LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1882.

NORTH PERTH CONVENTION.

GEORGE HESS, ESQ., THE NOMINEE.

On Friday last, despite the adverse elements, one of the best attended and most influential political Conventions ever held in North Perth, was held in the Osborne Hall in this town, by the Conservative Association of the Riding. The object of the meeting, which was to choose a standard-bearer to contest the Riding at the approaching election for the Ontario Legislature, was of sufficient importance to determine loyal Conservatives from every municipality in the Riding to surmount such a formidable obstacle as a snow-blockade in order to be present. True, it was nearly six o'clock in the evening before the delegates from the southern part of the Riding arrived; however, when the roll was called, no less than 45 out of the 54 delegates answered to their names, each municipality being represented, and most of them by the full quota of delegates. The following gentlemen comprised the delegates from each municipality:

STRATFORD—S. S. Fuller, Dr. Hanavan, D. Scrimgeour, T. Hagarty, H. T. Butler.

NORTH EASTHOPE—D. Carroll, Wm. Steele, Jas. Doherty, Edward Jones, George Wetlaufer.

ELLICE—F. Ruston, C. Lippert, Chas. Elligson, Henry Vogt, P. Seibert, Wm. Baumbach.

LOGAN—H. Victor, John Wilson, William Thompson.

MORNINGTON—John McKee, John Watson, James Torrance, S. Ferguson, Moses Lang, Thos. Magwood.

MILVERTON—H. M. Schierholtz, M. Ford, J. D. Peirson, James Bundscho, Richard Graham, Henry Hazenpflug.

ELMA—Andrew Thompson, William Fennell, J. G. Alexander.

LISTOWEL—Dr. Michener, John Campbell, John Binning, R. Martin, A. S. Dewitt, R. Woods.

WALLACE—Thos. Greer, Alex. Kennedy, Henry Coghlin, Edwd. Anderson, William Wilson, John Willoughby.

Besides the delegates, many leading Conservatives of this town and the surrounding townships were present, the hall being well filled. Mr. S. R. Hesson, member for the Commons, accompanied the delegates from Stratford. The Convention was called to order by the President, Geo. Draper, Esq., and after preliminaries had been arranged, the following gentlemen were nominated, namely, Messrs. George Hess, T. G. Fennell, John McDermott and Benj. Rothwell. The latter gentleman declined the nomination. The delegates, after giving the gentlemen nominated an opportunity to address the Convention, in which each expressed his willingness to abide by the decision of the convention and to support its nominee, proceeded to vote. The first vote taken was almost unanimously in favor of Mr. Hess. His nomination was thereupon made unanimous by a standing vote. Mr. Hess then came forward and addressed the convention, thanking the delegates for the high honor which they had conferred upon him, and expressing, in a few terse sentences which gave no uncertain sound, his convictions respecting the political parties of the country, and stating his reasons for allying himself with the Conservatives, and for now being found ready to become the standard-bearer of the party in this Riding in the coming contest. Mr. Hess' remarks were enthusiastically received, and to those of the delegates who had not hitherto heard Mr. Hess speak in public, his clear and candid expression of his views removed any doubt which may have existed in their minds as to his ability to discuss intelligently and convincingly the political questions of the day. Before closing, the convention was favored with a short and pithy address from Mr. Hesson, M. P.

