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J. CORAM, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

FERGUS, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16.

THE SENATE.

One of the great conundrums which the people of Canada are to-day trying to unravel is, What is the use of the Dominion Senate? No man seems to be able to solve the riddle. When the public records are searched almost the sole tangible results of their labours left upon the scroll of fame consists of receipts for money appropriated to their own sole use and benefit. Occasionally the old wooden-headed senators wake up sufficiently to see that the world moves and they promptly pass a resolution to stop its motion, and having signed another bundle of receipts for money they never earned, relapse again into the placid sleep of second childhood. It has been said that the Senate resembles a fly wheel upon the political machine; but such a comparison is an utter travesty upon truth. A fly wheel costs nothing for its maintenance; but the senate costs the people a thousand dollars a day all the year round. When the machine goes faster the fly wheel hastens on in sympathy. Not so with the senate, which, instead of responding to the popular impulse of a free people says to them, you are not fit to govern yourselves and we are not going to let you have your wish. Talk about a free people! We are not free so long as we have an irresponsible body like the senate, which is entirely beyond the reach of public opinion, blocking the legislation of our chosen representatives. Not only that; but daring even, as it recently did, to thwart the directly expressed will of the people.

The senate is as useful to us as the ball fastened to the ankle of the slave. It chafes and hinders, and retards us in every step we make towards freedom from its oppression. Our position is worse than that of the slave, in that he can pick up his weight and carry it forward with him; whilst the senate, on the contrary, can pick us up and hurl us backward, and we are helpless in the hand of our oppressor.

Now let us look for a moment at those who compose this august body of life legislators. Are they men who have done distinguished service for the state and so have deserved well of their country? Are they men whom the people have delighted to honor and in whom they have expressed their confidence time after time? Are they even by their acts worthy to live and let their past be forgotten? Truly they possess none of these qualities. Their service to the state is of the same character as the service to the ship of the barnacle which clings to its bottom only impeding its progress, or rather their service is like that of the vampire bat which sucks out the life blood of its helpless victims.

Again, instead of the senate being composed of men who have the people's confidence the exact opposite is the case. When some political hack has fallen so low in public confidence that he can no longer be elected to a seat in the commons he is *elevated* to the senate at the very time those who know him best, say they have no confidence in him and don't want him to rule over them. Now the rejected of the people becomes a ruler of the country. The defeated at the polls rises up with a power greater than the suffrage of the whole outraged people.

Lastly, it may be that their acts atone in some measure for their existence. Of a truth their acts are in accordance with their antecedents. When the people rise up to destroy the Upas tree of intemperance, which is poisoning the nation's life, the senate reaches out its shameless shield to protect the enemy of the race.

Was ever such an anomaly allowed to exist amongst a people who boast of their freedom. Men have submitted to oppressors whose iron hand crushed them to the earth; but in free Canada there exists to-day a despotic body which dares to trample on the people's rights, and the people make no effort to be free. And why? Simply this: we are carried away by party zeal and blinded by party strife. We resemble nothing so much as two game cocks—one called Grit and the other Tory—pitching into one another for all they are worth, while the sly old senatorial fox is ready to make a meal off the unprotected chickens.

Let the people wake up to their true interest, cease fighting against one another and attack the harpies by which they are surrounded. We want no life legislators of so called "honorables," who have not honor enough to refuse money for which they give no value, who are honorable only by act of parliament, but dishonoured in the eyes of all right thinking men.

As the lawyers say, "there is no wrong without a remedy," and in this case there is a remedy—simple yet effectual. It is this: wipe out the senate; leave no vestige of the useless thing upon the earth. Wipe it out, and with it wipe out everyone and everything that dares to arrogate despotic rights over free born men. Let its monument be composed of the vouchers for the money its members have wrung from the people wrongfully and let its epitaph be this, "It died because it was not fit to live."

SCHOOL BOARD.

The Board met in the High School building last Monday evening, the 14th inst. Present—The Chairman, Messrs. Argo, Craig, Hunt, Milne, Moffatt, Tindale, Perry and Donaldson.

