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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS IN ARREARS.

An advertisement in this issue gives formal notice to subscribers in arrears to pay up at once, with the intimation that all overdue accounts not paid by September 22nd will be handed to our solicitors for collection.

THE GLOBE KNOCKED ANOTHER ALGOMA ELECTION SLANDER ON THE HEAD.

The following paragraph:—"A statement is going the round of the Nonparty organs that Sheriff Clarke, of Algoma, has been prevented from acting as Returning Officer in the approaching election, in order that a partisan of the Government may, for some sinister purpose, be put in his place. The statement is utterly untrue.

A CORRESPONDENT, signing himself "Veritas," in another column makes a correction concerning the item recording the death of Mary Ann Buckley, which appeared in our issue of last week.

HON. DAVID MILLS, the able editor of the London Advertiser, is just now the target of every Tory slang-whanger in the Province. Mr. Mills has brought to the editorial calling a large fund of varied information, and his vigorous and timely articles on the political situation are unpalatable to the Conservatives.

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TREATING BY CANDIDATES.

That portion of Justice Patterson's judgment in the Muskoka election case relating to treating should be pondered by every political candidate.

An attempt was made to bring the case within the doctrine held in some cases in our courts, when, upon the question whether a particular instance of treating was or was not corrupt, weight was given to the fact that the custom of treating was very general, and only a token of good fellowship, and that the person charged habitually treated persons whom he met at taverns.

THE NEW PRIMER.

See the Trunk. It is the Big Trunk. Does it hold Clothes? No, it does not hold Clothes.

It is full of Wine and Whisky. John Shields owns the Trunk. He keeps it for E-lections. He had it in Mus-ko-ka. Where is John Shields now? He is away in Al-go-ma. Has he a Big Trunk There?

Our local "chief magistrate" has received a communication from the horse-guards of the Salvation army in Canada, asking if legal restrictions would be attempted should the leaders of the army seek to locate a corps in Goderich.

MAYOR HORTON has received a letter from Chas. Drinkwater, secretary of the C. P. R., acknowledging the receipt of his letter, setting forth the claims of Goderich for the in-getting of the T. G. & B. R., recently acquired by the C. P. R.

THE serving of a writ for libel upon the Exeter Times, by the proprietors of the Reflector, has had the effect of choking off the personal abuse of the rival editor. Nowadays no journalist personally abuses the proprietor of an opposite paper to him.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

The Queen's Bench Division will sit on Saturday next to give judgment on the West Northumberland election case.

One of the Dominion Government employees in Huron is, we regret to state, delicate health, and already the Tory office-seekers are putting forth claims for the prospective vacancy.

JOHN SHIELDS, of Section B, notoriety, is at present a fugitive from justice at Rat Portage, on account of his efforts to debase the Muskoka electorate last spring. John was the chief of the "big trunk" brigade.

NOTICE has been given in the South Essex election case that the petitioner against the return of Mr. Balfour, will withdraw the protest and pay all costs. Mr. Balfour retains his seat, and South Essex holds good to remain solidly Reform.

THOMAS GIBSON, M. P., for East Huron is not losing flesh by fretting about the result of the petition against his return in East Huron. Those who have recently seen the petitioner, Thos. E. Hayes, do not return a similar verdict in his instance.

ON Saturday last an application was made by the petitioner in the Monk election case to withdraw. This was consented to, and the case was dismissed with costs against the petitioner. The Tory petitioners all along the line are having a peck of trouble, and a large amount of costs heaped upon them.

THE Tory "big trunk" pack are now in full cry throughout Algoma, and the Mail, although aware of the fact, is preaching the gospel of electoral purity. If the Mail will call off Shields and the other Tory "dogs of war" in the Algoma district, it will not be constrained to weep crocodile tears over the debauching of the constituency.

WE don't hear any further remarks from our Tory county contemporaries to the effect that "Cameron must go." Mr. Cameron, M. P., for West Huron, is expected home from Europe about the middle of the month, and those of our Tory friends who have bet money that he won't sit in the Dominion parliament next session are likely to be out of pocket to the extent of the money involved.

