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A BLUNDERING BODY.

That body of sages, the Goderich town council, as at present represented, can public economy being well kept in mind, safely claim the triumphal chaplet and every effort being made to keep against all competitors, for ignorance of within the financial bounds set in the public affairs, inconsistency and disloy- bylaws. This has not been done, and we The Thermometer Registers High, but no alty to the town in which they live. Our readers already know of the splene- premises. tic action of that hand of worthies in sending the voters' lists printing out of town, and we will not enlarge upon that ginning of the year, which has become point, but there are some other subjects that we shall proceed to lay before the electors that may have some effect on the public mind between now and New not been commensurate with the time Years.

For the past year or two the "town improvement" agitation has been going to waste no more time or space in presenton, and on the 12th of May bylaws were ing reports of minutes of the meetings submitted to the electors, and carried of our alleged municipal legislaby large majorities favoring the disburse. tors. If they ever do anything that is ment of \$4,000 for agricultural grounds of interest to the town, we will not fail and buildings, \$54,006 65 for wat- to make a note of it. But, so far as the eystem. The three months allowed by law have elapsed, and although it was

confidently asserted by the prime movers of the "boom" that at the end of that period, when the legal time for appeal was over, everything would be so arranged that the work on all three projects would be at once proceeded with, nothing has been accomplished so far as literary pabulum, or go elsewhere fer the ingetting of the waterworks and elec. their reports. tric light is concerned more than was done last fall, save and except the in curring of increased expenses; and, in the matter of the agricultural buildings, progress has only been made after incurring an expenditure in connection with the work of about twice that originally contemplated.

The men who are responsible for this state of affairs are those whom the ratepayers of this town elected last New ears. We have on a previous occasion erred to their cheeseparing policy, and now we will show up briefly some of their extravagance, which, up to the present has not been conducive of benefit to the town whose money has been so

carelessly squandered : carelessly squandered:

It was believed that the agricultural brother to Sault St. Marie and Petoskey.

grounds and buildings could be fully A delicious program we found it for this equipped for about \$4,000, and that sum hot weather. The sail on the Empire to the Sault with Capt. Robertson, who was set in the bylaw and voted upon; but it now turns out that it is questionbut it now turns out that it is que able if the cost can be kept within we found booming. \$7,000, which means a loss to the town with tourists and others, every manner

been fully considered, and the council members are at sixes and sevens, and some of them nowhere at all, on the question of the system that should be adopted. Notwithstanding the fact that nothing has been done upon which to base an intelligent idea in so far as the formulation of a tangible scheme is concerned, the ratepayers have suffered to the following extent: the following extent :-

Engineer Chipman's ac. Not known These figures represent work done which at the present time is not an available asset, and for which, no value could be obtained if any effort were words to the Wise and Otherwise on made to dispose of it. Mr Chipman's account has not yet been presented, but when it comes it will run the total above \$1,200, which has been frittered away. Already two engineers have come before and failed to show how a definite system could be adopted. It is within the reach of possibility that under existing nor interest of the money already frittered away. All the council can shew for the outlay is a hole in the ground in been let for the electric light. The dissurrounds the hole—a not very marketable asset, we should say.

mation of the waterworks project.

which the ratepayers have to pay, would in the matter of the tenders. not have been pursued. Either the

they would have been vigorously prosecuted to a successful issue, the idea of hold the council responsible in the

A system of time-wasting meetings has been in vogue almost since the betiresome, so faras the newspapers are concerned and useless in the public interest. The amount of good accomplished has lost in attendance at the council meetings, and THE SIGNAL has resolved

erworks, and \$7,000 for an electric light present council is concerned, a report of their deliberations henceforth can only obtain insertion in our columns at the usual advertising rates, as is the case with the Senate at Ottawa.

If any of THE SIGNAL readers subscribe for this journal purposely to read the town council reports, they will hereafter have to put up with superior

## VOX POPULI.

Matters of Moment Taken up and Discussed.