R. H. Perry was appointed secretary pro tem.

Minutes of last regular and special meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Craig reported on behalf of the visiting committee that he and Mr. Moffatt had visited the schools and found everything working satisfactorily; but thought there were too many pupils in Miss Samson's room, about 70 being present. Also that a larger stove was required for the High School and some fenders for the Public School.

Mr. Donaldson moved and Mr. Perry seconded that the Property committee be instructed to procure the necessary fenders for the Schools.

Moved by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Tindale, that the question of stoves be referred to the Property Committee to enquire into and report to the Board.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Mr. Milne that Mr. Webster be authorized to introduce the New Readers when necessary.

The following accounts were read: J. Tunnah, $329.50; Municipal Clerk, $4.60; Alex. Gow, $10.37; James Tocher, $3; Andrew Wilson, salary, $28; Andrew Wilson, repairing, $86.36; J. & R. Craig, printing, $8.85.

Moved by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Hunt, that A. Wilson's account of $86.36 be referred to the Property Committee to settle if found correct.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Mr. Hunt, that the other accounts be paid.—Carried.

A communication from John Beattie regarding the overdrawn money was read.

Moved by Mr. Moffat, seconded by R. H. Perry, that the Chairman, Secretary, Messrs. Argo and Michie be a finance committee for making the necessary arrangements to raise the money.—Carried.

Mr. T. S. Webster tendered his resignation as principal of the Fergus Public School, and asked to be released on or shortly after October 1st.

Moved by R. H. Perry, seconded by John Moffatt, that the resignation be accepted.—Carried.

A communication was read from Mr. D. B. Hyatt, in which he made application for the position of principal of the Fergus Public School about to be vacated.

Moved by J. Craig, seconded by J. Tindale, that Mr. D. B. Hyatt be appointed to the principalship, at the same salary as now paid to Mr. Webster, $600 per annum and that the said appointment take effect on October 1st.—Carried.

The visiting trustees for October are Messrs. Green-Armytage and Perry.

Moved by James Argo, seconded by John Moffatt, that Messrs. Craig and Donaldson be a committee to consult with the Public School Inspector with reference to retaining the services of Miss Phillip.—Carried.

Moved by John Moffat, seconded by R. H. Perry, that the Board do now adjourn until the 2nd Monday in Oct.—Carried.

OFF TO LONDON.

The 30th Battalion of the Wellington Rifles left for the Brigade Camp at London, yesterday.

The Fergus Company commanded by Capt. Murray, joined a number of other companies on the 9.35 a. m. G. T. R. train. The men mustered at the Drill Shed about 8:30 and at 9 a. m. fell into rank. Preceeded by the Fergus Brass Band, three of whom where going to the camp, the company marched along St. Andrew-st to St. David-st thence up to St. George-st, and then to the G.T.R. station, presenting a very formidable front. The Fergus Company is composed of some real military men, one of which reaches the altitude of 6 feet 3 inches, others again not so lofty but of no mean dimension.

Fergus company is 42 full, with the following men holding positions: Capt. Murray; Lieut. McComb; 1st Sergt. Henry Jones; 2nd do Charles Foote; 3rd do Jas. Forbes; Corp. Williams; do McLean; do Lillie; Bugler Graham; Cook, H. McLean.

Dr. Johnston of Fergus, is the assistant Surgeon for the Battalion and Mr. W. Dow, Hospital Surgeon.

Lieutenant Colonel Clarke having been promoted to Brigade Colonel the command of the 30th Battalion was deputed to Capt. W. W. White of No 10 Company, Arthur, with Capt. Mutrie, of Eramosa, Senior Major and Capt. Beattie of Company No. 3, Fergus, Junior Major.

We shall expect to hear a good report of the 30th Battalion.

NOTHING FOR NOBODY.

The Fergus cattle fair will be held to-morrow, Thursday.

The time for reporting big potato crops is drawing nigh.

The Christian Band meets at John Franks to-morrow evening.

Say boys, have you seen the new Hats at the People's Cash store?