MR. James Bethune, Q. C., on Monday last, on behalf of the petitioner, Mr. Bettes, made application for summonses to be issued to show cause why Shields, Roddy Pringle, "Gum Swamp" Anderson, "Big Push" Wilkinson, Capt. Kirwin, and others should not be disqualified. The settlement of this matter will take place on Saturday next at 11.30. It is time these debauchers of the electorate were brought to book.

MONDAY last judgment was given at Osgoode hall by Justices Patterson and Ferguson on the petition of Mr. Bettes, for the disqualification of Mr. Fauquier, the respondent in the Muskoka election case. The court held Mr. Fauquier, the respondent, guilty of corrupt practices within the meaning of sections 151 and 162 of the consolidated elections act, for treating a number of electors at Commanda creek on February 23rd. In consequence of this offence the respondent was disqualified for eight years from holding any municipal office and from ever holding any government appointment.

THE Big Trunk full of Liquor.

Any one who took the trouble to read through the long report of the first day's hearing of the Muskoka election petition knows what the result promises to be. If Mr. Fauquier, the sitting member, gets off without personal disqualification, and merely loses his seat, he will be a lucky man. Instances of such wholesale and gross corruption in election contests as in this case have rarely been brought to light, and we question if the Mail will have the hardihood in future to make a dead set upon the Reformers because liquor has too often been favored by them as a persuasive electioneering agent.

Bold Swim Across the Niagara.

NIAGARA FALLS, Sept. 3.—At Niagara Falls Saturday afternoon Horace Davenport, of Surbiton, England, started from the foot of the inclined railway in Prospect Park to indulge in a swim across the river. The current at this point is very strong, and the ferryboats are obliged to make quite a circuit before being able to land in Canada. Mr. Davenport ignored this fact and swam across to the Canada shore in 3 minutes and 59 seconds.

OUR TOWN FATHERS.

What Was Done at the Last Meeting.

The regular meeting of the town council was held on Friday evening last. Present—The mayor in the chair, reeve Johnston and councillors Murney, Colborne, Elliott, Scobie, Bingham, Butler, Mitchell, Seager, Jordan.

The minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed.

The following officers' reports were read:

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT, for the month of August showed:

Receipts \$1,029.29
Expenditures 1,132.75
Balance in bank 87.61

THE SECTOR'S REPORT showed that four adults had been interred since last report. Filed.

THE STREET INSPECTOR'S REPORT showed that the sundry expenses since June 29th had been \$439.08, for public works, \$650.95, and for street watering, \$72.75.

Also that the tank on Widder street was now finished, and that the work was now being done at tank near station; that the drain on Quebec street was furnished, and repairs on sundry other streets were completed; and that the streets were watered as often as required. Filed.

ACCOUNTS. A number of accounts were read and referred to printing committee.

RELIEF. Councillor Elliott reported that he had given relief to Hugh Ross, in St. David's ward, being a case requiring immediate attention, and that for a short time yet relief would be required; and asking the council for instructions.

Moved by Johnston, seconded by Seager, that councillor Elliott is hereby authorized to grant relief to Mr. Ross as long as he may consider it necessary to do so.—Carried.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE reported as follows:

(1) That at present no action be taken respecting Mr. A. McD. Allan's communication (on canneries), but that it lay over for future consideration, to enable the committee to obtain more information. (2) We recommend that all by-laws of the corporation of the town of Goderich, respecting livery stables, be rescinded, and that a by-law to that effect be passed by the council.

Moved by Johnston, seconded by Murney, that the report be adopted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT. The finance committee reported as follows:

(1) That we have examined the following accounts and recommend their payment: HERON SIGNAL, printing, \$24; Geo. Grant, relief, \$2; John Hillier, relief, \$3; A. Kirkbride, public works, \$7.75; A. Dickson, postage, \$2.74; Jas. Inrie, stationery, 60 cents. We would also recommend that \$15 be paid J. C. Martin, in full of his account of \$20. (2) We would also respectfully submit to the council the estimates for the current year. We have had a by-law prepared, fixing the rate for all purposes at 12 cents on the dollar, which is 1 cent higher than last year, but the same as the year previous (1881), we find that the rate last year of 11 cents on the dollar, did not cover the expenditures of the year. The greatest care and economy will be necessary to keep to expenditure within these estimates. It will be suggested from the estimates that the council actually control only about one-third of their entire revenue, the balance being taken up for schools, sinking fund, interest, municipal loan fund, county rate, &c.

