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TORONTO LETTER.

Latest Chat from the Capital of Ontario.

On the Inter-Provincial Resolutions—The Premier's Conversion—His Speech—The New Minister.

From our own Correspondent.
TORONTO, March 7, 1888.
On Thursday and Friday last the Ontario Legislature debated the celebrated Inter-Provincial Resolutions adopted at the conference of provincial premiers held in Quebec a few months ago. Some capital speeches were made. Messrs. Mowat, Meredith and G. W. Ross being the chief speakers. The debate was adjourned until Tuesday, March 6th, and for aught I know may still be in progress as you print this letter. It was at first proposed to debate the resolutions clause by clause, but as it was found that such an arrangement would result in an almost interminable outpour of oratory and rehearsal of argument, the Premier decided to offer them en bloc, and so they will likely be adopted in a lump. The galleries were filled on Thursday and Friday, and this week will also likely see the seats crowded with eager listeners. I think the discussion will settle one thing, and that is that the Opposition is no match in debate for the Government side. Mr. Meredith made an excellent speech, but his support is not of a character likely to make an impression when compared with the debating power on and behind the Government benches.

There are ghosts other than those who haunt graves. A number of persons who were not interested directly in the execution of Neill, the murderer of Rutledge, the prison guard, were permitted to witness the death of the unhappy man. They rejoiced over their luck in getting a ticket of admission from the Sheriff more loudly than many a man in a fortunate drawing at a lottery, and they have since been describing the hanging in all its horrible details with a gusto which is sickening to a man of ordinary feeling. I think that private execution should be private, and that the morbid curiosity of sensation mongers should not be encouraged. No good can be served by allowing any but those whom duty calls thither, to be present at the legal taking off of a poor wretch. I don't know who are most deserving of the charge of callousness, those who delighted in the fact that they had a ticket of admission to the execution, or the crapulent hang-

man who peddled around the grave yard pieces of the rope that hanged the miserable man who "drew" the curious crowd out to the Dun on the 28th of February. Gauble, who was condemned to be hanged for his connection in the Lizzie Bray abortion case, which resulted fatally has been reprieved, and was on Saturday taken to Kingston penitentiary for life. The commutation gives general satisfaction.

The alleged conversion of Sir John A. Macdonald has been the leading topic of conversation here for the past week or two. The general opinion is that he has been influenced for good by the revival meetings upon which he has been so constant an attendant, and is sincere in his attachment to the Heavenly King. Certainly, his desire to meet Ontario on the boundary matter, and Manitoba on Railway affairs, look as if equity and justice were to be practiced by the Ottawa chief. Sir John has little to gain by a pretence of religion; but like every other man he has much to get from his profession and practice. Mr. Crossley, who made many friends in Goderich and wherever he has been, has undoubtedly been used to effect a wonderful influence for good upon the Dominion Premier.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto World says:—"The statement made by Mr. Duntley in Toronto yesterday that Sir John and Lady Macdonald had banished wine from their table is as foolish as it is uncalled for. Sir John, as I telegraphed on Saturday, gave a dinner at Earncliffe that evening. Twenty members of Parliament were present. There were several kinds of wine on the table. Neither Sir John, Lady Macdonald nor the Premier's son, Hugh John, partook of the beverage, but such of the guests as desired wine were served. This is the custom at all of the Premier's dinners during the session at which members of a mixed assemblage attend. It is doubtful if Messrs. Crossley and Hunter authorized Mr. Duntley or any one else to make such a statement on their behalf. Everyone who knows the Premier at all intimately, or who partakes of the hospitalities of Earncliffe, is aware that he has become remarkably temperate in his declining years, that he has observed those principles for a considerable time, but that he does not believe in alleged temperance reforms, many of them 'fakirs' at best, using his name as an advertisement for their shows in this unwarrantable manner."

It is said that the paper falling due at the banks here on March 4th (settling-up day) was fairly met.

