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Huron Signal.

GODERICH, June 25, 1873.

Extra copies of this day's Signal can be had at the Office—price 5 cents.

Defeat of Presbyterian Union in Scotland.

A movement has been on foot for some time in Scotland for the union of the Free and United Presbyterian churches. An immediate union was found to be impracticable and what was called the Mutual Eligibility Scheme *i. e.* to allow the ministers of other non-established Presbyterian bodies to assume the charge of Free Church congregations on subscribing to its formula, was suggested as an expedient tending towards union, and which might ultimately bring it about. This scheme appeared to be favourably received by all parties and there was every prospect of its being adopted, but at the recent meeting of the Free Church General Assembly it received a unfortunate check. A majority of the members were in favour of its adoption, but a minority, consisting of about one fourth of the entire Assembly, and representing, it is believed, about one-third of the membership of the Church, would abate neither jot nor tittle of what they conceived to be the charter and standards of the Free Church. To avoid a disruption in the Church, the majority abandoned their project of making the Mutual Eligibility Scheme a standing law of the Church, and even this slender result of the Union scheme had to be practically abandoned. If newspaper reports can be trusted, the chances of disruption were exceedingly grave. The minority had not only, it is said, hired a hall in which to meet after they had seceded from their brethren, but they were also prepared to proclaim themselves the only true representatives of the Free Church, and, as such, entitled to its property and position. It is hardly to be wondered at if the majority recoiled from the prospect thus opened out to them. To take the first steps towards union, through disruption, would have ill bescemed Christian brethren, and to be compelled to invoke the aid of the Law Courts to decide upon the true meaning of the constitution of the Church was an outlook calculated to send dismay into the heart of the most ardent Unionist.

So the question has been shelved for the meantime. Unfortunately ill feelings remain behind, and it is not likely negotiations will be renewed for a long time to come. That a minority of the Free Church can continue to dictate to their brethren under threat of disruption is hardly possible, but the present failure must have the effect of delaying the movement for years.

Normal School.

Another letter appears in the *Globe*, from a teacher of six years' standing, who holds a Normal School certificate, fully corroborating the statements of Mr. Martin with reference to the condition of this institution. He alleges that Dr. Davies is a "successful failure" in teaching grammar, and spends a large portion of the session in defending a work he has compiled on that subject. He is also extremely vulgar and low in his manner of addressing his pupils, and his example in this respect is followed by the mathematical master. We also learn from private sources there is too much truth in these charges, and now that they have been openly made and proof in support of them offered, an investigation should be held. It will never do to have a public institution conducted in such a manner.

Very Distressed.

The *Mail* has for months past been occupied in blackening the character of Rev. Mr. King, and has charged him with dishonestly misappropriating the funds of the Dunton Mission. One would imagine from its zeal that it had at the true interest of the C. P. Church at heart. It had however only political ends in view, and its dishonesty and meanness are now seen in the fact that in its report of the proceedings of the Canada Presbyterian General Assembly at Toronto, it *entirely* suppresses the speeches of Professor Gregg and Rev. T. McPherson, approving of Mr. King's administration of the funds of the mission. It brings a false charge against a respectable clergyman and then cooks its reports to cover its dishonesty when it finds the charge is unfounded.

State of the Ottawa Cabinet.

An observer contrasting the present personnel of the Dominion Cabinet with what it was at the time of confederation six years ago, cannot help exclaiming with Mark Antony, "What a fall was there my countrymen." At that timeit was composed as follows:—Sir John A. Macdonald and Messrs. Macdougall, Campbell and Ferguson—Blair from Ontario; Sir Geo. E. Cartier, Sir A. T. Galt and Messrs. Langevin and Chapais from Quebec and Messrs Tilley, Mitchell, Archibald and Kenny from the Maritime Provinces. It was then considered a strong cabinet, and at various times since it received as recruits such men as Howe, Tupper, Hincks and Rose. Three of these have since retired and there are now only five of the original thirteen in the government, the vacancies caused by death and retirement being filled by Messrs. Aikins, O'Connor and Gibbs from Ontario; Pope, Robitaille and Masson from Quebec and H. McDonald from Nova Scotia. Even the most ardent supporters of Sir John cannot fail to perceive that he has associated with him now a much inferior class of men than he had formerly. The government cannot for a moment be compared with the Opposition, which numbers in its ranks men of such mental power and talent as Blake, Mackenzie, Dorion, Holton, Joly and others.