Moved by Jordan, seconded by Murney, that the finance committee's report be adopted.—Carried.

THE RAILWAY QUESTION. Moved by J. H. Colborne, that the clerk communicate with the council of Wingham, in reference to the extension of the T. G. & B. R. (now leased by C. V. R.), Goderich, asking their co-operation in the matter, and stating that our special committee will meet them whenever notified.

Mr. Jordan said that in his opinion this motion was at present premature. Until the litigation between the G.T.R. and the C. V. R. was concluded, no one could say whether the latter would secure the Toronto Grey & Bruce road.

Mr. Seager said that no time should be lost or pains spared to push the claims of Goderich to the terminus of this railway. The matter was now before the railway committee of the council and everything was being done that could at present be done to secure this result. The present motion was unnecessary and premature. It would be unwise to pledge ourselves or enter into any binding engagements in regard to any particular route at the present moment.

After several members of the council had spoken in the same strain the motion was withdrawn.

By-law No. 7, to assess and levy the sum of \$20,910.37 for 1883, was read a first and second time, and on rule 34 being suspended, a third time, and Johnston moved, seconded by Murney that it be read a third time and passed. Carried.

The council then adjourned.

The Funds for Corruption.

What makes the whole matter worse if the certainty that the funds administered with such glaring corruption (in Muskoka) were supplied directly by the Dominion Government, or at their instance, a state of affairs which cannot be too severely condemned. It is also certain that they are interfering in the Algoma election in a similar way, chiefly through their trusty agent, John Shields.

It is to be hoped that both these constituencies will return supporters of the Government, if only for the sake of rebuking the immoral doings of the Tory Ministry at Ottawa.—Winnipeg Free Press.

A Tory Witness in Trouble.

BRIGHTON, Aug. 28.—Fred Backbont, the chief witness for the petitioners in the late election trial of East Northumberland, was last night brought before a bench of magistrates under a charge of obtaining goods from Thomas Webb, a merchant of this place, upon a forged order. The justices committed him to Cobourg goal to stand his trial.

THE OCONTO.

Presentation and Address by the Peop of Goderich to Capt. G. W. McGregor.

The Oconto, of Saginaw, under command of Capt. G. W. McGregor, which has recently been put upon the Saginaw, Cleveland and Goderich route, made her first trip to Goderich on Thursday last week.

In anticipation of her arrival a subscription was set on foot for the purchase of a suitable testimonial to Capt. McGregor for his past efforts and present exertions to work up the trade of the Saginaw route in the interests of Goderich. A generous response was made by the residents of the town, and the result was the purchase of a valuable gold watch and chain to be presented to the captain on the arrival of the Oconto in our harbor.

It had been announced by poster that the Oconto, on her first trip, would give a "moon-light" excursion, and as a consequence a large number availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded.

The Oconto is a completely built boat, of 477 tons burden. She is 142 feet long, with 32 ft. 10 in. beam of keel, and has a carrying capacity for 500 tons of freight and 100 passengers. She is commanded by Capt. G. W. McGregor, with Wm. Minogue, first mate, J. J. Lugeneel, purser, M. J. Hughes, deck engineer.

Just before the boat set out upon the excursion on Thursday evening, Captain McGregor was called into the cabin by the gentlemen who had charge of the address and presentation, and the pleasant event was at once proceeded with in the presence of the large number of excursionists who were then on board.