Anybody Who Has Anything to Say on Public Questions, or Who Desires
to Reply Can Do So in this Column.

WE ARE PLEASED TO BE CORRECTED. MR EDITOE,—My attention has been called to a paragraph in THE SIGNAL of August 5th, which states that I have been away to Owen Sound to see my brother, T.M. Campbell, who was unwell. Lest some of T. M. C.'s friends should fell uneasy because of said paragraph I write to correct it, T. M. C. I believe \$753 50 211 87 60 00 32 00 \$1002 37 and Crooked Lake provide the finest of and Crooked Lake provide the lines.

opportunity for boating and fishing. For
no oo a fortnight or more of real rest without stagnation and with our northern lake breezes, no better choice can be made than Bay View. W. F. CAMPBELL.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Public Question.

communication.

"I WANT TO KNOW"-The salary for town clerk in Goderich is \$500 and per-quisites, such as free office, fuel, light, fees at mayor's courts, &c. In the townevent the death-knell of the project will ships the same work is usually done for be sounded. But the voting down of the sounded but the voting down of the office was not tendered for the bylaw will get back neither principal c. The office was not tendered for.

Like kissing, it goes by favor.

a lct off East street, and they hold no play at the Northwestern Fair will be a proprietory interest in the earth that

"Home Protection"-No. Although On the subject of the electric light we the council has a resolution on the will merely state that nothing has been done, as the operation of that scheme is involved, to some extent, in the consumanywhere he chooses. The only mis-Had the right men been in office there take he made was in taking instructions average 170 lbs., ages are 23, 23, 24 and is no doubt the blundering policy, for from the finance commutee and council 26. A Toronto man also won the single

"SAHARA."-You are mistaken. The achemes would not have been entertained, or having been entertained, or having been entertained, by the electors, and warranted to lift with the wind.

"Sahara."—You are mistaken. The lan and Teemer will row for the covering for the gravel walks on the square is not concrete; it is street refuse; the championship of America here on and warranted to lift with the wind.

Sturday These last are professionals, posters for list, terms, &c.

TORONTO LETTER.

A Memorable July For Heat-Tussling With the Oar.

Sunstrokes—Drowning Accident
—Sculling Matches—The Industrial Fair.

TORONTO, Aug. 8, 1887. One talks of the weather when he has nothing else to talk about, and when here is very little in the weather itself to talk about, but when you write about the weather there must be something remarkable in the way of heat or cold. rainfall or drouth, wind or dead calm, The month just closed has furnished weather observers with some interesting facts regarding the unusually high registerings of the thermometer. Here are ome of the most notable points given by he Government meteorological observers at this station :

The highest temperature 98.8 occurred on the 16th July.

The thermometer never went below 57 2: and that was on the 11th and 24th. Only 66. of an inch rain fell during the

With the exception of 1868 it was the ottest month on record. thermometer did not record 80 or

ter.
It was the driest July on record one exception, only one fifth of the usual quantity of rain fell.

The warmest day was the 16th, mean temperature 82.17, and the coldest the 23rd, mean temperature 65.22.
On the 10th the wind had a record of

31 miles an hour.

The famous "hot wind" of Saturday, the 16th, blew 20 miles an hour, and would ordinarily bring a drop of at least seven or eight degrees in temperature. Considering all these things it is great wonder that there was not a single

case of sunstroke reported during the Drowning accidents were not frequent during July, but August has already added two to the list of victims of the greedy waters of Toronto Bay. On Saturday two young men while bathing at the Wiman baths, got into a hole worked in the sandy bottom by the screw of a propeller. As neither could swim, they went to the bottom in about Hotels crowded but the other was drowned. On the \$7,000, which means a loss to the town of \$3,000, from the inability of the town council to conceive or execute a regular plan in connection with the work.

The waterworks project has not yet were dispensing lemonade and candies under the shady side of a pile of packing.