It is true Sir John has managed to sustain himself in power up to the present, but it has only been by means of purchased support. If he continues to cling to office it must be by a course of timorous statesmanship, and the adoption of measures which have long been advocated by the Opposition, but resisted by the government so long as they had the strength to do so successfully. England has witnessed the spectacle of a Tory Government adopting and passing a Reform bill in order to keep themselves in power. The course of the Dominion government in the past shows that they are likewise prepared to stultify themselves. Anything in short but a relinquishment of the sweets of office.

Repudiation.

The question whether Chatham should pay its indebtedness to the Municipal Loan Fund was submitted to the ratepayers on Friday last by the Town Council. The vote stood; for repudiation 18, against, 8. The small vote shows that little interest was taken in the matter and it is said that the proceeding was looked upon as a farce. Let us hope so, for we should be very sorry to see any Canadian Municipality repudiate its honest debts. Such conduct would be dastardly in the extreme. The Town Council of St. Catherines have resolved not to pay a cent on the interest account. And the *Mail* pats these towns on the back and says "well done."

Clinton Assessment.

The Council of the Village of Clinton thinking that the County Council have placed their equalized assessment at too high a figure as compared with other municipalities, have appealed to the County Judge. Malcolmson & Keating have been retained on behalf of the village, and the Warden, acting on the advice of a special committee, has engaged J. S. Sinclair of this town to defend the action of the County Council. Of course the whole question of assessment throughout the County will be opened up and considerable interest will be felt as to the result. The appeal will come before Judge Toms on Monday next, 30th inst.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

England is now festively entertaining the Shah of Persia. On Friday last he was received at Windsor by the Queen, and at night he attended a grand ball in London, at which were present the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Czarowitch and Princess Dagmar, the members of the Cabinet, the principal ambassadors, and about three thousand guests. The Shah was presented with an address in a gold casket by the Lord Mayor.

A rumour comes from Berlin that the Crown Prince Frederick William will soon be proclaimed regent, owing to the feebleness of the Emperor.

The steamer Marathon of the Cunard line was burned in her dock, Glasgow, on Friday night.

Susan B. Authony has been found guilty of voting in New York, contrary to law; and fined $100. She intends to appeal.

It is rumoured that Marshall Serrano, in conjunction with others, has organized a moderate party, to secure possession of the Government of Spain, and have made overtures to the Carlists, who, however, have rejected their proposals.

The Pope was to deliver an allocution on Monday. The personal excommunication of King Victor Emmanuel is expected to be pronounced. Doubtless the King will survive the Pope's curses.

The Steamer Columbus, from Dublin to Holyhead, ran ashore on Saint Kent's rock on Sunday, and soon afterwards broke amidships. She had 200 passengers, twelve of whom and three of the crew were drowned.

In consequence of the continued dry weather numerous fires are reported. The woods are burning in many places and considerble property has been destroyed.

Cholera is reported prevalent in several cities in Europe and the United States.

The nomination took place in South Ontario on Monday. Hon. Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Jas. Holden were proposed. The polling takes place next Monday.

Additional articles to the postal treaty between Canada and the United States have been signed by the Postmaster General at Washington, providing for an interchange of postal cards at a prepaid rate of two cents in full to their destination in either country; prepayment to be effected by affixing to the card a one cent postage stamp. The postage must be prepaid.

A Terrible Encounter

took place on Thursday last, at Elsor's, Mc Gillivray, between the two stallions Comet and King George. Comet being securely tied was not able to defend himself properly, but owing to superior strength, he completely overturned the other. In so doing he burst a bloodvessel, causing instant death. Comet was a magnificent draught horse, owned by Charles Elsor, of McGillivray, who refused a few days ago for him a thousand dollars. King George was owned by Thomas Simpson, and is badly injured.

Canon Ramsay, of Newmarket, Ont., whose name has become prominent in connection with the revelations connected with the election of Mr. Dodge, has resigned his ecclesiastical appointments. It is stated that he has taken this step on the advice of his Bishop; and, if true, it is the result probably of the recent investigation into his conduct. It is suggested that Mr. Dodge should follow his example, but it is doubted whether Sir J. A. Macdonald would, like the Bishop in Canon Ramsay's case, sanction his follower to this step.

LOCAL NEWS

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The subject of Dr. Seaguier's lecture at the Teachers' Institute at Clinton on Friday evening next, will be *Education*.

HIGH SCHOOL.—The usual half yearly examination of the Goderich High School will take place on Friday forenoon next.

BASE BALL.—We understand a base ball match between the Seaforth and Goderich clubs will be played here on Dominion Day.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.—Yesterday was St. John's day and was celebrated by Maitland Lodge of Free Masons by a pic-nic at Galt's point.