In selecting Mr. Hess to contest North Perth against Mr. D. D. Hay, the convention has, we think made a wise choice. If Mr. Hess proves to be the success in politics that he has been in business, he will be eminently qualified to represent the Riding in the halls of the Legislature. Commencing business some fifteen years ago, along with his brothers, in the upper flat of a rickety wooden building in this town, the firm has gone on developing its business year by year, until to-day it takes rank among the foremost manufacturing firms in the Dominion. Through perseverance and good business tact, the name of Hess Bros. has become known throughout the length and breadth of the land. Mr. Hess is a self-made man in the fullest sense of the term. He is a German, and like most of his country-men, has given his attention chiefly to the management of his private affairs. During his extended residence in Listowel he has, however, devoted some attention to municipal affairs. He has several times been elected to the town council, and during the past two years he has held a seat in the county council. While in politics Mr. Hess has not hitherto taken a very active part, he has identified himself with the party of progress, and since the inauguration of the National Policy, Mr. Hess has been one of its warmest supporters, justly attributing the firm's prosperity in a large measure to it. To excellent business tact, good judgement, a through and practical knowledge of the tariff question, and a fair knowledge of all other leading political questions, Mr. Hess combines a genial disposition, which has made him personally popular among all classes. Mr. Hess, it is needless to add, wields a large influence, and in selecting him as their standard-bearer, the Conservatives of North Perth have chosen a strong man, and one to whom we look with confidence to redeem the Riding, and efface the stigma which has attached to it since first Mr. D. D. Hay was permitted to be its mis-representative. It only remains for the Conservatives of North Perth to stand shoulder to shoulder in order to secure Mr. Hess' election, and the unanimity which charaterized the proceedings of the convention is a favorable augury that they will.

We make room, with pleasure, for the following comments on Mr. Hess' candidature:

Toronto Mail.

THE selection of Mr. George Hess, of North Perth, as the opponent of Mr. D. D. HAY at the coming general elections, is a very noticeable sign of the times. The selection of Mr. HESS shows the good sense and good judgement of the constituency. His consenting to undertake the duty of representing the constituency shows that as a manufacturer he sees the wisdom of supporting the National Policy, and as a citizen he recognises the necessity of a chance in the Government of Ontario. Mr. HESS has a most intelligent knowledge of the National Policy, and last session he addressed a letter to THE MAIL, which we deemed at the time, and still deem, a very able and pointed document. It was as follows:

"*To the Editor of The Mail.*—SIR,—In turning up our time book in 1878 there were 53 men recorded employed by us, and in the present year, 1881, there are 131.

"Working men who received $1 per day in 1878 are now paid from $1.37½ to $1.50 per day, and are all well satisfied, as they get their pay four and five times in a month, whereas they only got paid once per month in 1878.

"In 1878, the last year of the Mackenzie Government, our warehouse was so over crowded with furniture that we were obliged to lease barns and other necessary buildings to store the same, and to-day, with 78 more men and double the amount of machinery, we are always behind in filling our orders; our warehouse is never more than half stocked at any time of the season. Prior to 1878 we worked 10 hours per day, and since 1879 our full staff of mechanics frequently worked 12 hours, and some even as long as 14 and 15, in order to keep up with the demand. Instead of sending out travellers to push the sale of furniture, as was done in 1878, parties from all parts of the Dominion visit us daily and purchase goods from us.

"In 1878, at the end of the deficit Government, there were as many as five of our customers declared themselves insolvent within one week, and during the last three years not one has assigned.

"In 1878 our farmers were paid 60 cents a standard for their elm logs, and to-day they receive $1.25, and every other kind of logs in proportion.

"The cry made by the Reform party all through the country is that furniture is much more expensive now than in 1878. These are statements without foundation. You can furnish a house with about $50 less cost and receive superior goods.

"We hereby certify that the above statements are facts, and we, as a firm, believe that the National Policy is a great benefit to manufacturers, as well as to farmers and mechanics.

"We remain,

"Yours respectfully,

"HESS BROS.

"Wholesale Furniture Manufacturers,

"Listowel, June 8."

The necessity for Mr. HESS' services in the cause of the National Policy is not less to-day, and in provincial politics, than it was in June in Dominion affairs. It is no insignificant circumstance to see men of the calibre of Mr. HESS coming forward in this righteous fight. The action of Mr. GURNEY in presiding at the convention; of Mr. COWAN, of Galt, in pledging himself so strongly; and of Mr. HESS in accepting a nomination, will show to the public that those who are most interested and most helpful in maintaining national prosperity are also most interested in having a change in the Government of Ontario. We have already shown in previous issues that the hostility of the Grit party to the National Policy is not dead; it is only in ambush.

Stratford Times.