Agnes Knox, the elocutionist, who taught in the central school in Goderich a few years ago, gave her first evening at Toronto on Monday last under the auspices of the University Y.M.C.A. and scored a decided triumph. All the papers speak highly of her abilities, the Globe and Mail being especially complimentary in their references.

The same of the new Minister of Agriculture has not yet been announced, and opinion is divided as to whether the man has yet been selected. The name of Mr. Drury is most freely mentioned just now.

Sheppardton.

Our jovial commodore during his spare moments this winter devoted much of his time to looking after a pair of early lambs, which we have no doubt will outtip the scales in weight against any others to be shown at Easter.

Dunlop.

Timbers are to be drawn for the building of a new barn on Lorneside farm this coming summer.

B. Hale, at one time a resident here, after an absence of 17 years, gave our burg a visit. He sees big changes now and not so many big trees as when he was here last.

Nearly all the papers and magazines enjoyed a quiet life together, like sweet honey, as almost every urchin took in the social held in the temperance hall in aid of church funds on Thursday evening of last week.

Kingsbridge was the destination of our townsmen, Richard (said) D. Corbett, of Goderich, who, to the latter the big church bell recently put up. They drove up behind a speedy Arab, but by the prolonged absence we think the charms of other belles made such an impression on their hearts that the chiming of the big bell will some day summon them as Cupid's victims to Kingsbridge church. Come, Martin, but hush, sure!

New Advertisements This Week.

Fresh Seeds—G. H. Old.
Lost—Hutchinson.
Spring Goods—H. Dunn.
Money to Loan—E. N. Lewis.
Farmers' Institute—C. J. S. Nafel.
Amusement—Robert Gibbons, Sheriff.
Porter—Porter Partnership Sale—Fraser and Porter.
Auction Sale—Winton Stock Breeders' Association.

TOWN TOPICS.

"A child among pe, taking notes, An' faith full great."

Cardwork wanted in exchange for fruit—D. Gordon.
Geo Stewart still in the line of supply for photos, crayons and oil paintings. All orders promptly attended to.

A Good Preserver.—The most useful gift you can make is to give a Wirt Pen. Apply to D. McLelland, agent Goderich.

At-Quon-Tan.—Some may make about their feet and ask your custom therefor, but if you'll get the Quon-Tan, all other toes you'll shun. Geo. Rhymer, the drugist, local agent.

For cheaply, natty, tidy, well-fitting spring suits you can't do better than drop in upon F. & A. Pridmore, the fashionable tailors and dress-makers for one of their excellent designs.

The topics of the week have been where will the new post office be located, and a satisfactory result has not yet been reached. But R. R. Salter has got some first-class photographs every time.

Merchants can get their Bill Heads, Letter Heads, etc., printed at this office for very little more than the cost of the paper, and it helps to advertise their business. Call and get some before they all go.

Call on Geo. the drugist, Albion block, for everything in the line of drugs, patent medicines, toilet articles, etc., at wholesale and retail prices.

The Winton Christian Dispensary is now in full operation, and is doing a large business. The dispensary is located at the corner of North and Main streets, and is open from 10 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock in the evening.

Some of the goods on hand are:—Sole, Patent, and other kinds of shoes; hats, caps, and other articles; and a large stock of groceries, including flour, sugar, and other staples.

The Huron and Bruce Loan and Investment Company, which was organized for the purpose of lending money to farmers and other persons engaged in agriculture, is now in full operation. The company is located at the corner of North and Main streets, and is open from 10 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock in the evening.

The town council will meet this Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Russell returned to their northern home on Monday.

Mr. John A. Cox, of Chicago, is spending his vacation under the parental roof.

Mr. J. D. Swanson, of Toronto, paid a flying visit to town during the past week.

The town council will meet for the transaction of business next Friday evening.

Messrs. S. Cowan and Wilson, of Bright, were the guests of Mr. H. Smith the past week.

C. F. Stranbell is attending the annual meeting of the Provincial Provident Association at St. Thomas.

The Grand Trunk elevator is now empty, the last car load of its contents having been shipped some ten days since.