RAIN.—We were favoured with refreshing showers on Saturday and Monday nights, which were very acceptable as everything was getting very dry and the dust was intolerable.

COLLISION.—The *Manitoba*, on her last trip down, ran into Mr. Brown's ing Pier, *Hall* at Southampton and did her considerable damage. The tug was obliged to go to Port Huron for repairs.

THE MANITOBA passed up yesterday morning with a full cargo. She took here a further consignment of flour for the Hudson Bay Co., also a quantity of butter and cheese for Winnipeg.

THE HARBOUR.—Mr. Page, Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, was expected to arrive yesterday, for the purpose of inspecting the harbour works and laying out further improvements.

NEW PAPER.—We have received the prospectus of the Brussels *Post*, a new reform journal which is to make its appearance on the 10th of July. McGillicuddy Brothers are the proprietors.

A NEW SIDE WALK (plank) has been laid on the south west side of the Square. As the old one was getting rather dilapidated it is quite an improvement.

GRADED.—The bank opposite Sheriff Macdonald's, recently handed over to the town by the Canada Company has been graded. Trees will be set out and seats erected and no doubt it it will become a favorite resort.

PLENTY OF WATER.—The only dredge left in the harbour is now engaged in removing a bar in front of the elevator. When this is done there will be sixteen feet of water all over the dredged portion of the harbour.

COULD SEE DOUBLE.—A person attempted to enter the circus tent on Saturday on a single ticket, but the door keeper demanded a double entrance fee on the ground that as the man was cross-eyed he could see double.

LARGE GRINDSTONE.—The propellor *Benton*, on her last trip down, had on board a mammoth grindstone, weighing 5830 lbs., for a firm in Akron, Ohio. It was shipped from Grindstone City, and is said to be the largest grindstone ever sent from that port.

TOO MUCH WHISKEY.—A man visited the distillery one day last week and helped himself so liberally to whiskey that when he returned to town he fell down in front of Henry Martin's stables. He was safely deposited in one of the stalls to sleep off the effect of the corn juice.

DAMAGED.—During Sunday night last, one of the frames on the north pier which supports a range light took fire, and the top burnt off allowing the lantern to fall through. The damage was repaired by Monday night and a new lantern sent for, the one which was previously in use being completely destroyed.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.—A Strawberry Festival under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance, will be held in Ben Miller M. E. Church, on the evening of Dominion Day, commencing at half past seven o'clock. The proceeds are to be applied towards furnishing a hall. Admission 20 cents. A good time is anticipated.

CRICKET MATCH.—A cricket match, Goderich *vs.* Lucknow and Wingham, will be played here on Dominion Day, wickets to be pitched at 10 A. M. The match between Bankers and Lawyers and All comers was postponed on Monday, but was not finished on account of the rain. It will be resumed this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

SHORT HAY.—A friend the other day remarked to a farmer that hay ought to be cheap this fall, "How is that," said the honest tiller of the soil, "the hay will be very short." "Well," said the other party, "surely you won't charge as much for short, light hay as you would if it was long." Mr. McLean didn't quite see it and they adjourned to Bingham's for a drink of soda water.

ACCIDENT.—A man, named Patrick Austin, from near Fort Albert, was thrown from his waggon while returning from Goderich on Saturday night last, and had his leg broken. He was brought to town and Dr. McLean set the fractured member. Mrs. Dickson, wife of James Dickson, Esq. Registrar, met with a similar accident last Thursday while on a visit to friends in Tuckersmith, by stepping into a post hole.

PIC-NIC.—Tuckersmith Union Sabbath School held a very successful pic-nic at Galt's point on Wednesday last. Over $30 was received for tickets, which will be applied towards purchasing a library.

For the benefit of the residents who may be ignorant of the geography of the locality we may state that Leaborne is about 3 miles north of Goderich, on the Lake Shore road, being the name given by Mr. Strachan to his farm at that place.

DOMINION DAY will be duly celebrated in Goderich. A salute will be fired at 6 o'clock, A. M. A considerable sum has been raised by the various games. There will be excursions on the lake, horse races at Melton Driving Park and Cricket and Base Ball matches. The ladies of St. George's Church will hold a festival on the grounds adjoining Wright's Hotel, in aid of the funds of the church. The band will perform on the Square during the day and the performances will close with a display of fireworks. As a good time is expected there will no doubt be a large gathering.

SALT.—The prospect in the salt market is brightening. Liverpool salt has so far advanced in price that our manufacturers can ship to Montreal and undersell it in the market there. American packers appear to have made up their minds to use only Canadian salt and the demand for bulk salt is on the increase. Even in Seaforth where they have been selling at 35 cents a barrel during the winter the price has now advanced to $1.