The almost unanimous nomination of Mr. George Hess on the first vote shows a confidence in that gentleman of which he may well feel proud. We do not believe a single delegate had been canvassed or even approached on Mr. Hess' behalf, certainly not by that gentleman personally. There were other good men and true fitted for the position, but it was felt that Mr. Hess would prove the strongest candidate against Mr. Hay. The hearty enthusiasm, which animated all present, presages victory all along the line, when firing is opened against the Government of corrupt incapables, who at present rule in Toronto by the force of systematic purchase and open intimidation of the electorate. Mr. Hess is not a practical politician of the Hay stamp. He has never fed at the public crib nor shared in the plunder which the Mowat Government has so liberally bestowed upon its favorites. He has been known as a solid business man, whose energy, assisted by his two brothers, has been the means of building up the most extensive business in the County of Perth, employing nearly two hundred skilled mechanics, and distributing thousands of dollars weekly for wages and material in Listowel and the country surrounding. What the G. T. R. shops and the T. & W. works are to Stratford, the Hess Bros. are to the northern Capital.

Stratford Herald.

Mr. George Hess, of Listowel, has been chosen to contest the North Riding in the interest of the Conservative party in the coming election for the Legislative Assembly. The choice is a good one. Mr. Hess is a popular business man, who has of late taken great interest in politics, and uniformly as a Conservative. He is of a genial, friendly disposition, and though not as untiring in defence of his opponent, is, nevertheless well qualified to expound the political questions now occupying public attention. Mr. Hess is a German. There are many of his countrymen in the Riding, and his selection as candidate will be a convincing proof that they are not looked upon by the Conservatives at least as mere voting machines. He has already had a good public record, having been in the town council in Listowel and in the county council. Last, but not least, Mr. Hess seems to be the unanimous choice of the whole Conservative party. The result of the election will be the redemption of the North Riding from the stigma of supplying Hay for the Mowat manger.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

MONDAY.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 p.m.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Mr. D. D. HAY resumed the debate on the Address. Referring to the question of the license laws, he submitted it was not a fair thing to make general charges against the commissioners without supporting them by facts. He thought it should be clearly shown that the commissioners had used their powers on behalf of the Government. The moment the proof could be brought that the commissioners had prostituted their powers for political purposes, they should be discharged. One could understand perfectly well why the board did not work so efficiently as they might wish. The numbers of those who applied for licenses in 1880 stood in the proportion of 87 Reformers to 61 Conservatives. In 1881 the proportion of licences obtained were three to one in favour of the Conservatives.

Mr. MERRICK asked where the statistics were obtained.

Mr. HAY replied from official sources, he did not draw on his imagination for them. Referring to the agricultural prosperity of the country, he said the condition was a source of gratification to all the Dominion. He thought it would be found shortly that the prosperity of the country did not depend on its fiscal policy, but rather on the increased earnings of the great mass of the people and the increased power of expending money. He thought the territory in dispute should be handed over to Ontario to manage in the event of a reference to the Privy Council. No one denied that the veto power was theoretically centred in the Dominion Government, but constitutionally it does not exist. If the Dominion Parliament had passed the Streams bill, the Imperial Parliament would never have vetoed it, and yet the position of the Dominion Government to the Imperial was the same as that of the Ontario Legislature to the Dominion Parliament. He did not think they should put provincial rights before Dominion rights. He had never said anything stronger in the House than that he wished to see order mantained. If they were to have a stipendiary magistrate in the disputed territory, they should put a constable behind his back to enforce the law. The Southern States had stolen the property of the Union, and even took Fort Sumter. Had the Reformers stolen anything from the Dominion? No; the Dominion had stolen from them. This province had not shown any antagonism or attempted to cause dissention with the Dominion Government. He did not yield to any man in loyalty, nor did the Reformers yield to any one as to the importance of Confederation. They were willing to work hand in hand with the other provinces for the benefit of the whole. If they wanted to make the Dominion great all the members of the family should be fairly dealt with. The contention would go on until the Dominion Government gave them their rights.

