts were paid:—Duncan Taylor, gravel $7.25; Alex. Alexander, refund dog tax, 2.00; Wm. Mitchell, repairs to bridge $1.50; John McCush, refund dog tax $1; Wm. Duke, work on road $2.78; James Mann, culvert con. 16, $2; C. Bernath, gravel $15.60; G. Welsh, gravel $9.50; R. McKay, gravel $6; G. J. G. Kelly, culvert con. 11, $3.22; James Ferguson, gravel $18.80; L. McDonald, lumber for roads $11.70; Wm. Milne, plank $4.73; Garrow Bros., plank $23.23; Alex. McDonald, repairing bridge con. 2, $14. Tuck & Robertson, acct. drain contract, $100. Adam Frank, ditching $1.35. Council fees and salaries: Reeve, 13 meetings, 10 days road inspection, and trip to Palmerston on county question, $26; S. Slemmon, 14 meetings and 10 days road inspection, $46. John Hislop, 13 meetings, and 5 days road inspection, &c., $36. Jacob Keffer, 12 meetings and road inspection, $40. W. Olivier, 13 meetings and road inspection, &c., $40. A. Hunter, clerk, salary, selecting Jurors and extra work on Voter's Lists and drainage works, $124; Wm. Bishop, selecting Jurors, $4. Council adjourned.

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34 Cruickshank St., Toronto, May 13, 1878

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	Dec. 24, 1879.
Wheat, fall, per bush.,	1 20 to 1 26
Spring Wheat, "	1 18 1 22
Barley, "	0 45 0 50
Peas, "	0 58 0 60
Oats, "	0 28 0 30
Flour, per brrl.,	6 50
Oatmeal, "	2 50 2 75
Cornmeal, "	0 00 2 00
Butter, per lb.,	0 16 0 18
Eggs, per dozen,	0 15 0 16
Potatoes, per bag,	0 50 0 60
Hay, per ton,	7 00 8 00
Wood, long,	1 75 2 00
Wood, short,	1 00 1 00
Hogs	5 25 5 60
Hides, per cwt.,	7 50 8 00

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PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS

	Dec. 18, 1879.
Wheat, fall, per bush.,	1 28 to 1 31
Wheat, spring, "	1 25 1 28
Barley, "	0 65 0 70
Peas, "	0 65 0 70
Oats, "	0 36 0 37
Rye, "	0 70 0 75
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.,	5 75 6 25
Beef, hind qrs, "	4 00 4 50
Mutton, by carcase "	4 50 6 50
Butter, per lb.,	0 20 0 22
Butter, large rolls,	0 00 0 00
Butter, tub, dairy,	0 17 0 20
Eggs, fresh, per dozen,	0 18 0 22
Potatoes, per bag,	0 60 0 65
Hay, per ton,	6 50 10 00
Wool,	0 30 0 31

HEIFER ESTRAY.

Came into the premises of the subscriber, lot 26, 1st con., Wallace, in the latter part of August, a Heifer, rising three years old, red and white. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and remove the animal.

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