A new piece of sidewalk has been put down on St. Andrew st. opposite John Wyllie's.

Mrs. Agnes Corlett-Thomson has a beautiful soprano voice, her cavatina, "Bel Raggio," took the audience by storm.—*Tribune.*

Mr. James Aitken, of Garafraxa, had a valuable two-year-old colt killed by lightning last week.

Before many weeks Fergus will have telephone connection with the principal business centres of Ontario.

The leaves on the trees are now assuming the beautiful colors usually seen about this season of the year.

A number new tie posts are the latest additions by way of accommodation at the Wellington house.

If you want to save money, go and purchase one of those everlasting glass lamp wicks that John Wyllie has for sale.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at St. Andrew's Church on the second Sunday in October.

Jotham's Barber shop and Alex. Gerrie's harness shop have had a coat of paint and look much brighter than heretofore.

Say boys, have you seen the immense stock of Under Clothing at the People's Cash Store? From 75 cents per suit up.

Yesterday the medical staff of Fergus was reduced to a single one. London Brigade Camp and Toronto Exhibition were the cause.

Mrs. Agnes Corlett-Thomson is a very piquant and charming vocalist, with a rich soprano voice, and sympathetic expression that [illegible] —*Globe.*

Say boys, the People's Cash Store is the place to buy White Shirts, Blue Flannel Shirts, Cardigan Jackets, Collars, Cuffs and Ties.

Messrs. Thos. & Robt. Aitken, of Garafraxa, have rented Mr. Thomas Armstrong's farm near Fergus, for a term of years at a good rental.

Mrs. Corlett-Thomson has an exquisite voice, very pleasant execution, and succeeded in delighting the audience to such a degree as to insure recalls and encores after every appearance.—*Truth.*

Our Merchants are generally receiving consignments of new and seasonable goods. The public should consult our advertising columns for a directory to the best places to make purchases.

The many friends of Mrs. Robert Mills, of Garafraxa, who was so badly injured at the C.V.R. station, some months ago, will be glad to learn that she has recovered so far as to be out of bed.

Mrs. Corlett-Thomson was a surprise; possessing the rare combination of the mezzo quality of voice with a marvelous facile execution, handling runs and trills, particularly the chromatics, with a skill that suggested something of Carlotta Patti. *Toronto Mail.*

A gentleman from Peel township says, the 'Champion' and 'White Russian' spring wheat is not rusted nearly so badly as the other varities in the township. Other spring crops are about the average for this year, but rather later.

Mr. Thos. Muir, of Cumnock, has returned from his 43rd trip accross the Atlantic and started on his 44th trip on Monday last. He enjoys himself immensely on each occasion, and would not miss an opportunity to visit the land of his birth.

The Winnipeg Times of December 15, says, Mrs. Whitehead sang "Valse Magnetique," by Orediti, which was received with the delight which all that lady's public efforts give. Being rapturously enchored she sang the "Maid of Dundee" in such a style as to leave the melody ringing in the ears and the sentiment saddening the heart of her hearers.

Prof. Freland's class will give a concert in the Town Hall, on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 29. Look out for full particulars in a few days. The entertainment will be one of the best that a Fergus audience will ever have the pleasure of listening to.

The counterfeit Canadian two dollar bill said to be in circulation are described as follows:—They are the Lord Dufferin issue, and are dated June 1st, 1878, check letter C., No. 103,707. Toronto issue, the figure of Lord Dufferin has a smutchy appearance.

The *Express* says: Mr. James McQueen, in the course of his evidence last week anent the Irvine bridge arbitration, stated that he had been 48 consecutive years clerk of the township of Nichol, and 49 a resident thereof. If there is a similar case in the Province trot it out.

A Garafraxa farmer indulged too heavily in "waterfiedrye," last Friday and the boys took him out of his waggon, unhitched the team and walked him around till he got sobered up. Then they sent him home, a wiser and better man.

East Luther correspondance arrived too late.

Good dairy packed butter commands the highest cash price at the "Paisley House." F. Pusay, St. David street.