Mr. Carroll Chilton, son of the U. S. Consul at this port, was seriously ill in New York last week, but is now steadily improving.

A. M. Polley left on Wednesday morning for Uncle Sam's dominions with a fine load of horses which he had purchased at Lockwood.

Miss Wallace, of our town, has secured a leading position in the military line in Blyth, and is now in Toronto in the interest of the firm.

Mr. McDonagh will be in Goderich for consultation on Saturday, the 7th of April, and afterwards on the first Saturday of every month.

Dr. N. Washington, the specialist, who adv. appears in another column, will be at the Albion Hotel to meet his patients on Monday, March 19th.

Mr. Geo. Dolman, of Lambton county, who resided in Goderich away back in 1840, is visiting old acquaintances, and is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Pascoe. He is a Grit of the old school.

THOROUGHSHED STOCK SALE.—The third annual sale of Holsinger cattle will be held by the Winton Stock Breeders' Association at the Western Hotel, London on March 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Messrs. Halls and Belcher and Messrs. Wilkinson and Graham, of North-street Methodist choir, with Miss Trueman accompanist, will give a church concert at Elmville this (Friday) evening.

Frank Patterson, the newly-appointed bailiff for No. 8, Division Court, was in town Wednesday last depositing his papers with the Clerk of the Court. He thinks Mr. Leavitt, the youngest man for his age he ever saw.

The annual missionary services in connection with the Victoria at Methodist church, will be held next Sabbath, March 11th. The Rev. J. B. Howell, M. A., of Seaforth, chairman of the Goderich Society, will preside at the morning and evening.

Miss Addie Holmes, of Toronto, who has been the guest of Mrs. F. J. Pridmore for the past week left for home on Wednesday. It is said that a well-known Dakotian, who is at present visiting friends in our section, has left for a new crop of traps at hand in this connection.

A Southern Manitoba paper publishes this advertisement:—"Wanted, a wife: Canadian born; having good qualities; a good home can be obtained if one fitted to the usual routine of life. Write to the proprietor of this paper, care of the publisher, at a decided scarcity of matrimonial talent."

JOURNALISTIC.—The local newspaper in Blyth has again changed hands, and Mr. J. Watson, formerly of Fort Elgin, has taken possession. The people of Blyth must be rather perturbed about their choice of newspaper man, or heretofore the Blyth journalists must have been a motleyariat.

Union revival services are being carried on in North-street church, led by the two pastors of the Methodist churches. The room is lighted up, and the people are very much interested in the services. Everybody is invited to be present. Meetings sharp at half-past seven every evening.

Messrs. J. R. and Simon Grant, of Brussels, were in town Monday, last, on a visit to Mrs. Grant, their mother, who is lying ill at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Spence. Mrs. Robert Dickson, another daughter, and Mrs. J. R. Grant, daughter-in-law, also arrived during the week from Brussels, to attend the bedside of the invalid. The old lady is her 86th year, but her faculties are unimpaired.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pennock, of Toronto, one of their new Commercial and Railway Maps of the Province of Ontario, contains all the railroads and stations, post offices, telegraph stations, light houses, canals, and other points of interest. The maps are together with the latest provincial, county and township boundaries. Price \$3.

A RICH FIND.—The goods of Donald Rutherford, an insolvent dry goods merchant, of Belfast, Ont., were last week seized by the sheriff while passing through Sarnia on the January election, and are now in the hands of the sheriff. What at first appeared to be but a lot of cheap bedding and household goods, proved on closer examination to be well stored with silks, satins, jewelry, etc., to the value of about \$400.

Municipal BY-ELECTION.—The municipal election caused by the resignation of ex-councillor Butler was held on Wednesday last. The aspirants were Messrs. Alex. Morton and F. Jordan. 119 votes were polled in the ward against 110 at the January election, and Mr. Morton secured 63, Mr. Jordan 55, and one ballot was unmarked for either candidate. Mr. Morton was consequently elected by a majority of 8.