BARNUM COMING.—Barnum has announced his intention to visit Canada with his wonderful show some time in July. It is not likely he will come any nearer to Goderich than London. We would suggest that the Grand Trunk run an excursion train from Goderich and intermediate stations to that city, with the fare placed at a reasonable figure. A large number of persons would avail themselves of the opportunity to make the trip, and see the world renowned show.

DAN RICE.—Dan Rice's circus arrived in this town from Seaforth last Saturday and gave two performances to full houses on the 24th. In addition to the performances in the ring, which were on the whole very fair, Dan had a number of animals which were the cause of a great deal of curiosity to the children. One of the elephants was the largest we have ever seen, and the two little elephants were good specimens. The lion and lioness and tiger were also very fine. The collection of live animals was also very large, but there were some good stuffed specimens. The show remained here over Sunday and left on Monday for Lucknow, where it exhibited on Monday and Lucknow on Tuesday.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—A County Convention of the Independent Order of Good Templars was held in this town on Thursday last. There was a full attendance, particularly from the northern and eastern sections of the county. It was resolved to form a county association of the various temperance organizations, and to support only those candidates for parliament who will pledge themselves to vote for a prohibitory liquor law. Should the candidates of either political party refuse to pledge themselves the temperance party will run a man of their own. Great enthusiasm was manifested and it was resolved to nominate with the view to organize bodies throughout the county and carry out the scheme for organization at once.

WESLEYAN METHODIST STATIONS.—We understand that the Stationing Committee of the Wesleyan Conference have had a great deal of trouble in arranging the stations for the ensuing year. A number of congregations had requested to have certain ministers sent them, and it was the desire of the committee to accomodate them as far as possible. It was however found necessary after all to adhere pretty closely to the original draft, and with a few exceptions it has been adopted. The following are the only changes made in this neighbourhood in the list recently published by us.—*Holmesville*, C. Stafford; *Fullarton*, C. Bristol; *Brussels*, T. Leggett; *Kippen*, Wm. Hicks, R. Reynolds. Mr. Blackstock of this town goes to Clinton and Mr. Graham of that village comes here.

WHY IS IT?—Why is it that strangers, and even our own townspeople, frequently have occasion to remark that Goderich is an exceedingly dull, slow town? There is no doubt that it is owing in a great measure to the lack of push and enterprise among our business men. Instead of keeping themselves and their business before the public they are content to plod on in the old slow way. While other towns and villages are increasing in wealth and population we are almost at a stand still. If our business men would wake up and do business in accordance with the requirements of the day it would be better for themselves and for the town.

WHERE TO ADVERTISE.—The SIGNAL has by far the largest circulation of any paper in town. Merchants and others who expect to do business with summer visitors should remember this and act accordingly.

THE SIGNAL is by far the best advertising medium which merchants and others can employ. We have facts to prove this statement.

IF OUR Merchants, Traders and Mechanics instead of writing their Billheads would get them neatly printed, and if they would do as in other places, bring their names and business more prominently before the public in the form of posters, cards, &c., they would do a much larger and better business. We are prepared to furnish them with all they require to do this, promptly and cheaply.

Bluevale.

NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.—A little boy, son of Mrs. Johnston, of Bluevale, came near losing his life by drowning, on Thursday of last week. Some of his young companions noticed him floating a few inches below the surface of the water in the mill pond. The alarm was given, and he was taken out as quickly as possible. When rescued, he was quite insensible, and it was some time before he shewed any signs of life. But, by the timely application of active means of recovery, he was finally restored, and is now as well as ever. We hope his case will act as a warning to many children around this village, who frequently vate altogether too free an acquaintance with the watery element.—*Expositor.*

Colborne.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Municipal Council of the Township of Colborne met pursuant to adjournment, in the Town Hall, Smith's Hill, on Monday, June 16th. All the members present. The Reeve in the Chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved and seconded that William Clark be instructed by the Clerk to preserve the Statute Labor under his superintendence till Winter, for the purpose of keeping gravel road between the 10th and 11th concession passable. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Joseph Morris be instructed to reserve the Statute Labor of block A. and B., for the purpose of keeping road passable opposite said lands in the winter season. Carried.

Moved by H. J. Nott seconded by J. Buchanan, that the offer of C. McManus, viz:—$170 and the old road, for deviation of road on Lot 10, Lake road West, be accepted, and that he furnish the proper titles and also a copy of abstract from Registry Office for the same by the next meeting of Council. Carried

Moved and seconded that A. Malloy and H. J. Nott meet at Nicholas Morrish's on the 24th day of June at the hour of 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of letting a contract for the erection of a bridge over stream at said place. Carried.