Mr. MADILL congratulated the member who had just spoken on the peacefulness of his remarks, contrasted with his warlike declarations of last session. (Hear, hear.) The influence which hon. gentlemen opposite had received by the lessons of the Dominion campaign had no doubt tended to bring about this result. He congratulated the members of the Government on their change of front in reference to the National Policy. Year after year the N. P. had been brought before the House, but after the experience of the general elections they let it alone, a policy which needed commendation. He was glad to find that the Bureau of Statistics, which had been supported by both parties, had proved so successful, and had convinced hon. members opposite that Ontario was in a prosperous condition. He was satisfied that when the reports on commerce and manufactures were produced they would hear no more politicians inside or outside of the House eulogizing foreign countries, such as Kansas, Texas, and Dakota, at the expense of Canada. (Hear, hear.) He trusted that when these reports appeared the Government would not eliminate any part referring to Hamilton or Toronto manufactures. He was glad to notice that the lumber trade was in a prosperous condition; but while the interests of the lumbermen should be as far as possible promoted, the interests of settlers in the new districts should not be lost sight of. A surplus of five millions had been announced, but that sum included what was the capital of the country, the proceeds of sales of timber limits. (Hear, hear.) It was gratifying to find that the Government intended to consolidate the Municipal Acts and the jury laws, which was a step in the right direction. The speech contained a paragraph expressing the satisfaction of the Government that the people are determined to resist any relaxation of the restrictions on the liquor traffic. That clause might very well have been omitted, because there was no desire on the part of any political party or individual to relax those restrictions. (Hear, hear.) The Government had taken the licensing power and appointment of license inspectors and commissioners from the municipalities. While the last speaker had declared that the Liberal party had always upheld and defended popular rights, it seemed strange that on this question the Liberal-Conservatives were found fighting the battle of the people against the Reformers, who had taken away rights to which the people were justly entitled. This was only a portion of the Government's scheme, for they had taken the right of making appointments of Division Court clerks and bailiffs from the judges; and those officers, with the justices of the peace and the license commissioners, formed a solid combination very useful to the Government at election times. (Hear, hear.) That was his experience in North Ontario (Cheers.) Everywhere he found benches of magistrates appointed by the Ontario Government sitting on election committees, and Division Court clerks and bailiffs acting as the most active men in riding, using not only their private influence which was not much, but the influence of the Government, in order to secure the gratitude of the Ministry, not only for strict attention to business, but for assistance in the political campaign. A good deal had been said about the bye-elections. It was true the Government had been compelled to go back on Mr. Blake's policy. The result of those elections showed that Mr. Mowat was wiser than Mr. Blake in withdrawing his opposition to the National Policy. No reference was made to new parliament buildings, which he thougitwere unnecessary. However, if a contrary opinion prevailed, either the Upper Canada College or the Lunatic Asylum buildings might be utilized. He suggested that the number of members in the House should be reduced to 44, which would effect a considerable saving. He dwelt at length on the Streams Bill, quoting Reform authorities and precedents for the position that the Dominion Government had full power to revise Provincial legislation.

Mr. O'CONOR followed, confining himself mainly to a denial of the charge that the Government had centralised power. He said that clerks and bailiffs appointed by Judges were often good men, but if bad they could not be removed. Now apointments were made by the people through the Government, and they could be removed. He opposed the proposed consolidation of Municipal Acts as unnecessary until a change had been made by which school trustees in towns and villages were abolished, and their powers vested in municipal councils.

Mr. BASKERVILLE expressed the belief that as Mr. Mowat had become a convert to the N.P., so he would to the views of the Government on the boundary question. Sir John Macdonald had the confidence of the vast body of the people, he would do justice to Ontario.

Mr. FIELD urged that the N. P. had failed because wheat prices were now low. He defended the appointment of court clerks and bailiffs by the Ontario Government as restitution of rights to the people, and as a means of checking irregularities.

