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TO THE ELECTORS
OF HURON, PERTH AND BRUCE.

GENELEMEN,
You are aware that when I
appeared before you at the late
General Election I had not ac-
cepted Office, although I had
been gazetted as President of the
Executive Council. My reasons
for refusing that Office I stated
to you plainly and in full. I then
explained to you, that although
it is necessary to have a Chair-
man or President, the duties
hitherto devolving upon the Pre-
sident were not such as to war-
rant the country in paying eight
hundred pounds a year for his
services. Since that time, how-
ever, the office of President of the
Council has been materially al-
tered and other important duties,
till now neglected, have been
attached to it—so that it is now
in reality no longer a sinecure
and hence my principle objection
to it is entirely removed. In-
deed, it may be presumed that
the duties allotted to the Presi-
dent of the Council, in future,
are equal in number, and almost
equal in importance to the duties
performed by any other member
of the Cabinet.

So early as the year 1841, I
urged in strong terms, upon the
attention of the then Govern-
ment, the justice and utility of
establishing a Department of
Agriculture, feeling then as I do
now, that if any one interest or
department was entitled to the
consideration and vigilance of
Legislature, that one should be
the Agricultural. This is Canada's
great interest—the founda-
tion of all our hopes of wealth
and prosperity; and notwith-
standing the comparative indiffer-
ence with which it has hither-
to been regarded, it is the one
which must furnish the "men
women and money," that will
ultimately raise us in the scale
of nations.

The Government has now
established a Department of
Agriculture the management of
which, together with several
other duties connected with emi-
gration, and the statistics of the
Province are entrusted to the
Chairman of Committees or Presi-
dent of the Council. And His
Excellency having been pleased
to offer me this office in its al-
tered and improved character, I felt
it my duty and esteemed it an
honor to aid in the deliberations
of an Administration in which I
had full confidence—which I had
assisted to form, and of which I
expected to have been, from the
first, a member.

And although I still feel that
a gentleman of superior literary
attainments would more prop-
erly discharge the duties of Chair-
man of Committees, yet as His
Excellency and his Advisers
have been pleased to consider me
competent to the several duties
now attached to the office, I have
accepted it. And in doing so, I
affirm in contradiction of the
statements of the opposition and
discontented Press, that my ac-
ceptance of it, in its present
form, will be a considerable sav-
ing to the country. It has been
alleged by certain portions of
the Press that I am at liberty to
accept and hold this office without
again appealing to my constitu-
ents. But, Gentlemen, whatever
the law may be on the subject,
I have too much respect for public
opinion and the principles of
our Constitution, to evade both
by availing myself of a legal
quibble. I shall, therefore, so
soon as a writ can issue, that is,
so soon as Parliament meets, re-
sign my seat and give you, the
Electors of Huron, an opportu-
nity of expressing, at the Polls,
your opinion of my conduct in
thus concurring in the first at-
tempt of any Canadian Govern-
ment to recognize and elevate
the agricultural interests by a
distinct Governmental Depart-
ment.

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient serv't,
MALCOLM CAMERON.

SINGULAR DEATH.—A little son of Mr.
G. W. Warren, of this village, aged about
4 years, came to his death on Saturday
morning last, from a very singular circum-
stance. It appears that on Friday he had
been out in the cold, and coming in noticed
the steam issuing from a kettle of boiling
water on the stove. Instantly imagining
that it would be a good way to warm
himself he allowed the steam to come in
contact with his face, at the same time
drawing into his lungs a full inspiration
of the heated vapor. The effect was such
as to produce his death on Sunday morning.
—Danville Herald.

HANGER OR IMPROBITY.—To go into a
printing office and look over the com-
positor's shoulder to read his copy. To go into
an editor's room, rummage amongst his
papers, and look over his shoulders to read
his manuscript.
HANGER OR IMPROBITY.—To look such rum-
sals out without ceremony.

Huron Signal.

THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER.

VOLUME V. GODERICH, COUNTY OF HURON, (C. W.) THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1852. NUMBER VIII.