Copy of By-Law passed by Ashfield Council in regard to road between Ashfield and Colborne was read.

And it was resolved that this Council take no action in the matter at present. Carried.

Petition of Alexander Glen and twenty others praying for a road to be opened between lots number 5 and 6 from the eighth to the ninth concession was read.

It was moved and seconded that William Young, John Buchanan and James Symington go and examine said side line and report at next meeting. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Council do now adjourn to meet again when called by the Reeve. Carried.

JOHN McDONOGH,
Tp Clerk.

West Wawanosh.

SUICIDE.—A woman named Emmerson, residing near St. Helens, committed suicide by poisoning about a fortnight ago. She went to Lucknow some time ago and endeavored to obtain some arsenic to poison rats as she said, but it was refused her. The day before her death she returned and succeeded in obtaining it in the name of her daughter. She died suddenly at 6 o'clock next morning, having manifested all the symptoms of poisoning. Dr. Tennant held an inquest when a verdict of death by poisoning at her own hands was returned. Deceased leaves a husband and grown up family.

LOSS OF A HORSE.—We understand that Mr. James McConnell of West Wawanosh lost a valuable mare a few days ago, he being obliged to shoot it on account of a broken leg, caused by a kick.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present. Reeve in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Engineer's certificate No. 3, W. G. & B. Railway for debentures to the amount of $2,500 was read and fyled.

Petition of Joseph Forster and others, laid over from last meeting was taken up.

Moved by C. Durnin, seconded by E. Gaunt, that half the expense of opening sideline between 21 & 22 on con. 14, be paid out of Township fund, but not to exceed $30. Carried.

Moved by C. Durnin, seconded by E. Gaunt, that half the expense of repairing and filling pond hole on 4 & 5 cons. be paid out of Township Fund, but not to exceed $50. Carried.

Account from Star office for printing, read and ordered to be paid.

Moved by C. Durnin, seconded by E. Gaunt, that 7 mills in the $ be levied for county rate; 2 on the $ for township rate; 1½ for improvements; 4 for railways, and that the improvement money be divided to each concession line according to assessment and that each line pay its own statute labor and gravel. Carried.

Clerk was instructed to frame a by-law dividing township into wards as last year and to notify County Clerk. Carried.

By-law No. 4, was read a third time and passed.

By-law No. 5, poundkeepers, was read and ordered to be printed.

The following cheques were signed by the Reeve, *Star* office, printing $3 ; G. Rutledge, plank 70c.; John Hamilton, gravel $6.75; John H. Taylor, inspector $7.

Moved by Wm. Kinahan, seconded by D. McIlwain, that this Council now adjourn to meet again on on Saturday, the 9th day of August at 10 o'clock. Carried.

ROBERT MURRAY,
Tp Clerk.

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Clinton.

PIC-NIC.—The pupils of the High School, to the number of about fifty, with their friends, had a pleasant picnic on the banks of the Maitland, near Holmesville, about ten days ago.

DOMINION DAY is to be celebrated here in a becoming manner. A large sum has been subscribed for prizes at various athletic games, the competition for which will take place on the grounds of the Agricultural Society.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Our village Council met on Wednesday evening last, the principal business being to consider the best mode of investing the surplus funds of the municipality. It was decided to buy up the debentures of the village, provided those who hold them are willing to sell, and the Reeve and Mr. Coats were appointed a committee to communicate with the holders. A resolution was passed to appeal to the County Judge against the equalized assessment of the village for the current year, on the ground that is too high as compared with the rest of the County. Messrs. Malcolmson and Keating were instructed to proceed with said appeal. The Council further instructed Messrs. Searle and Scott to provide a fire alarm bell, about 1000 lbs. weight, and have it put up in the town hall without delay.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The annual meeting of the members of the Mechanics' Institute was held in the Library room on Tuesday evening last. The report and financial statement for the past year were read and adopted, and the thanks of the members tendered to the committee. The following were then elected officers for the ensuing year,—President, J. Turnbull; 1st Vice President, Rev. F. McCaig; 2nd Vice President, T. Stevenson; Treasurer, R. Coats; Librarian and Sec'y, Jas. Scott. Directors—Messrs. Malloch, Commander, Watts, Ridout, Matheson, Reeve and Keating.

TAXES.—Should our assessment not be reduced, our taxes must be very high this year. We have granted such a large bonus to the L. H. & B. R. R. and have such heavy liabilities to meet on account of the Market House and other expenses that property has been assessed at its full cash value, in many cases at even more, in order to raise the necessary amount without exceeding the limit fixed by law. Our people are beginning to grumble and we must confess with some reason.

