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Evening Mercury. SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 17.

Local News. THE MIDGE.—The Mount Forest Examiner says this insect has lately appeared in great numbers among the wheat in the northern townships. It is as yet impossible to tell what damage is done and yet to do, but serious injury is feared.

MEETING AT BLYTHE'S.—We have been requested to state that the meeting of the electors at Mr. Blythe's favourable to the election of Messrs. Stone and Leslie will be held on Tuesday and not on Monday night as announced in the A.V. certificates.

ELIN ROAD.—The contractors, Messrs. Geo. H. & John Carter, are pushing on the work on this road with all energy. A large portion of the section is graded and half of it gravelled. The material used is of the best quality, and the section when finished will compare favourably with any road in the county.

THE CENTRE RIDING.—Since our last issue the Tories of the Centre Riding, seeing a divided Reform party, have not only brought out a gentleman as their candidate for Ontario. It won't do, gentlemen. Mr. Ferris is a very good fellow, a devout neighbor, and all that sort of thing, but a fossil Tory of the most ancient stripe. You have read the fable of the contending lion and bear, and the fox standing in to carry off the prize? No doubt you have, but Mr. Fox won't steal in here and carry off the seat from the Reformers of Centre Wellington. We advise all Reformers to refrain from pledging themselves until arrangements are made to checkmate the Tory movement.

OUTRAGES IN SALEM.—The following we clip from the Elgin Observer of Friday last, and it shows that the heinous propensities are unchangeable by some men, even when they are tugging on the verge of the grave.—We are informed by a dozen of the most respectable men in Salem, that there is a resident in that village, a being guilty of one of the most fearful outrages upon decency which ever disgraced any community. Several children have been allured into outdoor places by this heinous villain, and the last case occurred last week. But the parents of the child refuse to prosecute. In consequence of this, a number of persons caught him when on the street, on Monday night, stripped off his clothing, and flagellated him with whips. The beast in human form is verging on three-score years and ten. We cannot refrain from condemning the conduct of those who resorted to lynch law equally with those who allow him to escape trial and the proper punishment for such fearful misdeeds; and we trust that Salem will yet set herself right by bringing the wretch to justice.

Wellington County Council. A special meeting of the Council was held yesterday (16th), for the purpose of reading a third time and passing the By-law for authorising the issue of debentures for the construction of the eastern section of the Erin and Eramosa Gravel Road. The Warden occupied the chair. Present—Messrs. Stirling, Stone, and Murton.

COURT HOUSE, Aug. 17th. The Council met this morning at 9 a.m., on a special call from the Warden. All the members present, but Mr. Martin, the Warden in the chair. The object of the special meeting was to consider petitions against imposing local rates for the road between Peel and Maryboro.

Mr. Murton moved, seconded by Mr. Small, that the by-law for raising \$6000 for improving roads in Peel and Maryboro, be not now read a third time. Carried.

The Council then adjourned. The adjourned meeting of the Council for the consideration of a by-law for the improvement of a road in Peel and between Peel and Maryboro, took place at 11 o'clock.

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A special meeting of Council was called by the Warden at a quarter past 11, to consider the question of the repealing of the act in relation to the township between Peel and Maryboro, and a by-law for granting \$3000 to the Glenallan road, and to do what may be deemed necessary regarding the said roads.

The Warden in the chair. Moved by Mr. Melvin, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to repeal that portion of by-law No. 141 (being clause 2 of said by-law) assuming a certain portion of the road between Peel and Maryboro as a county road. Carried.

The by-law was read a first and second time, and on motion of Mr. Melvin, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, the by-law was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, sec. by Mr. Melvin, that leave be given to introduce a by-law for the issuing of debentures for the construction of a certain road in the township of Peel (the Glenallan road). The by-law was read a first and second time.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, sec. by Mr. Melvin, that by-law for the construction of a certain road in Peel be published in the Guelph Mercury newspaper the usual time, and that the third reading of said by-law be on the 4th December next, at 10 a.m. The Council then adjourned.

The young ladies of Cleveland have taken to carrying small pocket revolvers to protect themselves from insult by the prowling scoundrels of the city, who insult them on the streets in the evening.

REFORM STILL TRIUMPHANT! Meeting in Puslinch Plains!

MR. LESLIE'S BRIGADE FROM GUELPH IN ATTENDANCE. Majority for Stirling and Gow!

THE TAVERN-KEEPERS ON THE RAMPAGE. Mr Leslie held his first meeting in Puslinch Plains last (Friday) night, in the Temperance Hall. About 150 of the electors in the section were present, but that number was considerably augmented by a large importation from Guelph of Mr Leslie's friends, who of themselves occupied a considerable part of the room.