The waterworks project has not yet with toursts and others, every manner of building available for business or accommodation used to its utmost capacity, some enterprising fellows raking in the sheels under the shade of canvas tents to shore after an hour or so of a despensing lemonade and candies under the shady side of a pile of packing.

The body same day two other young men in a row to the Department of Agriculture for the boat attempted to the Department of Agriculture for the water with a healthy wife and a growing family, could be brought in from one of lumber and the nails, and the clerk, who will control the destinics of The Synya, in future, is a bright newspaper. mest delirious with terror. The body of the other man has not yet been recovered. A couple of canoeists were upset from their frail craft by the swell of a passing steamer on the same day, but both men were picked up alive. It is a both men were picked up alive. It is a cuddy, the junior editor of the Goderich wonder to me that more accidents are Signal, and who for a short time has not the result of the recklessness exhihited on the bay here. Young men who know little or nothing about boating know little or nothing about boating permanently appointed private secretary conduct themselves in the most foolhar- to this gentleman. This will necessitate dy manner crossing to the island, often his withdawal from THE SIGNAL, which in a sea that would make an experienced will hereafter be conducted solely by oarsman and a good swimmer keep his head cool and his eye on the keen looknew office, being an expert shorthander, out. Narrow cances fitted only for the placid surface of a river are made to ride in the lumpy waters of the bay, and the incident to newspaper life.

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| Narrow cances fitted only for the into a position where he will be relieved in the cities, and I think the corporation the town council steps in with a product of the constant anxiety and hard work incident to newspaper life. man with the paddle is perhaps the merest tyro as a navigator. Then,

too, the occupants of small boats often foolishly endeavor to run across the bows of a passing ferry steam-"A LOVER OF OUTDOOR LIFE."—If you comply with the ordinary newspaper requirement, by sending your name to us, not for publication, but for the council, examined into the scheme, our own information, we will insert your of the water is a wonder. The most trol the destinies of the Signal.

> in by accident. The Toronto seniors won the four-oar-alone. He can do it, and do it well. ed race at Ottawa on Saturday, as they pleased. The crew is said to be the gatta. They will make the Englishmen look like a tow. This crew defeated the at Toronto. American Amateurs at Chatauqua, and the Argonauts, Ottawas and Lachines at

Ottawa, and now hold the championship of America and Canada. The crew this office will get a free notice inserted in this list up to the time of sale. scull race—a walk over.

and as Teemer is not only a fast rower, but tricky also, it is not safe to bet on results. I believe however, that Han- Things That Are Happening lan will row for keeps, and I don't think he will "throw" a race on his own water. I understand that he is on his good behaviour, and anxious to win back a measure of the fame he once enjoyed. He is now down to his first-class rowing weight, 156 lbs. He rows ten miles a day, and walks six or eight, and is in championship of the world : and a desperate race that will be. I am of ppinion that Beach will need to row

trophy in the Antipodes. The Dominion and Industrial Exhibition will open in Toronto on Sept. 5th, continuing for two weeks and the managers state that they have every prospect of a larger and more varied colnumber those of any former year, and the space in several departments is fully are offered in the live stock classes to have enlightened your darkness. There were only six days on which the exhibitors who will bring their animals on the first week, the same animals to be eligible for the regular competition on the second week. The most brilliant display of fireworks ever produced in the Dominion is promised, in connection with a representation of the siege and bombardment of Pekin, with extensive scenery and living actors, to be repeated at intervals during the Exhibition. Excursion rates have been secured from all the railways.

WHAT THEY SAY.

All Kinds of Opinions on the home industries. Subject.

What our Brethren of the Press Have to Say About the Recent Change in "The Signal" - The Old

THE EDITOR'S CRUMB OF COMFORT. Hamilton Times :- The McGillicuddy Bros., of THE HURON SIGNAL, have disfrom the business, which in future will saries of life that feed the town pauper nearly every line fence dispute that be carried on by Dan. The former will to the coal that runs the fire engine.

assume the position of shorthand writer

Mebbe the neighbors have misinformed always had his lists posted up before the NO SYMPATHY FOR THE OTHER FELLOW.