Mayor Horton preparatory to reading the address, said he had been selected by the promoters of the scheme to read an address and make a presentation to Capt. G. W. McGregor on behalf of the people of Goderich. The idea was to show Captain McGregor that his present efforts in the marine interests of Goderich, were thoroughly appreciated and highly valued by the residents of our town. The task that devolved upon him (the mayor) this evening was a particularly pleasant one, for it was assisting to do honor to an old-fashioned but noble-hearted Captain McGregor who has been and is being so warmly and heartily appreciated in Goderich. Hear, hear! In former years the captain had been the chief means of instituting a thriving passenger and freight traffic between Saginaw, Goderich and Cleveland, and it was fervently hoped by the friends in Goderich that he would be again successful in reviving the business interests of the route. As the majority of those on the boat were anxious to avail themselves of the opportunity to have a couple of hours' excursion on the lake, he would not detain them by a lengthened speech, but would at once proceed to read

THE ADDRESS.

CAPT. G. W. MCGREGOR, steamer Oconto: The inhabitants of the town of Goderich have long known your anxious efforts to establish marine connections between the city of Cleveland, the Saginaw valley and this town. And for some ten or twelve years to you, and to you alone, the town was indebted for this profitable and pleasant connection. Had not misfortune overtaken you in the loss of your boat in the year 1879, we have no doubt this connection would have still been continued. We find you here again to-day with another boat, to re-organize a trade which you had formerly created, and which has been closed since the loss of your boat until now. We duly appreciate the feeling that has prompted you to think of your old friends; and we say to you, Capt. McGregor, that the best wishes of this community are extended to the owners of your boat, and to you as its commander, hoping and believing that this old enterprise, renewed again through you, will be mutually beneficial to your company, yourself and the town of Goderich. As a slight token of our appreciation of you personally, your friends desire your acceptance of this address, and this gold watch, with the sincere hope that you may long live to wear it as an all time remembrance of your Goderich friends.

Signed HONORABLE HORTON, mayor. At the conclusion of the address the mayor stepped forward to where Capt. McGregor was standing and presented him with the handsome and valuable gold watch and chain, on behalf of the people of Goderich.

Captain McGregor, in responding, was visibly affected. He had not expected such a manifestation of esteem from the people of Goderich. It was true that for years he had endeavored to work up the Saginaw route, and it was owing entirely to circumstances beyond his control that the line had not been kept up. But he was pleased to be in command of a steamer on the line again, and would do his best to once more work up the route. The Oconto was a staunch boat, and although the season was too far advanced to do much this year, he hoped in the time to come to work up the old trade of the Saginaw route. He wasn't much at speaking, as his business was sailing, but he would always keep in grateful remembrance the kind words of the people of Goderich, and ever hold as a valuable treasure the handsome souvenir with which they had seen fit to present him this evening.

The gathering then dispersed to various parts of the boat, to enjoy the beautiful lake breeze, as the Oconto steamed out of the harbor and down the southern shore. A couple of hours were pleasantly spent, and the party returned about 10 o'clock, all well pleased with the excursion, and loud in praise of the sailing qualities of the Oconto.

Another Presentation.

During the trip across from Saginaw a party of gentlemen consisting of James Doyle, J. J. Doyle and M. Nicholson, of Goderich, and G. J. Kidd, of Dublin, presented Capt. McGregor with a mariner's compass in a gold setting, surmounted with an anchor and the figure of a sailor—to be worn as a charm with the watch and chain presented to him by the people of Goderich. The boys didn't take time to write an address, but the presentation was a success, all the same.

John A. Moran, of New Haven, Conn., wearing by business troubles, fired four bullets into his forehead on Sunday. They flattened on his skull and his recovery is expected.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. Contributors to this department must confine themselves to public questions, and be brief.

A Correction.

Ashtabul, Sept. 3, 1883. To the Editors of The Huron Signal.

Sir,—In your last issue you make the following statement:—"Mary Ann Buckley, on Wednesday evening, Aug. 15, went for a pail of water, which she had to haul out of a well with a rope, on account of a defective pump, and is supposed to have fallen in."

Desiring to be as brief as possible in contradicting this statement, I have to state that Mary Ann Buckley on the evening referred to did not go to the well for the purpose of drawing a pail of water therefrom, but she did go to the well for the purpose of drawing a rope, and she did not go to the well for the purpose of drawing any water at all.

Secondly, you appear to insinuate that she might have fallen in accidentally, which conflicts with the fact now established that she did not go there for the purpose of drawing any water at all.