A delinquent lady subscriber of the Picton Times recently sent in her money accompanied by the following note:—"Enclosed is three dollars for the Times since April '85 which should have been paid long ago. Of course newspaper men are sort of good natured, spiritual beings, that can live on air. They are much abused people who do not require money, and I do not know that a publisher who will allow a subscriber to take a paper three years without paying deserves any money."

THE SALT INDUSTRY.—L. Rightmeyer, of Kincardine, was in town one day last week, and called a meeting of the Goderich salt manufacturers with a view of holding a general meeting of all the manufacturers of Ontario, to be held at his residence on reciprocity. Mr. Rightmeyer has spent the last two sessions of parliament in Ottawa, trying to secure justice for salt men, and has met with no success. The salt men are apparently unanimous upon the question of free trade in salt, which undoubtedly would be a very great benefit to them.

LOOK AFTER IT IN TIME.—The assessors are on their rounds, and as they leave a schedule showing the amount of their property is assessed with every ratepayer, the sheet should be examined carefully and if the assessor considers himself over-assessed the objection should be entered on the back, and the paper filed with the town clerk, when the appeal will be dealt with by the court of revision. Every year, especially election time, there is a good deal of grumbl-

ing of unfair valuation of property, but the fault lies with the ratepayer himself in not seeing to it in time. The assessors perform their work as well as they can, but as men's opinions will differ on valuations there is always likely to be some 'little matters' that require correction, but if the ratepayer neglects his duty then don't blame either the assessors or the council.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SEASON.—The appointments for the Northwest Transportation Company boats for the season are as follows: United Empire—Capt. E. Robertson; engineer, James Brown; purser, G. R. King; steward, M. C. Cooney. Ontario—Captain, L. Morrison; engineer, James Davidson; purser, E. R. Marshall; steward, Alex. Kidd. The only change, it will be noted, is in the stewardship of the United Empire, which of that excellent journal. We venture the assertion that every afternoon, but especially on Saturday, there is more value represented in the horse-flesh owned by citizens to be seen on our streets than can be found in any other place in the county. There are a couple of teams owned here that it would be hard to find elsewhere, and which would be a great asset to any one who would buy them, while the single drivers of value are, as a rule, very few. (See numerous to mention.)

THE COLDEST YEAR.—The winter of 1886, three years ago, was the coldest known in this section since 1842-3. In the middle of January to the 20th of February the temperature was below zero on 16 mornings, the lowest being 24 below. There was but one thaw during that period—on the 18th of February, lasting about thirty-six hours, followed by a temperature of 15 below zero on the morning of the 17th. March was also a cold month, the temperature going to 10 below zero on the 17th, 5 below on the 19th, 6 below on the 20th, 10 below on the 21st, 4 below on the 22nd, and to zero on the 23rd. April temperature of the same year averaged below freezing at 7 o'clock in the morning until the 13th.

STATISTICAL REGISTRATION.—The registration of births and deaths in municipalities is much neglected and open to punishment. The Registrar General has issued instructions to assessors for this year to make enquiry regarding births or deaths in the family of the party being assessed and if any have not been registered, to record such on his roll. The division registrar, Mr. Wm. Campbell, has also been instructed to carefully examine the rolls upon their return, to see if there are any births or deaths marked as not having been registered. Should the clerk find any, he is immediately to notify the parties who are required to make the registrations to do so without delay, and in case of their neglect or refusal, to proceed against them in accordance with sec. 28 of the Registration Act.