Mrs. Agnes Corlett-Thomson has a wonderfully sweet voice, highly cultivated, which [illegible] with great taste and expression.—[illegible]

A large and [illegible] crowd was at the G. T. R. station yesterday morning to see the [illegible] No. 3 company off.

[illegible] Young, the barber, has gone [illegible] Camp. He purpose filling [illegible] "Gathercmshavem" for the beardless boys of the 30th batt.

Those of the Thistle lacrosse club, who have gone to camp at London, have taken their sticks with them. Mount Forest, Guelph and Elora boys have also their sticks with them.

Look out for our "war correspondent's" letter in next week's issue. It will give interesting information as to how No. 3 company and the 30th bat. are conducting themselves.

Mr. Seneca G. Ketchum, one of the proprietors of the Dufferin *Post* has been and gone and went and done it, and taken unto himself a female partner for life. We wish both a happy and prosperous life. Sen., don't forget your friend "Ben."

Mr. W. Mason, teacher of S. S. No. 6, West Garafraxa, has been re-engaged at an increase of salary. The people of that section appreciate the services of a good man, and we are confident that the satisfaction given during the incoming year will meet every expectancy.

Mr. A. McIntyre, of the firm of McIntyre & Davidson, Portage La Prairie, and son of our esteemed townsman Mr. Archibald McIntyre, is in town visiting relatives and friends. Mr. McIntyre gives a very favorable report of that part of the Dominion, business being very good.

A grandson of Mr. Applegate, of West Garafraxa, met with a severe accident last Saturday by receiving a flesh wound on the leg, just above the knee, while playing with a straw-cutter. Medical assistance was at once procured. The latest information is that the boy was doing well.

[illegible] considerable betting is being indulged in with regard to the hanging of Riel on Friday next. The time is rapidly passing, and before another issue of the *Advocate* makes its appearance Riel will either have paid the debt of the penalty of the law—or be indebted to the ardent friends of his cause.

A picnic party, composed of members of the Cumnock Church Choral Society and friends to the number of about 60 visited the rocks at Elora last Saturday afternoon. A very pleasant time was spent in singing and other amusement. After partaking of a most sumptuous repast the party started for home about 10 o'clock.

The scholars and parents of S. S. No. 2, West Garafraxa, picniced at the Elora Rocks on Friday of last week, they spent a pleasant day viewing the romantic scenery, and in other simple and interesting games. A day spent in this way tends wonderfully towards encouraging the little ones and creating a more friendly feeling among the older ones.

Last Sunday afternoon a number of young men and boys congregated in Mrs. Mullen's new house, to while away a few hours in playing cards. Surely there is some place in the town where the time could be more profitably spent, if not it is time there was. It is to be hoped a hint will be sufficient and those parties will find better employment hereafter.

Mr. Wm. Murray, of Fergus, met with a rather severe accident last Saturday while in Hillsburg. He was in the act of getting out of a vehicle, and by some means made a false step, sprained the ankle and fracturing the small bone of the leg. Mr. Murray is suffering considerably, but under skillful medical treatment, we hope to see him around in a few weeks.

Mr. Marr M. A., of Upper-Mill, Travie, Aberdeenshire, Scottland, has been the guest of Mr. Jas. Argo for the last few days. Mr. Marr took his degree at Kings College, Aberdeen. For the past four months he has been engaged in Missionary work in Nova Scotia. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Marr entertains a very favorable impression of the Provinces. He sails from New York for the Old Country on the 1st of October.

By advertisement in another colmun it will be seen that Mr. Thos. Armstrong of Fergus, has bought W. F. Johnson's Photographing Apparatus, and has taken possession. Mr. Armstrong has secured the services of a first class artist to carry on the business in the same place. The satisfaction given by Mr. Johnson is guaranteed by his successor. A trial is all that is necessary.

Mr. C. Clarke, merchant, Drayton, and son of Mr. Jas. Clarke, of West Garafraxa, was married last week to a very highly respected and popular young lady, Miss A. A. Doyle, daughter of R. Doyle, Esq., of Arthur township. Mr. Clarke taught school a number of years in this locality, and during that time formed many and warm friends, who will be pleased to hear of his good fortune in the selection of a partner for life.