MINUTES

Of the Municipal Council for the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, met in the Court Room of the United Counties Gaol, on Monday, the 30th day of January, 1852, pursuant to Statute 12th Victoria chapter 81.

The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved of.
66 Petition of James Brown was read, and referred to Finance Committee.
67 Report of Select Committee of Town Council of Goderich referred to Finance Committee.
68 Letter of Thomas Layton, ordered to lie on the table.
69 Two accounts from Local Superintendent of Schools 1st Division—referred to Finance Committee.
70 In accordance with the resolution of last Session of Council, Mr. Robinson, Reeve of Blanshard, submitted an estimate of building a Bridge across the Thames at St. Marys at Blanshard, which was referred to Finance Committee, when it was—

71 Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, That the sum of £150 be paid to assist in the erection of the New Bridge over the River Thames at St. Marys. The above motion was referred to Finance Committee.
The Council adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, 7, P. M.
The Council met, the Warden in the Chair, and the same persons present who were in the forenoon with the addition of Mr. Holmes.
72 The report of the Select Committee on Schools was received, and referred to a Committee of the Whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Mitchell to the chair.
On the report being read over, Nos. 33, 42, 40 and 41, were approved of and adopted, on No. 46 being read, it was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, That the preceding part of the report be altered so that it read "The various improvements suggested by Dr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Wallace, That the report of the Committee be confirmed. On the yeas and nays being taken on the amendment, the amendment was carried by a majority of one.
The concluding portions of the report were confirmed. The Committee rose, and the Warden resumed the chair, when the report was again submitted in open Council and adopted.
Report of the Road and Bridge Committee was received and referred to a Committee of the Whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Wallace to the chair.
On the report being read over, it was moved that the Committee rise and report progress, the Committee rose, and the Warden resumed the chair.
The report of the Special Committee appointed to report on the best steps to be taken for raising means to construct the Grand Road; and also, to take into consideration the letter of the Secretary of the Directors of the Canada Company, was received, and referred to a Committee of the Whole, the Warden nominated Dr. Cole to the chair. On the report being read, it was moved by Dr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Hays, That the report be amended, and that the Committee rise and report progress—carried.
The Committee rose, and the Warden resumed the chair.
75 Petition of the Inhabitants of Goderich and Colborne was received and read (the usual rule being waived) and referred to the Road and Bridge Committee. The following documents were received, and referred to Finance Committee.
76 Letter from the Clerk of the Peace, to County Clerk.
77 Account from "Huron Loyalist" office, for printing and advertising.
78 Statement of accounts against the Board of Public Instruction.
79 Letter from W. & E. Wootcock to Warden.
The Council then adjourned till to-morrow at nine o'clock.
WILLIAM CHALK, Warden,
Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH,
Friday, 30th January, 1852.
PRESENT:
WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., Warden, in the Chair.
Messrs. WALKER, ROBINSON, ANNAND, COLLE, COBBITT, RYAN, RATH, LAMB, BOIG, DAYLISON, MITCHELL, MONTEITH.

The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved of.
79 Petition of George & John Cox, referred to Finance Committee.
80 Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hill, That the means for building a Bridge across the River Mainland on the site of the former Bridge, be included, and form part of the fund for graveling the leading roads of the Counties, to be raised in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions. Referred to select Committee on Finance.
81 Report of the Committee on Finance was received, and referred to a Committee of the Whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Lamb to the chair. On the report being read, Mr. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Hays, That the first part relative to Mr. Le-Logie, was adopted, on the second part being read, it was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hays, That this account be paid.
81 Moved in amendment by Mr. Rath, seconded by Mr. Hill, That the portion of this account charged for the interest struck out, and the balance paid. On the yeas and nays being taken, the amendment was carried by a majority of 17.
82 That portion of the report relative to Mr. Otters account, and Mr. Parsons, was adopted, when it was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Monteith, That the account of Mr. Logie be disallowed till he sends in a detailed statement of his accounts. The same was ordered to apply to the accounts of Messrs. Nain and Redford.
That part of the report relative to the "Huron Signal" Office, as Secretary, &c., Mr. Peter Wood's account, Mrs. Balfour's account, and the Rev. Mr. McKla's account, was adopted and confirmed.