Mr. S. WHITE made a vigorous speech. Referring to the license question he declared that Inspectors had threatened Conservative applicants with loss of licenses if they supported Conservatives at elections. One of such applicants, an old Conservative, had seconded the nomination of his (White's) opponent, and said to him it was because his bread and butter depended on it. He could give more names than one. Referring to the speech, Mr. White said there was an entire absence of reference to the commercial and manufacturing interests of the Province. The government desire to keep those interests in the background. Perhaps the commercial men had gone back on the Government. The Detroit Board of Trade had expressed fear respecting Canadian development in manufactures, and if the efforts of Canadians were recognized abroad surely a Dominion Legislature should recognize them. The Government also omitted to state that the prosperity of the lumber trade was due to the N. P. causing prosperity, which again caused the demand. Probably the Provincial Secretary excised the paragraph. The Boundary question was kept before the people for political purposes, but the Attorney-General had received his answer in June. A settlement was necessary, and the proposals of the Dominion Government should be accepted, and a final decision obtained from the Privy Council.

Mr. BRODER spoke on the farming interests, and expressed doubt as to the accuracy of the returns of the Bureau of Industries.

Mr. DEROCHE follow in a general attack on the Opposition and Sir John Macdonald.

Mr. CREIGHTON moved the adjournment of the debate. Carried.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT stated that if the debate closed on Thursday, the House would adjourn on Friday to Thursday of New Year's week.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

Shot Dead By His Brother.

St. Thomas, Dec. 15.—Yesterday a lad 10 years of age, son of Widow Williams of Southwold, went out to shoot rabbits with an elder brother. It appears the little fellow had concealed himself behind a brush heap. Suddenly a rabbit started close to his hiding place, and hastily jumping up he received in his breast the entire charge fired from the gun of his brother at the rabbit, and raised his arms, uttered a cry, and instantly expired.

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ELMA.

Mr. S. S. Rothwell has purchased from his brother, W. J. Rothwell, M. D., of Placerville, Idaho, the north halves of lots 27 and 28, con. 3, Elma, for the sum of $2,700.

MILVERTON.

The other day Mr. Martin Taylor, who has carried the mails from Poole to Milverton for years was presented with a purse of $60, and an address by the citizens of Milverton and vicinity in recognition of his faithful services.

PALMERSTON.

Mr. Enoch Williams, lately returned from Winnipeg, has purchased a team of horses from Mr. Ross, of Tavistock, for the sum of three hundred and twenty-five dollars, which he is shipping to the Northwest for his own use. He intends to follow them with a car load of stock in March, and will offer for sale in the town of Palmerston, two first-class dwellings, which are in good repair, and drawing a neat rental. For further particulars apply to Enoch Williams, Palmerston.

WALLACE.

Mr. Marion has sold his farm to Conrad George, for $5,000, Mr. Edward Sweeton has sold his farm to William Wolte, at a good price.

Louise Stanser has sold out his hotel business at Trecastle to George Barber, who will deal out the "crathur" to the public.

Mr. Joseph Craig has removed his family to Palmerston, and is preparing to go to the Northwest. He has purchased land in Qu'Appelle District. He has honorably filled a number of important township offices, including that of Reeve, and has the best wishes of the majority of the people of Wallace with him on his departure for his new home.

W. R. Tiffin Esq., of Palmerston, has sold his farm, lot 19, con. 11, Wallace, 100 acres, 2 miles from Palmerston, to W. G. & J. C. Hay of Listowel, for $4,300.

SHIPLEY.—The congregation of St Paul's Church have decorated their church very tastefully for Christmas. The Christmas Service will be held at 3 p.m.

DONEGAL.

A Merry X-mas to all.

We are plessed to learn that Mr. A. Buchanan is recovering from his recent illness. He was under the care of Dr. Parke, of Milverton, who is winning quite a reputation in this locality for the skill with which he treats the ailments to which the human race is heir.

A large sleighing party had a beautiful upset on Saturday. As the sleigh went over out went the occupants in first-class style, and judging from the attempts some of the party made to swim, we imagine they mistook the four or five feet of snow into which they were thrown for water. Results—a good deal of noise, nobody hurt, and everybody good humored, especially the driver, who seemed to know a good deal about how the thing happened.