RECOVERING.—We are glad to state that Mr. W. H. Lowe, who met with such a serious accident at the station some time ago, has so far recovered as to be able to drive out.

Hullett.

The Municipal Council of the township of Hullett, met at Londesboro' on the 31st of May, pursuant to motion of adjournment. All the members present.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

A petition was read praying for some assistance to R. Crittenden, an indigent and lame person, while undergoing an operation.

It was moved by R. Stephenson, and seconded by A. Monteith, that the petition of Gavin Hamilton and others, on behalf of R. Crittenden be granted, and that the sum of $15 be placed in the hands of J. Warwick, for the use of said R. Crittenden. Carried.

Moved by A. Monteith, seconded by J. Warwick, that Wm. Armstrong be pathmaster in the place of W. Lowrie, jr. Frazer, in place of D. Nicol, W. Trewin, in place of H. Taylor, and A. Walker, in place of G. Matthewson. Carried.

Moved by F. Stiver, seconded by J. Warwick, that this Council do now adjourn to meet again at Londesboro', when called by the Clerk, and that the adjourned Court of Revision be now opened. Carried.

An appeal was read from Henry Medd, against his assessment, on the ground that he had received two different assessment notices from the Assessor, the last being $100 higher than the first.

Moved by A. Monteith, seconded by J. Warwick, that the last assessment of Henry Medd, of $1750, be sustained. Carried.

Moved by J. Warwick, seconded by F. Stiver, that the assessment roll as received, be now passed, and that the Court of Revision be now closed. Carried.

JAMES BRAITHWAITE,
Tp Clerk.

Hullett, June 3rd, 1873.

FIRE.—On Tuesday evening, about eight o'clock, two barns, stabling and sheds on lot 22, 12th con., Hullett, belonging to Mr. Taylor, nearly a mile and a half north of Londesboro', took fire by some means at present unknown, and burnt to the ground. There were in the buildings at the time of the fire, a mower and reaper, buggy, two setts of harness, a quantity of hay, wheat, dry rock, and numerous other articles, nothing of which was saved, as part of the family were away from home. Loss estimated to be about $2,000, with only $800 of insurance.—*New Era.*

East Wawanosh.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met this day June 10, 1873 pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and adopted.

Account of J. J. Bell, SIGNAL office, Goderich, for printing minutes, &c., of 1872, and 1 quire voters' lists, $:0.75, was ordered to be paid. Account of Hugh McQuarrie, for making 18 road scrapers at $5.624 each, was also ordered to be paid. John McGregor, assessor for N½ lot 31, concession 5, made application to get his name struck off the assessment roll for 1873, granted. The said lot was also ordered to be entered on the non-resident roll. A letter from W. J. Hayward, Barrister, Wingham, asking the Council to authorize their Treasurer to deposit any township funds on hand, in the agency of the St. Lawrence Bank, supposed to be about being established in Wingham, was received, when it was moved by Mr. McCallum, sec. by Mr. Potter, that the said communication be laid over in the meantime.—Carried.

Henry Thuel was appointed pathmaster, instead of Wm. Dobis, for division No. 6, Alex. Rintoul, instead of Wm. Gibbons, for division No. 54, and Wm. McCoy, instead of Wm. Farquharson, for division No. 59.

Application of Wm. Farquharson, to be allowed to perform his statute labor for S½ lot 2nd, concession 9, for this year in division No 55, was granted.

Moved by Mr. Potter, sec. by Mr. James, that $3 be granted for repairing crossway, 10th and 11th concessions, $30 for repairing culvert near the river, 10th and 11th concessions, and $7 for repairs on concessions 4 and 5, opposite lots 35.—Carried.

By-law No. 46, authorizing the Trustees of S. S. No. 2. Morris and East Wawanosh, to borrow $200 on credit of said section in East Wawanosh, was read and passed.

The account of Dr. Hutchison, Blyth, $14, presented at last meeting of Council for attendance on Jessie Beaton, was again brought up, when it was moved by Mr. James, sec. by Mr. McGowan, that he receive debentures for $10, in payment of said account.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Potter, sec. by Mr. McCallum, that Mrs. Creighton, of Blyth, receive $15, for charity.—Carried.

Debentures were signed in favor of Henry Deacon, jr., for cleaning and brushing on sideroad lots 30 and 31, concession 11, $5; Hugh McQuarrie, for 18 road scrapers $101.25; Dr. Hutchison, for attendance on Jessie Beaton, $10; J. J. Bell, for printing minutes, &c., of 1872, voters' lists, &c., $20; Mrs. Creighton, of Blyth, charity $15.