83 Nos. 45, 46, and 66, were confirmed, on 67 being read, it was moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Annand, That the words "current year, there be added" (and the difference between £35,000 and £35,000 at 3 of a penny in the pound deducted from the amount to be raised for the year 1852.)
84 Moved in amendment by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Courlay, That the report be adopted. On the yeas and nays being taken, the amendment was carried by a majority of nine.
Nos. 71, 61, 76, 77, 78, 79, were adopted. The Committee again submitted in open Council, and adopted.
85 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Hays, That the Treasurer be requested to write to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, calling his attention to the 39th Section of the Act 13th, and 14th Viet., chap. 67, requesting that he will be pleased to comply with the requirements of said section, and furnish a list of all lands granted, or leased by the said Commissioner up to the first of January 1852, in the several Townships in these United Counties—carried.
86 Moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Walker,

That Thomas Nicholls be one of the Auditors for the present year. Carried.
The Warden here nominated Mr. Hallam as one of the Auditors.
87 Moved by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Monteith, That the Rev. A. Lammman be Local Superintendent of Schools for the second Division of the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, for the year 1852.
88 Moved in amendment by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, That school districts Nos. 2 and 3 under the Superintendency of Mr. Nain, and the Rev. Mr. Logie be united, and Mr. William Rath be appointed Superintendent of the Division. On the yeas and nays being taken on this amendment, the amendment was carried by a majority of four. Mr. Rath was declared elected, accordingly. The Council then adjourned for two hours.
WILLIAM CHALK, Warden,
Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH,
Friday, 27th January, 1852.
The Council met, and in the temporary absence of the Warden, Dr. Cole was elected to take the chair.
PRESENT:—Dr. Cole in the Chair.
Messrs. RATH, WALLACE, MITCHELL, HAYS.

Poetry.

THE SCHOOL MISTRESS.
Beside an unfrequented road—
The rustic school-house at end—
Its modest front and grass grown roof,
Half hidden by the woods.
Around its latticed windows hung
Sweet flowers and fragrant vines,
And just in front of the entrance—
Grew two protecting pines.
Few travelers passed by that spot
But stopped a while to gaze
Upon a scene that brought to mind
Their happy school boy days,
And some of turned away, but left
A blessing and a prayer
For both the teacher and the taught
Who daily gathered there.
It was my lot, one summer morn,
To journey o'er the road,
And there for full an hour or more,
I rested with my load.
One after, across the fields,
The tiny children ran,
Ambitious to secure their seats
Before the school began.
A score of faces bright and clean,
Soon gathered at the door—
A happier group I've not since seen,
And never saw before.
The merry school—the ringing laugh,
With music filled the air—
And my sad heart forgot its grief,
The sinless gleam to share.
But soon a watchful child proclaimed
The mistress near at hand,
And murmurs of delight were breathed
Throughout that little band.
I'll ne'er forget that lovely face—
I see it in my dreams—
And ever to my spirit's eye
As sweet faces it seems.
As rapidly she pressed the text,
And passed the copy o'er,
Her glowing cheeks and rosy lips
Were wreathed with radiant smiles
And her charge as fast as words—
Each answering to her call:
I'll ne'er forget that lovely face—
I see it in my dreams—
And ever to my spirit's eye
As sweet faces it seems.