Santa Claus has been making large purchases of good things from Mr. Morrow, and storing them in secret places, for X-mas Eve, and now the small boy is hunting up one of his pa's socks, "cause its big, you see," in order to have it filled.

Mr. A. Farrell has sold his farm of 50 acres, to Mr. Jas. White of Woodstock, for $2,700. Mr. Farrell has since purchased lot 25, con 7, from Mr. Finny, for $5,200.—COM.

MARYBOROUGH.

COUNCIL.—Council met in the Commercial Hotel, Moorefield, Dec. 11th, pursuant to adjournment: all the members present. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Accounts presented:—Robertson & Dewar, for printing, $47; Proctor Bros., $1.85; Elora Agricultural Machine Co., castings for flax mill bridge, $49.78; Drew & Jacob, for legal services and advice from 5th March, 1877, $60. Paterson—Long—That the Clerk write the County Treasurer, instructing him to cancel all arrears of taxes on lands in the township of Maryborough withdrawn by the Reeve on the day of sale—carried. Paterson—Long—That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the School Trustees the school taxes of the various School Sections, as the money is paid him by the Collectors, in terms of By-law No. 238, passed 5th September, 1881—carried. Paterson—Corbett—That the Reeve and Clerk make out a Financial Statement of the transactions of the township for the current year, and that it be printed for distribution on the day of nomination.—carried. Afternoon session.—The following claims for damages were presented:—James Coleman, for buggy broken by falling over an unprotected embankment near the Village of Hollin, $50; James Burnett, for injury to horse, caused by falling through a broken bridge between lots 6 and 7 in the 5th con. $20; Elisha Turner, President of the Wyendotte Cheese and Butter Company, for loss of milk, damages to milk wagon and cans, caused by accident from want of proper protection of road at Hay's hill, con. 5, $22. After hearing the evidence in each case, all the parties being present, the following amounts were granted as settlement in full of claims: James Coleman, $20; James Burnett, $10; Elisha Turner, $22. Gravel accounts paid: Isaac McIsaac, 100 yards at 5c, $5; Richard Walker, 345 yards at 5c, $17.25; Daniel Hosteller, 497 yards at 5c, $24.85; Robert Thompson, 74 yards at 5c, $3.70; Wm. Greenwood, 900 yards at 5c, $45; W. W. Farewell, 205 yards at 5c, $10.25; Wm. Potter, 60 yards at 5c, $3; Thos. Boothe, 205 yards at 5c, $10.25; Geo. H. Ball, 231 yards at 5c, $11.55. Long—Robinson—That the following accounts be paid, and that the Reeve issue his order for each separate amount: Isaac Crissman, for ditch and culvert on town line Maryborough and Wallace, con. 3, $14; Michael Shatz, ditching between Maryborough and Wallace, con. 3, $1; John Love, for filling up culvert on 3rd con., $2.50; James Bruce, for repairing bridge on 6th con., $1.25; John Paterson, for planks supplied to Pathmasters for repairing culverts, $3.55; John Robinson, for ditch and boxed drain in the village of Moorefield, $15; David Edwards pathmaster for repairing culvert on 4th con., $2; E. Dynes, selecting jurors and making out list in duplicate, $4; E. Dynes, express charges, searches in Registry Office in the matter of Treasurers' securities, stationery, etc., $4.25—carried. Paterson—Corbett—That W. Greenwood be paid the sum of $4, for shovelling gravel in gravel pit; also that E. Turner be paid $1.75 for repairing Spring Creek bridge, con. 4, and filling up embankments on west side of bridge—carried. On motions made and passed the following sums were ordered to be paid, and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the same; Peter Johnson, for work between lots 6 and 7, con. 9, $4; Samuel R. English, right-of-way across bridge between lots 15 and 16, con. 2, $30; Wm. Potter, for land taken for embankments at Hollin bridge, $15; E. Longman, for services at flax mill hill, $1; E. Dynes, for two journeys to the townships of Wallace and Arthur to examine lands and make arrangements for investing Railway sinking fund on first mortgages, $4. By-law to provide polling places and appoint Deputy Returning Officers for holding elections for the year 1883, and to provide a place for holding nominations, was introduced by Mr. Long, passed through its several stages, and numbered 250. Long—Corbett—That orders be drawn in favor of the following Township Officers for the following sums, viz: John Ogden, Reeve, 5 days attending Council and mileage, $11.50; Commission 24 days, $48; Wm. Long Dy-Reeve, 5 days attending Council and mileage, $14, commission 16 days, $32; John Paterson, Councillor, 5 days attending Council and mileage, $11.50, commission bridge plans and specifications, $28; John Corbett, Councillor, 5 days attending Council and mileage, $12.50, commission 10 days, $20; John Robinson, Councillor, 5 days attending Council, $10, commission 16 days, $32; E. Dynes, Clerk, half year's salary, $100; Simon Armstrong, Treasurer, for going to Guelph for annual settlement with County Treasurer, stationery and postage $7.80; do. for discount on $600 note, borrowed money, $11.60—carried. On motion the Reeve left the chair, which was taken by Mr. Long, Dy Reeve, when it was moved by Mr. Robinson, and seconded by Mr. Corbett, that the thanks of this Council be tendered to the Reeve for the gentlemanly manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Council during the past year, and that the Clerk be thanked for the careful manner in which he has attended the proceedings of this Council during the same period—carried. The Deputy-Reeve having presented a copy of the above motion to the Reeve and Clerk, prefaced by some very appropriate remarks, the Reeve replied in suitable terms. Council adjourned *sine die*.