Thirdly, the well is still in the same condition, and any unbiased person will see at a glance that poor Mary Ann could not get into it without her help, which is the general verdict. The well is not insinuated, in a dangerous condition, being always carefully closed up as was done by the housekeeper on the evening in question, which circumstances convinced her, when she saw the planking removed which she had carefully replaced, that Mary Ann had managed to throw herself into it in a moment of temporary insanity.

Now, for further information your attention is respectfully drawn to the following taken from a Clinton newspaper, which is acknowledged as a truthful statement of the facts in the case:—"A girl named Buckley, aged about 26, employed at the Rev. Father Beaussant's, was missed on Wednesday last. Search was made, and she was found in a well 26 feet deep, with 20 feet of water. She was taken from the well by Mr. Hussey. He was passing when the alarm was given, and took the lines of his horses and drew the body from the well. Some time ago her mind was somewhat deranged, but no fear of violence to herself or anyone else was apprehended. There can be no doubt that she suicided while laboring under mental aberration. An inquest was not considered necessary. The funeral took place on Friday."

In conclusion, trusting to your sense of justice and fair play, you will please insert this communication in rebuttal of the above statements, no doubt unwittingly admitted into your columns of last week. VERITAS.

COUNTY NEWS.

Clotted from our Local Exchanges.

Clinton curlers and skaters are taking steps to establish a good rink in the junction town. The Blyth Review denounces Haylo & Jenney, of Day-st., New York, as "dead beats of the worst kind."

The Brussels Post took holidays last week, and the natives of the village had to depend upon outside literature. John Wilford has sold his farm on the town line, three miles east of Blyth, to J. Coulter, for the sum of \$8,100.

Clinton Lodge I. O. G. T., No. 705 will hold an entertainment in the temperance hall of that town this evening, Sept. 7. Rev. P. J. Shea, of Seaford, will deliver one of his instructive lectures in the R. C. church, Blyth, on Sunday, Sept. 16.

A few days ago T. Carter, of the 9th con., Goderich township, split 1,000 cedar rails and cut 100 posts, the rails averaging four inches in diameter, on the farm of J. B. Currie, 7th con.

J. B. Ferguson, cashier at Scott's banking house, Wingham, has been appointed town clerk there, in place of B. Flynn, who has gone to Ottawa to fill a situation in the Civil Service.

When the Clinton town constable wishes to preserve order and put drunkards in the calabasses, the residents of that town sympathize with the exertions of the roughs to give the constable a headache.

At a vote taken in the B. C. Church at Clinton, on Sunday last, the congregation reversed their decision on the union question, the majority being as strong for union now as it was against a former occasion.

From the Clinton New Era we learn that ominous rumors are afloat concerning the death of Mrs. Gallagher, who was found drowned in a cistern last week. A full enquiry should be made into the affair, and all doubts set at rest.

Mr. Elford, Holmeville, threshed his field last week a few days ago with Mr. Evans' steam machine. The yield was splendid from the acre in the orchard, but in the field, allowing for stumps and the little grove, it would only be about 125 bushels to the acre.

The team from the 33rd or Huron Battalion consisting of Messrs. Charles Alexander, J. A. Wilson, Malcolm Munroe and Alex. Love, of Seaford, and N. Robson, of Clinton, have succeeded in winning the Ladies' Challenge Cup and \$50 in cash, being the 1st prize in the team competitions at the Ontario Rifle Association's match at Toronto last week.

A LEGAL POINT.—A gentleman paid another \$20 while protesting against the equity of the demand. He sued to recover the amount back. Judge Doyle non-suited plaintiff on the ground that the law (contrary to popular tradition) does not encourage litigation, and that the fact of a man paying money which he has no right to pay, and then suing for it, has a tendency to encourage litigation. If a party does not sue, money demanded of him he should resist payment and by so doing the onus of suing is thrown on the claimant, who, if his demand is an unjust one, will not appeal to the courts. The fact of a man paying money when no force is used to make him do so, is looked upon as evidence that he acknowledged the debt. This has reference to the case of Cudmore vs. Shannahan tried in Clinton recently.