AN EPIC POEM FROM FINLAND.—The Kalevala, the great national epic poem of the Finlanders, which Max Muller in his lectures on the history of language places by the side of the Iliad of Homer, is now for the first time, in complete form, translated into English, the translator being Dr. J. M. Crawford, of Cincinnati. It is shortly to be published in two octavo volumes, the poem being translated in its entirety, nearly 50,000 lines as well as in character. Apart from the literary merit of the poem, which is pronounced by all critics to be extraordinary, it has a curious fascination for American students of poetry, because it is seen, as in a mirror, the inspiration which enabled Homer to produce the famous Iliad and the Odyssey. Indeed, because of the close resemblance in many points, Longfellow was, by some critics, upon the appearance of the Kalevala, charged with plagiarism, though his friends claim that he made no more than legitimate use of the literary material which the study of the language and mythology of the Finns gave him. The present edition will for the first time give curious readers the opportunity of personal investigation, and should the "points of similarity" extend so greatly as to comprehend "popularity," also, the translator will be able to reap a small fortune. It is to be published by John B. Alden, New York and Chicago.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD.—The monthly meeting of school board was held on Monday evening, the chairman, Mr. Malcomson, presiding. Members present, Messrs. Wm. Johnson, H. W. Ball, C. Crab, G. Swanson. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The principal's report showing an average attendance of 283 boys and 218 girls, was received and filed. The principal reported that the use of the literary material which the study of the language and mythology of the Finns gave him. The present edition will for the first time give curious readers the opportunity of personal investigation, and should the "points of similarity" extend so greatly as to comprehend "popularity," also, the translator will be able to reap a small fortune. It is to be published by John B. Alden, New York and Chicago.

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Dungeoan.

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The directors of the Ashfield and Wawanosh Insurance Society held a meeting here on Tuesday the 6th inst. Considerable business was transacted, every member of the Board of Directors was present and seemed to take a lively interest in the proceedings. They met once a month.

A meeting was held in the Methodist church here on Monday the 5th inst. object, to consider the interest necessary to maintenance of the College confederation. Rev. J. Howell, chairman of the district, presided over the meeting.

The weather has been very cold since the first of March. The month of March so far has laid claim to stern winter. Sleighing is excellent in this part of the country, and farmers are availing themselves and making good use of it.

On motion it was unanimously adopted that the inspector's report be accepted as final. The secretary read the auditor's report on school receipts and expenditures for 1887 as follows:—Receipts—Municipal—\$4,085.30; provincial grant, \$445; model school, \$150; legislative grant, model school, \$150; county rebate 1885-86, \$73.29; pupils fees, \$1,000; sale of models, \$8.50—\$5,519.19. Expenditures—Teachers, \$3,799.02; inspectors, secretary and treasurer, \$190.00; arrears, \$305.92; fuel, \$154.00; repairs, \$196.55; stationery and maps, \$67.43; printing and advertising, \$51.91; painting, \$54.84; insurance, \$191.70; hardware, \$17.50; telegrams and postage, \$3.11—\$5,519.19.

PROVISION FOR PRINTERS.—The Fenelon Falls Gazette says: A bill has been introduced into the Ontario assembly at the instance of country job printers, providing that all persons or agents not resident within the county, city or corporation town, who solicit orders for printing to be effected wholly or in part within the county, or any person not a printer or publisher who obtains such orders shall be required to take out a hawkers or peddlers license. If the bill becomes law, which is considered likely, it might do some little good, provided it would be enforced; but it is really wanted is a law empowering the proprietor of a village printing office to appoint the first receiver, or another official who proposes to send out of the corporation work required by the corporation, in the hope of getting it done at less than fairly remunerative prices. But the greatest want of all amongst Canadian printers is a little common sense that they appear to possess. They contend as strongly of two months that we saw in a magazine many years ago. The animals were confined in a large cage, divided in the middle by a partition, and when feeding time came the keeper hung a tin containing some kind of soft food in front of each division of the cage. But, unfortunately, the one near the door would reach his neighbor's tin and steal his supper, instead of both quietly enjoying what had been set before them. It was a highly diverting spectacle to all who witnessed it; but it was bad policy on the part of the monkey, as in the struggle for possession about half the pap, or whatever it was, got lost. There is a moral to this monkey tale, as intimated above; and if our fellow printers will lay it to heart we shall not have written in vain.

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