EDWARD DYNES, Clerk.

GREY.

COUNCIL.—Council met at Tuck's hotel, Cranbrook, Dec. 12th, 1882; members all present: Reeve in the chair; minutes of last meeting read and approved. A. Stewart applied to have Widow Campbell's taxes remitted, she being an old person in indigent circumstances, and unable to pay taxes. Moved by John Hislop, seconded by Wm. Milne, that Widow Campbell's taxes be remitted—carried. David Millard was granted a debenture of $1, refund of dog tax. By-law passed for place of nomination for Reeve, first and second Deputy-Reeve, and Councillors for 1883, and appointing places of election and Returning Officers. Nomination to be held at Tuck's hall, Cranbrook, on Friday the 22nd day of Dec., 1882. Election—Div. No. 1, at school house S. S. No. 4, Alex. Ross, returning officer; Div. No. 2, Dame's hall, Cranbrook, Anthony Raymann, returning officer; Div. No. 3, school house S. S. No. 2, Andrew Turnbull, returning officer; Div. No. 4, school house S. S. No. 9, Jas. McNair, returning officer; Div. No. 5, school house S. S. No. 11, Wm. Spence, returning officer; Div. No. 6, school house S. S. No. 5, Robt. Ross, returning officer. The following accounts were paid: Alex. McNair, postage and stationery, $7.67; Jas. Bowes, ditching and grading lot 35, cons. 3 and 4, $10; Peter Mittleholtz, gravelling on boundary Grey & Elma, $9; Lawren e Dobson, gravel, $12.50; David Campbell, plank for culverts, $2.55; Robt. Dilworth, gravel, $13.31; W. H. Kerr, printing, $8.07½; Wm. Bates, ditching and grading lots 5 and 6, con. 3, $11.50; Wm. Cook, gravel, $3.60; Mrs. McKay, gravel, $2.25; John Balantine, underdrain lots 16 and 17, con. 17, $2; Wm. Erskine, work on drainage survey, con. 15, 16 and 17, $6.25; W. Greenlock, stone culvert side sline lots 5 and 6, con 9, $10; Walter Greenlock, cutting ditch across side-line lots 5 and 6, con. 8, $1.50; George Brown, gravel, $12; Wm. Jury, Grey share covering and repairing bridge at Henfryn, $36.34; W. King, plank for repairing bridge at Henfryn, $4; Widow Campbell, remission of taxes, $14.63; David Clark, plank for culvert con. 14, 50 cts.; John Baker refund dog tax, $1; David Millard, refund dog tax $1; James Tuck, underdrain across road at Cranbrook, $4; Wm. Mitchell, gravel, $6.95; Alex. McDonald, covering culvert lot 4, con. 2, $7; James Ferguson, gravel, $39.40; Adam Baker, culvert sideroad 3, con. 12, $5; Thomas Cardiff, ditch across con. 14, lot 10, $4; John McLaughlin, ditch across con. 12, lot 11, $5; Thomas Strachan, attending to Council business, $50; John Hislop, do., $40; Walter Oliver, do., $42; Edward Bryans, do., $36; Wm. Milne, do., $36; Wm. Spence, salary as Clerk, $125; Alex. McNair, salary as Treasurer, $70; Thos. Strachan, selecting Jurors, $4; Wm. Bishop, do., $4; Wm. Spence, do., $4; Wm. Spence, postage, stationery and conveyancing for year, $15; Iran McTaggart, refund of dog tax, $2; James Kendall, work on drainage survey cons. 15, 16 and 17, $3.75. Council adjourned.

