

NEIGHBOUR NEWS GATHERINGS. CULLED FROM THE EXCHANGES AND BOILED DOWN FOR GAZETTE READERS.

HURON.

Mr. Jno. Houston, M. A., has taken charge as head master of Clinton College Institute.

An unusual number of Christmas Tree entertainments have been held all over the county.

The remains of Mr. Thos. Wells, who died in Missouri a few days ago, were brought home to Bayfield for interment on Monday.

Mr. Jas. McLean, who settled in Tuckersmith about 1833 and has lived there ever since, died on Saturday of last week.

The editor of the Seaforth Expositor has been laid up with la grippe lately.

Walton cheese factory sold \$5,996.17 worth of cheese last season, made from 712,740 pounds of milk.

The Baines farm, at Belgrave, was purchased by F. J. Baines last week for \$1,086. It is considered a great bargain at that price.

The Blyth Standard says: "R. E. Jameson of the firm of Ashbury & Jameson, met with one of the most painful accidents that have occurred here for a long time on Thursday last. While working around the plainer in his factory a wrench which he was using slipped letting his hand into the machine and his thumb and first three fingers were cut off. Drs. Carder and Milne dressed the wounded hand and Mr. Jameson, though he suffered greatly, is now doing nicely."

PERTH.

The death of Mr. Thos. Foreman took place on Dec. 22, after a short illness. The deceased was one of Elma's most respected residents, and his death is deeply regretted. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was in charge of the Canadian Order of Foresters, the deceased having been a member of Court Royal Oak, Listowel.

Listowel post office and station were entered by burglars just before Christmas. Not much was got at the post office but \$120 was captured from the station safe.

BRUCE.

The Presbytery met at Paisley on Dec. 8th. Mr. Campbell was appointed moderator for the ensuing half year and took the chair. The call from Bethel church, Proof Line, in the Presbytery of London, to Mr. Little, of Underwood, was presented and parties heard in its support. Mr. Little having signified its acceptance, his translation was granted and he was instructed to wait the orders of the Presbytery of London. Mr. Anderson was appointed moderator for the session of Underwood and Centre Bruce, and was authorized to preach and declare the charge vacant on Dec. 27th. Mr. D. McKenzie reported that he had moderated in a call from Allenford, etc., to Mr. Mowat, of Merriton.

On Saturday, Dec. 18th, as the afternoon train was leaving for Toronto a misplaced switch caused the engine and tender to leave the rails at Teeswater. A force of men were employed the greater part of Sunday in getting it on the track again.

One day lately Mr. Henry McEvers, of Culross township, had the misfortune to fall from a ladder, breaking his leg.

Howick Council.

The Council met in Brown's hotel, Fordwich, on the 23rd ult., pursuant to adjournment. Members all present, the Reeve in the chair.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that a debenture be issued for \$33.25 to Alex. St. Marys, and \$4.32 to J. Kemp, being Howick's share for work done on boundary.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the collector for the east division receive a debenture for \$4.06 for taxes remitted to Mrs. McDermitt, Mrs. Baird and Mrs. McMin.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Nay, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the clerk receive \$9.40 for telegraphing and extra work in connection with the sale of railway debentures.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Reeve be paid \$13 for telegraphing and other expenses in connection with the sale of railway debentures.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the councillors receive \$50 each for council and commission fees and the Reeve \$60.—Carried.

The chairman of the Board of Health reported to the council and it was moved by Mr. Nay, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that report be adopted and each member be paid \$10 and the secretary \$5 for salary.—Carried.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

A. Stewart, gravel.....\$ 3 12
Jas. A. Strong, gravel.....10 25
Moses Ringler, gravel.....4 68
T. Lindsay, work at Sanderson's bridge.....1 00
T. Dane, plank on bridge, lot 17.....50
R. Jensen, repairing Hamilton's bridge, gravel, bal. on Dane's bridge.....42 00
Advertising debentures for sale.....21 00
Meyer & Dickenson, drafting by-law and printing debentures.....31 00
P. Donaghy, for Mrs. Shaw.....8 35
R. Sanderson, wood for Mrs. McDermott.....2 50
J. Dunlop, repairing culvert, lot 17, con. 3.....4 00
A. Strone, plank for Fordwich bridge.....4 55
Wm. Dane, registration, etc., and salary.....109 40

On motion of Messrs. Nay and Johnson the council adjourned.

WM. DANE, Clerk.

Glenfarrow.

Master Editor:—I am extra weel pleased to greet ye wi' the time-worn expression, "A Happy New Year tae ye." I hae a desire to write in better English tae ye than I hae dune heretofore, but ye'll hae to excuse me if I use a Scottish word at times, for they hae a power o' conveyin' a meanin' that the English language canna touch.

I have been driven to tak' my pen in han' to inform ye that a son o' oor respectit neebour, Mr. Douglas Fraser, (Sandy by name) like mony ither blyth and enterprisin' young men, has gane ta spen' the winter wi' "Uncle Sam," and as he was vera muckle thocht o' by the young folks o' this pairt, nae less by lasses than by lads like himsel', a wee bit o' rhyme has come to han' that I will tak' the liberty o' sendin' on till ye. It is entitled:

LAMENT O' THE GLENFARROW LASSIES.

We think, we look, but a' in vain,
For Sandy to the States has gane.
Ilk lassie has tae bide alone,
Be't rain or snaw.
We only hear the sad refrain—
Sandy's awa'.

Na mair tae social concert, spree;
Wi' sleigh-bells ringin' merrily
While Sandy on the front seat,—he
The lines did draw,
An' ilk one burstin' fou' wi' glee—
Sandy's awa'.

We girls needna' fix oor bangs
Wi' scented soap and curlin' tangs,
Though ilka lass for him sae lings,
The "bow" to draw,
We hoo maun listen tae harangues—
Sandy's awa'.

But a' sweet lass aye neat and clever,
Hae mony a long look doon the river
Until wi' could she's like to shiver,
An' tears tae fa',
And sighs frae somewheres near the liver,—
Sandy's awa'.

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