The Council then adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, 12th of August.

P. PORTERFIELD, Tp Clerk.

Ashfield.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met this day, May 5th 1873, as a Court of Revision, to hear all appeals against the assessment roll for 1873. All the members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Moved by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Clare, that the Clerk be instructed to procure the services of Mr. Thomas Weatherald, P. L. S., to find out the original road allowance between lots 11 and 12, Lake range, in the corporation to pay the surveyors expenses only.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Deasy, seconded by Mr Hawkins, that the appointment to the new bridge at Richards's Mill be made at as early a date as possible, said work to be superintended by Mr. Hawkins.—Carried. Moved by A. C. Hawkins, seconded by A. Deasy, that P. Sullivan, Dennis Sullivan and D. Sullivan and John Finn do all their statute labor for the present year on side road between lots 2 and 3, under A. Bryden, as pathmaster, as it is their own request to perform the work in said Division.—Carried. Moved by A. C. Hawkins, seconded by A. Deasy, that the Trustees of School Section No. 8 be permitted to borrow money for the purpose of building a new school house in said section.—Carried. Moved by A. C. Hawkins, seconded by A. Deasy, that the account of J. J. Bell, *Signal* office, for printing debentures, amounting to two dollars and twenty-five cents, be paid.—Carried. Moved by A. Deasy, seconded by P. Clare, that R. Johnson be refunded $3, being an overcharged of taxes.—Carried. Moved by A. Deasy, seconded by P. Clare, that the breach in the road opposite 3 and 4, 2nd con., caused by the spring freshet, be repaired as soon as possible, as the same is now impassible for teams; also the broaches on side line 6 and 7 boundary line and on the 4 and 5 cons., opposite lots 5 be repaired.—Carried. Moved by P. Clare, seconded by A. C. Hawkins, that J. Culbert be Path-master instead of T. Ford.—Carried. Moved by A. Deasy, seconded by A. C. Hawkins, that D. Boyd and J. McCaig, be paid $7 each, travelling expenses for their children to the deaf and dumb institution at Belleville.—Carried. Moved by A. C. Hawkins, seconded by P. Clare, that the Council grant the sum of $10 to Mary and Rosy McGuire, and that the widow Bonby be granted $6, as charity, they being in destitute circumstances.—Carried. At 2 o'clock p. m, the Council sat as a Court of Revision, according to public notice. Reductions were made in the assessment of the following persons in respect to real property, viz.: T. Stewart, reduced $100; A. Boyd, $100; W. Johnston, $80; J. Culbert, $100; F. Hogan, $100; T. Griffin, $100; J. Matheson, $100; M. O'Riley, $31; J. Desmond, $100; D. McDonald, S. W. part 15, con. 4, personal property, $100; J. Murphy, $60; T. O'Neil, $100; D. McDonald, $100 on personal property; T. Johnston assessed instead of A. Gerard, for the W½ 7, con. 3, E. D., 100 acres; J. Sturdy, for the N½ 3, con. 3, E. D., H. Otway for ½ an acre and store at Belfast; S. Philips, assessed for mill property, with farm property; J. & A. Hogan assessed jointly. Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by P. Clare, that this Council do now adjourn to meet at G. F. Graham's Hotel, Village of Port Albert, on the third Monday in May to complete the revising of the roll.—Carried.

JOHN COOKE, Clerk.

Usborne.