WM. SPENCE, Clerk.

FATAL RAILWAY COLLISION.

Fireman Killed--Engineer and Passengers Injured.

EXETER, Ont., December 15.—As the mail train was going north last night about one mile south of Hensall, it collided with the snow-plough coming south. The fireman was killed and engineer Brown seriously hurt. Several passengers were hurt, but not seriously.

LONDON, Ont., December 15.—As to the cause of the catastrophe at Hensall, it is stated that the mail train from Wingham, Conductor Walmsley in charge, had orders from the despatcher's office in this city, to flag the snow-plough all the way down to London, the last named to follow about half way behind. The snow-plough was acting under corresponding orders. At Clinton the mail train switched off on to the old G. T. R. line to wait for connections, as there was delay on that branch. The former L. H. & B. station at Clinton is not now in use. Whether the conductor of the mail train should have left it man at the junction to flag the snow-plough when it arrived at Clinton, in order to inform them of delay, or whether those in charge of the snow-plough should have stopped at Clinton to make enquiries, instead of passing through, or still further, should have received orders themselves for, are questions the solution of which will tend to throw light on the cause of the disaster. At all events, the snow-plough appears to have come on southward, under the impression the mail train was still ahead, till the cross between Hensall and Exeter apprised them of the fact that some fearful mistake had been made. The snow blockade had thrown all the regular train arrangements into disorder, and this doubtless contributed in some measure to the cause of the accident.

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A telegram from Prince Arthur's Landing states that William Winfield, formerly of Fergus, Ont., was shot dead in a house of ill repute on Saturday night by an inmate.

The Governor-General and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise intend making a five weeks' tour in the United States. They will visit Los Angelos, Southern California, and other places. During the Governor-General's absence General Sir Patrick L. Macdougall, Commander of the Forces, will act as administrator

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MARRIAGES.

MAYBURY—GORDON—In Wallace, at the residence of the bride's mother, on the 19th inst., by Rev. J. W. Bell, M. A., Mr. Thos. Maybury, of Elma, to Miss Margaret S. Gordon, of Wallace.

KOPAS—McCLOY—On Wednesday, 20th inst., by the Rev. J. W. Holmes, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. John J. Kopas, township of Wallace, to Kisinder, eldest daughter of David McCloy, Esq., of Mornington.

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December 21, 1882.

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Wheat, " Clawson,	85	0 90
Wheat, " Scott,	85	0 90
Spring Wheat,	85	0 90
Barley,	40	0 50
Peas,	67	0 67
Oats,	33	0 34
Flour, per brrl.,	5 00	5 50
Oatmeal, per cwt.,	3 00	3 00
Cornmeal, "	2 50	2 50
Butter, per lb.,	18	0 18
Eggs, per doz.,	23	0 24
Potatoes, per bush,	35	0 40
Apples, "	75	1 00
Wood, long,	2 50	3 00
Wood, short,	1 25	1 50
Hides, per cwt.,	6 00	6 50
Sheepskins,	75	1 00
Wool, per lb.,	18	0 20
Turkeys, per lb.,	07	0 7
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