Barnum's big elephant, Jumbo, was run into and killed by a railway engine at St. Thomas, this morning.

Mr. Jas. A. Cassidy, of Winnipeg, brother of Mr. Francis Cassidy, of Fergus, died on the 7th inst., after a short but severe illness.

Elora Horticultural Show was held last Thursday evening. The display of flowers was very good, and the competition strong. Among the Fergus exhibitors Mr. R. Brooks carried off 22 prizes, Mrs. John Thomson 15 and Mr. Thos. Armstrong 8.

Messrs. Nairn and Rea left Fergus this morning for Toronto. They purpose taking in the exhibition a few days prior to their entering upon the hospital duties of the medical profession.

Large crowds attended Barnum's circus in Guelph, last Friday. A number from Fergus took advantage of the low rates on the G. T. R., and attended the afternoon performance and were well pleased with everything. From about 5 o'clock in the morning teams and buggies were driving through town in large numbers, some of whom came a distance of 40 miles.

The singing of Mrs. A. Corlett-Thomson was, as usual, well received. A marked improvement in voice culture is noticeable of late in the singing of this young lady. She simply surpassed herself in last night's performance.—*News.*

A cricket match was played in Elora, last Saturday, between Fergus and Elora clubs. The Fergur club was victorious, and was two runs ahead at the end of the game. The score made was Fergus 61, Elora 59. Among the largest number of runs made T. J. Hamilton had 16, Jas. McNamara 21 for Fergus, T. A. Gale of Elora made 20 and C. Gale 8.

During Dr. Johnston's absence, on Camp Ground, his practice will be attended to by the following doctors, Friday, 18th, from 12 to 3, Dr. McKinnon; Monday, 21st, from 12 to 3; [illegible] 12 to 3, Dr. McKinnon; Friday, 25th, from 12 to 3, Dr. Howitt. Mr. A. D. Barnet will be in attendance at the office during office hours each day.

At the concert in aid of the funds of St. James Church on Thursday evening, Sept. 24, Mrs. Whitehead, late of the Metropolitan choir, Toronto, will take a prominent part. The Toronto *Mail* of February 8th, in its account of the Annual Conversazione of Trinity College says:

"The solos of Mrs. Whitehead were rendered with great judgement, and the lady was rapturously and deservedly applauded for her efforts." The Toronto *News* of the same date says. Mrs. Whitehead's rendering of the solo "Ave Maria" revealed a remarkable flexibility of voice."

The interior of the *Advocate* office has been decorated with a beautiful table bouquet, presented by one of the lady exhibitors at the Fergus Horticultural Show. The degree of pleasure derived in admiring its beauty is no less than that experienced from the effused odors, on the olfactory nerve. May the recipient, whether he blow or whistle, ever retain those qualities, which ingratiated him into the good favor of the donor.

Mrs. Agnes Corlett-Thompson, the prettiest and most versatile of all local artists, sang beautifully.—*News.*

Thos. Borthwick, of the Fergus rifle company measures 6 feet 2 inches, and Thos. Applegate stands 6 feet 3 inches. Sergeant Chas. Foote and "Cook" Hec. McLean are the shortest, but have as much of a warlike appearance as their giant companions, and measure 5 feet 7 inches. Junior Major Beattie, since he met with the accident some time ago, has been reduced in stature one inch, now measures 6 feet and weighs 230 lbs.

A concert of a highly intellectual character, in aid of St. James Church Fergus, will be held in the Town Hall on the 24th of September. The programme, which consists of vocal and instrumental music, is lengthy and composed of choice selections. The contributing vocalists are Mrs. Corlett-Thomson of Toronto, and Mrs. Whitehead of Guelph, both of whom are highly recommended by the press. In the Fergus talent Mr. Stidston of the Imperial Bank, possessed of an excellent tenor voice, and a comparative stranger in the town, with the members of the St. James church choir will render Glees, &c., of an entertaining spirit. The entertainment promises to eclipse any thing of the kind ever attempted by this congregation. Programmes out in a few days. The admission has been fixed at 25 and 35cts.