THE MORMONS.—A correspondent of the London *Free Press* supplies that paper with the following particulars of another visit of the mormons to Usborne, and their summary ejectment.—"Our readers will remember that during last winter the inhabitants of the Township of Usborne, Huron County, were visited by preachers belonging to a sect known to the world as Mormons, or as they choose to call themselves, 'Latter Day Saints.' They will also remember that these above-mentioned preachers had a narrow escape from a coat of tar and feathers, from a Vigilance Committee that was organized for the purpose of ridding the neighborhood of these impostors. They, however, 'disregarding the solemn promises that were extorted from them that they would never again visit that locality for religious purposes,' again paid that neighborhood another visit of late, and succeeded in baptizing half a score of the inhabitants into the only true faith, as they choose to call it; therefore, as it is the opinion of most of the neighborhood that such sentiments should not be allowed in a civilized community, they thought that it was high time to again call upon their Vigilance Committee to rid them of the so-called Saints. Therefore they assembled on the evening of the 3rd of June, and went en masse to the assembled brethren; and, although they met with a vigorous resistance from the female part of the assembly, armed with clubs, they succeeded in breaking up the meeting, and the said preachers were compelled to take up their abode in a neighboring marsh for the remainder of the night. The Saints, however, determined not to abandon their work without an effort on their part, assembled on the following night for the purpose of spending a portion of it in their devotions. But, mush to their astonishment the Vigilance Committee paid them another visit after the leaders of the Saints had retired for the night to their "downy couch," and surrounded the above, calling upon the inmates to deliver the Saints up into their hands. However, one of the said, hearing their calls, thought that sooner than cause any trouble on his part, he would retire from the scene of action through a back window in his night dress, much to the destruction of the glass; but being discovered by his persecutors, as he chose to call them, he had rather an exciting chase across the domains of a couple of the neighbors, but he being not overburdened by clothing, but to the satisfaction of seeing his pursuers soon vanish from his view in the darkness, therefore he succeeded in reaching his marsh hiding-place once more in safety, and although the night was rather unfavorable for a man in such a light costume as he was in, he passed the remainder of it in comparative quietness on the shelter side of a friendly log, but was under the disagreeable necessity of arousing himself at an early hour to go in quest of some covering for his lower extremities before quiet minded individuals began their daily vocations. Another of the Saints sallied out among the Committee to make observations, but returned in a short time with his cranium minus its fleece, on one side of which he was compelling him to call upon the barber to equalize it for him, who in so doing was compelled to shear rather closer than ourcold spring weather actually requires. A third party among the Saints also retired from the scene in woman's apparel, making rather an interesting specimen of the female class, as he had not time to apply to the barber for the use of a pretty supply of whiskers from his face before starting, as at that moment time was rather too valuable to spend in that manner. Hoping we will not have to call a Vigilance Committee for the same purpose for some time, which is not likely we will, as it will be some time before our "Saints" have got over their sudden start on the above mentioned evening."

Seaforth

ACCIDENT.—A daughter of Mr. Wm. Allen, our enterprising and popular grocer, fell and broke her arm half way between the elbow and wrist on Saturday the 13th inst. Dr. Campbell was called in to set the fracture and the little sufferer is now doing well.

LEFT FOR SCOTLAND.—Mr. Hugh Love, sen., of Hay, left Seaforth a few days ago for Scotland, with the intention of procuring an improved breed of stock.

A POPULAR PREACHER.—The Rev. S. Williamson of Hamilton, preached in the M. E. Church (the Rev. Mr. Palmer's), on Sunday last to a large and attentive audience, both morning and evening. The Rev. gentleman was formerly paster of the Church at present presided over by the present able and popular preacher the Rev. H. B. Palmer.

A COMPLETE FAILURE IN HAY.—It seems that the hay crop this year is an entire failure. Farmers from this neighbourhood state that no hay will be offered for sale the ensuing winter as the farmers will have to use straw themselves. The long continued drought has been fatal to the hay.

BARN FIELDS.—We have observed a good many barn fields in all directions from our good town, and upon enquiry we found that the grain had stripped 1,100 feet. From the Stephen well 1,220 feet in depth, brines of great power are yielded. It may be mentioned that the prevalence of vast quantities of gypsum and salt in a mixed state naturally supposes the existence of a shaft by which not only could the salt be easily obtained, but also the combined gypsum and salt form important properties. The drilling done by Cochrane & Co. in this vicinity will be sold to be superintended, both for the interest of manufacturers. Actual boring commenced on the 10th of March, 1870, and the celebrated stratum was reached on the evening of the 23d of the same month at a depth of 1,035 feet. After passing through 100 feet of pure rock salt, without the least evidence of change, the boring was abandoned.

In no other portion of the American continent has there been discovered a deposit of salt so magnificently great. The supply is pine deadly illimitable and may favorably compare with the production of the salt mines of Droitwich in Central England, or with that of the solt salt beds of Cordova.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal:

DEAR SIR,—If it is not trespassing too much on your time and columns to insert an account of the village of Renfrew and vicinity, it may perhaps prove interesting to a few of your readers. This village is in the County of Renfrew, situated on the Bonnechere, a confluent of the Ottawa. There are three streets pretty well defined; the principal of of which is Raglan Street; it is over a mile in length, with good sidewalks of pine plank. The other two are called Argyle and Church Streets. A great deal of business is done here of all kinds. Being connected by railway with both Brockville and Ottawa, trade is greatly promoted, but, if the railroad be extended to Pembroke, the capital of the County, which is about 40 miles north-west of this, Renfrew, in all probability, will receive a check in its commercial career. The number of stores is somewhere about twenty-two; there are also factories, foundries, blacksmith shops, two branch banks (British North