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point out the inconsistency of Mr. Brown in sticking at their sides with the government for a time, and now when he is now calling them corruptionists. But instead of staying in it and fighting out the questions manfully with his colleagues he found himself pitted against master minds, and was afraid as he confessed of having the wool pulled over his eyes. He could see no act which the three Reform members of the government had committed which prevented them from being good and staunch Reformers still. Mr. Stirling at a previous meeting had stated that he would give his party support whether the measures of the government were good or bad.

Mr. Stirling said it was false. Mr. Davidson said he had stated that if any fool brought in a motion of want of confidence, no matter what the address might be, he would be obliged to support it. What did they think of that. Stone and Leslie can't be coerced in that way, they will act independent of party, and support measures not men. They had been returned for being thoroughly dyed Tories. He believed Mr. Leslie had voted one for a Parliamentary candidate, and could not be included in that charge. They wanted neither thoroughly-dyed Conservatives nor Reformers. They wanted good, honest, independent men, who would decide on measures not men. He hoped they would record their votes for Leslie and Stone, and had no fear of the result. Mr. Davidson then came forward, and gave one of his politico-moral-metaphysical-geometrical-astronomical harangues, the people all the time staring at him in mute astonishment, anxiously wondering where he intended to land them, or whether he would get lost in his solemn profound speculations. He said he had a proposition to try to make capital out of the previous night had Messrs. McDougall, Howland and Blair were turned Conservatives. What he meant by that was that they were Conservatives inasmuch as they were of the Union. There was therefore nothing wrong in the term being applied. Having covered his mind of this weighty explanation, he proceeded to quote Bacon, Wayland and Lord Brougham in support of Coalitions, and held that they regarded such a form of government as the best that could be devised.

Mr. Knowles then announced that Dr. Howitt, who had been asked to speak, had arrived and would now address the meeting.

Dr. Howitt on coming forward was loudly cheered. He said he did not appear before them as a partizan, nor would he have spoken on the present occasion but for a requisition which had been presented to him by the people in the section asking him to do so. After referring to the friendship which existed between him and at least three of the candidates for a long time, and stating that he had learned from the members held great dissimilarity of views. McDougall in the past denounced Galt's financial policy, and now he says what he stated then he believes still. How could such men conscientiously agree? How could they besting? One set must give way to the other, and he has those who pretended Reformers who went to Parliament would be continually clamouring to be recompensed for their apostasy, or they would threaten to turn their back on them. The government would have to rob the country to keep them in good humor. Thus they would see that the government was made up of very loose material. He then spoke of Messrs. Stone and Leslie's qualifications for the position to which they aspired, and judging from their own confession of being no politicians and having hitherto taken no interest in public affairs, they were unfit for it. He was confident that on the polling day Puslinch would retain the old honor of being the Reform banner Township in the Riding.

Mr. Gow then came forward and said that the quiet and orderly manner in which they had listened to the speakers was very creditable to them. He could say with Mr. Leslie that he was not a politician in the sense that he made his living by politics. But while attending to his business he had been an observing man, and had taken notice of matters affecting the interests of the country. He had never been an extreme party man, and would be glad to see every rancorous feeling buried. It was for us now as honest men to see that this country was well governed, that economy was practised, and every means taken to secure our prosperity. Mr. Leslie said he had confidence in the present government. He (Mr. Gow) had no confidence in them. The leading spirits in the present Privy Council had been in power for eight or ten years, and what could they show, why they had piled up an enormous debt which it would take years to pay. Many of you employed a person to manage your business, and you found that year after year he was getting you into debt, could you have confidence in that man? Assuredly not. John A. Macdonald, Cartier and Galt had been over eight years in power, and all that they had done was to saddle on us a debt of millions of dollars. They had so mismanaged our affairs as to leave us at the end of every year with a deficiency of two millions of dollars. Can we forget all that? We can only know men by their past transactions, and there was sufficient against these three to warrant any man in withdrawing every cent of confidence from them. It had been said to-night that the presence of McDougall, Howland and Blair in the Government was a sufficient guarantee that they would do right in the future. He held that it was not. But although he had no confidence in them, yet as the Government had been constitutionally formed he should be inclined to give it a fair and impartial hearing, although in the case of Brown De-ri on Government the Conservatives did not extend that justice to them, for there was not a Conservative then, or now, who did not applaud that most unjust act of turning it out. But now forward they are changed, and are very justly to be fair-play. Whether the change came from a party point of view he would leave them to judge. With regard to the Ministry for Ontario he had even less confidence in them. The premier, J. S. Macdonald was a most bitter opponent of Confederation. The appeal was made that the men who would favourable to Confederation should compose the General Government. If the argument was good in the one case why not in the other? There was J. S. Macdonald and M. C. Cameron chosen as members of the Local Government, who even yet strongly opposed Confederation, and yet the Conservatives will taunt us with being disunionists, but at the same

time express confidence in the position the Conservatives were now in. He then went on to a connected with the 1 and what measures he to support.

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