Clinton New Era :- Mr Thos McGillibeen assisting Mr Blue, the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, Toronto, in the preparation of his statistics, is

HE KNEW US BEFORE WE CAME WEST. Kingston Whig:-The McGillicuddy

persons slipping into the water from the docks as from boating or bathing. It may be that all the persons who drop into the water off the wharves do not get he is admirably qualified, and Mr D. McGillicuddy now conducts THE SIGNAL

"ALL ALONE IN HIS GLORY." Stratford Herald:-Mr. Daniel Mc. finest amateur four of Canadians who Gillicuddy will henceforth run the Gode-ever pulled in a race, and there is talk rich Signal all himself, his brother of sending them to the next Henley re. Thomas having left his editorial post to take a prominent position as shorthand that many of our private citizens send merce and trade which she does at pre-

Auction sale of farm stock, implements and bees, the property of Peter Fisher, And that reminds me that Han-township, E.D., by C. Hamilton, sucWHAT'S UP?

Around Us.

Protection vs. Free Trade-"The Signal" Wrong in its Contentions-A Fair Field and no Favor—One Law for All

-It isn't often that I am forced to take exception to the course pursued by THE splendid condition. He leaves next | Signal on public questions, but right week for Australia to row Beach for the here and now I must take issue with you on the question of the tenders for the town printing. I read the article in the editorial columns of THE SIGNAL last better than ever if he would keep the week, and I also "read, studied and inwardly digested" the able article in your town would be benefitted by accepting esteemed local contemporary, and I must say that, for once in his life, the editor of that sheet had the best of THE clerk, for example. The present holder, Signal, so far as consistency was conection of exhibits and entertainment don't you? Well, I'll be as explicit as a the office, would make an excellent cerned. You don't understand me. generally than at any previous Indus-washerwoman to a bad-paying patron. officer, but the present incapable council You profess to be a free trader, and yet members compel him to think and act you think you ought to be protected in for them to such an extent outside of this instance; while he is a protectionist, his regular office work that this year he engaged. Special exhibits will be shown and, in his anxiety to uphold home inby Manitoba and Algoma. Extra prizes dustries, is true to name. Ah! I see I \$200 for dereliction of duty, in not hav-

-I've talked the matter over to the neighbors on the back street, and the great unterrified are a unit in the belief that a man or corporation has a perfect right to get work or material where it can be had to the best advantage. It's human nature and horse sense to sell in a few men in Clinton who would gladly the dearest and buy in the cheapest market, and, I for one, am glad the able chairman of the finance committee has put his foot down fairly and squarely on head, tail and spinal column of the this issue and nailed his flag to the mast; and that the town clerk has forgot his fossilized Toryism, and shut off his wind on the question of protecting

-And now that that matter is settled to my satisfaction, I want to see the tion of births, marriages and deaths chairman of the finance committee thrown in. Of course he kept store, snatch the other grievances baldheaded, and show that his war on that hydraof the township mutual fire insurance headed monster. Protection to Home Industries, is to the death. During the year the corporation employs many wagon three days a week in the summer of The Huron Signal, have dispartnership, Thomas retiring material of all kinds—from the necestary of Sunday, and was arbitrator on pretty improve this town and make it on the salt business and the insurance better to live in because of the lessened The same plan could be adopted with taxation that would result from the regard to the other officers. Make the saving effected. This would be par-ticularly the case if we were to send to the cities for the mercantile goods, and places to come and settle in our minds