All the New Readers and Text Books for High Schools, for sale at R. Phillips' Bookstore. 2-iii

Mr. T. S. Webster, of the Fergus Public School, has resigned his position of Principalship in order to enter upon a medical course. Mr. Webster entered the teaching profession in Fergus under rather unfavorable circumstances, being a young man, and acquainted with all the pupils of school, which is not advantageous to any teacher especially to a young man. He therefore deserves all the more credit, having raised himself to the standard of his predecessors. He will carry with him the good wishes of his many friends. Mr. D. B. Hyatt, who is well and favorably known in and around Fergus, succeeds Mr. Webster as principal. The success he met with during his previous engagement in Fergus, combined with his genial and affable manner, will secure for him a renewal of the friendship of his former acquaintances.

Rev. T. L. Wilkinson of Brantford, has lost two children, through diphtheria. Mr. and Mrs. W. were on their way from Grimsby Camp to Toronto, when their first child took sick. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends in this locality.

Two specimens, one spring wheat the other potatoes, of the crop of Mr. John Lamb, near Reading, East Garafraxa, were brought into this office this morning. The first sample is nothing short of excellent, the grain is large and full. The yield is good and the straw fairly bright. The potatoes were of two varities, rose and beauty of hebron, both good. The weight corresponding with the size. Mr. Lamb is not troubled with either rust or rot, or he could not have such splendid samples.

The singing of Mrs. Corlett-Thompson is to well known to Toronto audiences to need much comment, suffice it to say that she rendered her several songs with her usual ability. "The Blind Girl to the Harp," which she sang with much pathos and feeling being most worthy of mention.—*Globe.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

BELWOOD.

Great scarcity of dudes last Sunday. Too wet.

Lot of citizens going to Toronto this week.

"General" Atherton "exhibited" at lower 6th line church, Sunday night.

Mr. McLeish preached in the 2nd Presbyterian church on Sunday morning. Mr. M. is modern and talks to the people in a plain matter-of-fact style. We need more of the same in Canada. Nothing like [illegible] religion.

The air is completely saturated with a fully developed love sensation. The complication is discussed at every fireside. Pity people couldn't love, and let love, or quit loving or want to love just when they please without the gossip interfering.

Harry Donaghy transformed his barroom into a "dive," last Thursday night, and a number of young boys held a high and loud carnival. Mind your eye and q's Harry, or Inspector McDonald will hear and you'll get pulled.

Mr. John Spence made a flying visit here last Thursday. The once free and easy "lightening slinger" now wears a sad, solemn shade on his phiz. He is at present ticking on the T. G. & B. Farewell John; better luck next time. Tra-la-la.

SCRABBLE.

SHILOH.

The tone of your paper has hitherto greatly pleased a number of our neighbors who have seen it; some averring that their dollar for the next six months subscription is insured. We hope that the *Advocate* may continue to please those who are not sworn bodly and soul to partyism. Many on both sides we are sure are heartily sick of the continued acrimonious party warfare waged by the press of the day; such, in consistency, should support the *Advocate* if it continues to carry out its high aims.

Harvesting here is progressing slowly, and stacks are in a bad mess. Those around us having the fine new commodious bank barns will be able to appreciate them this season.

Potato disease or rot is complained of here. No doubt the continuous wet weather has something to do with this.

Alex. Wishart has purchased from Thomas Powell fifty acres of the west half of lot 32, 7th con., Eramosa. The price we believe is about $800. It will assist Mr. Wishart in stock raising, as it will yield valuable pasture, there being a spring creek running through.

John Mutrie, our Reeve, has purchased the Dobbin farm, below Oustic, consisting of 150 acres for $8,200.

John Scott and Neil McDonald's new residences are reaching towards completion. They will add a conspicuous and pleasing feature to the landscapes.

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Astray Horses.

A horse and mare came on the premises of a farmer, the owner of which, by calling at this office, giving description of animals, can hear of their whereabouts. 4

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