—There is another way in which we

accept outside tenders for the offices. -Here's the way I figure it. Every suffer at the hands of the town counci'. tralesman in town who acts as middle If a man in an outside town has a surman for any commodity has to get his plus stock of dry-goods, or any other man for any commodity has to get his commodity that he would like to send to profit, and pay rent and taxes, in ad-Goderich that we who have alittle cash in the outside, thus doing away with the rents and other expenses, for the few middleman's profits and saving money weeks in which he could supply us all. by making the taxes less. We talked The figure for license fees was small at this question over on the back stoop, the neighbors and I and as none of us. neighbors and I, and as none of us were has been raised, the town treasury gets in the store business we unanimous'y no benefit from the license bylaw, and agreed that as we got no percentages or myself and the neighbors get no bargains profits from the council, and yet had to local buyers see fit to charge. I hope pay as many cents on the dollar taxes as the finance chairman will at the next astonishing thing to me is that of the number of deaths reported by drowning in the bay, as many appear to result from persons slipping into the water from the most of the destinies of the Sional. He is a bright newspaper man and an old Kingstonian.

The opinion of an expert.

Stratford Beacon:—Our clever friend, Mr. T. McGillicuddy, has accepted a deliver and dimension of the contact the finance chairman will at the heater the season the finance chairman will at the heater the season the finance chairman will at the heater the season the finance chairman will at the heater the season the finance chairman will at the heater the season the finance chairman will at the heater the heater than the finance chairman will at the heater the finance chairman will at the heater the finance chairman will at the heater the heater than the season that the finance chairman will at the heater the finance chairman will at the heater than the season the finance chairman will at the heater than the season that the heater the finance chairman will at the heater than the season that the heater than the season than the heater than the season that the heater than the season than the heater than the he next election. Yes, I'm for having the of the town, the members of the council. prices brought down to hardpan, so that the man who isn't in trade will be placed a number of our town merchants, and many of the neighbors on the back street. The consequence is that, al-

that many of our private citizens send their money out of town to Toronto,

There may be some who may take on the ground that they can do better outside. Although I'm a freetrader in theory I must admit that I kind of weakened when this phase of the question came up, until I received such solid.

The lines upon which his paper was to be run, concluded by stating, "They don't suit the intelligent portion of these constituency, they can be changed."

Line came up, until I received such solid.

backing, as the support of the chairman of the finance committee. I had fresh courage instilled into me, by his action, and wondered how I had ever wavered, even for a moment. It's quite true the storekeepers are our townsmen and pay taxes, and rent stores, and pay clerks, and gives us time on our goods when the other fellows want cash, but these are sentimental matters that have no right to be dragged into a discussion of this kind. I rejoice, therefore, that the finance chairman has set his seal to the practice of encouraging outside traffic publicly and privately, for what is good for the town ought not to be in urious to the individual.

tenders from outsiders for the public offices. I will take the office of town ing the voters' lists posted up by the 6th of August,-that is, if anybody wanted the money and would bring suit against him. Now, there are lots of un on the back street who would take tle job at a less figure than the present clerk's salary, and I guess there are not jump at the billet even with a reduced salary. I don't think the work is great if the clerk doesn't want to be the council. Why, when I lived at the pality did all the work, and only got \$80 a year, with four jury panel selections at so much a day, the fees for revision court appeals, and the registraand ran the post-office and was secretary company, sawed and split his own wood, took care of a horse, drove a pedier's

on the back streets who are not in trade

dollars and dimes. or we would make a town, and it is endorsed by the chairour presence felt at the polls at the man of the finance committee, the clerk on a level with the man who is. There though the plan has not yet been as should be no invidious distinctions thoroughly tested as I would wish, an elegant sufficiency has been done by the town council and certain individuals in -There is another phase of this question that has oropped up, and that is Goderich occupies the position in com-

Brantford and other places, because they claim that they get goods cheaper and better goods there. Now, the action of the chairman of the finance committee endorses the action of those in dividuals who decline to do trade in town Western editor who, having laid down. on the ground that they can do better the lines upon which his paper was to

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