THE ADVENTUROUS BOY.
While the fleet lay at anchor, one of the
most heart thrilling scenes occurred on
board the commodore's vessel that I ever
witnessed. In addition to the usual appa-
ratus of a ship-of-war, there was a large
and mischievous monkey on board, named
Jocko, retained for the amusement of the
ship's company.
It was my watch on deck; and having re-
turned to the side of the vessel, I was mus-
ing on the beautiful appearance of the
when a loud, merry laugh burst upon my
ear.
On turning to ascertain the cause of such
an unusual sound on the frigate's deck, I
perceived the commodore's little son, the
young nickname "Little Bob-sty," stand-
ing half way up the main-latch ladder, clap-
ping his hands, and looking aloft with an
object that seemed to inspire him with a
deal of glee. A single glance explained the
cause of his merriment. As Bob was
coming up from the gun-deck, Jocko, the
monkey, perceiving him on the ladder, and
dropping suddenly from the rigging, had
leaped upon his shoulder, seized his cap,
and running up the main-top-sail sheet, seat-
ed himself on the main-yard. Here he sat
picking the tassel of his pipe to pieces, and
casually scratching his sides, and chat-
tering as if in exultation at the success of
his mischief.
Bob, being a sprightly active fellow, did
not like to lose his cap without an effort
to regain it. Perhaps he was the more strong-
ly inclined to make chase after Jocko from
observing him smile at his plight, and hear-
ing loud laugh of Cato, the black man, who
seemed incessantly delighted with the oc-
currence.
"Ha, you rascal, Jocko," said the black
man, "you have stolen the commodore's son's
cap!"
"We bring you to demny, you black-
niger, and gib you a dozen on de bare back,
for a tie!"
The monkey looked down from his perch
as if under the threat of the negro, and
chattered a sort of defiance in answer.
"Ha, ha, massa Bob, he say you mus'
ketch him, 'fore you flog him, and 'tis no
easy matter for a mislignman in boots to
ketch a monkey barefoot!"
The checks of little Bob looked red, as
he cast a look of offended pride at Cato;
and springing across the deck, in a moment
he was half way up the rigging. The mon-
key quickly watched his motions, and when
nearly up suddenly put out his own head,
and scouted to the top cross-trees, and
quietly sending himself resumed his work of
picking the tassel. In this manner the mis-
chievous animal succeeded in cutting Bob

as high as the royal-mast head, when, sud-
denly springing on the rigging, he again
descended to the fore-top, and running out
on the fore-yard, hung up the cap on the
end of the sailing-sail boom, where, taking
his seat, he raised a loud and exulting chat-
tering. By this time Bob was completely
exhausted, and liking to return to be laugh-
ed at, he sat down on the cross-trees.
The spectators, presuming that the boy
would not follow the monkey, but descend
to the deck, paid no further attention to
them. I, also, had turned away, and had
been engaged some some minutes, when I
was startled by a cry from Cato, exclaim-
ing that "Massa Bob" was on the main
truck! A cold shudder ran through my
veins as the words struck on my ears. I
cast my eyes up it was too true.
The adventurous boy, after resting a lit-
tle, had climbed the sky sail pole, and at
the moment of my looking up, was actually
standing on the circular piece of wood, on
the very summit of the loftiest mast; at a
height so great that my brain turned dizzy
as I looked up to him. There was nothing
above him but empty space; and beneath
him nothing but a small, unstable wheel.
Dreadful temerity! If he attempted to
stoop what could he take hold of to steady
his motion? His feet covered up the small
and fearful platform on which he stood; and
beneath that, a long smooth pole, that seem-
ed to bend beneath his weight, was all that
upheld him from destruction. In endeav-
ouring to get down, he would inevitably
lose his balance, and be precipitated to the
deck, a crushed and shapeless mass.
In this terrible exigency what was to be
done? To "fall him and inform him of his
danger, it was thought; would ensure his
ruin. Every moment I expected to see the
dreadful catastrophe. I could not bear to
look to him, and yet could not withdraw my
gaze. A film came over my eyes, and a
faintness over my heart.
By this time the deck was covered with
officers and crew, to witness the appalling,
this heart-rending spectacle. All seemed
mute. Every feeling, every faculty, seem-
ed absorbed in one deep, intense emotion of
agony.
At this moment a stir was made among
the crew about the gangway, when the com-
modore, the boy's father, made his appear-
ance. He had come on board without being
noticed by a single eye. The com-
modore asked no question, uttered not a
syllable. He was a sterner man, and it
was thought by some that he did not enter-
tain a very strong affection for his son. All
eyes were now fixed on him, endeavouring
to read his emotion in his countenance.
The scrutiny, however, was in vain; his
eye retained its severe expression, his brow
the slight frown it usually wore, and his lip
his laughing curl; in short, no outward sign
indicated what was passing within. Imme-
diately on reaching the deck, he ordered a
marine to hand a musket, when stepping aft
he took a deliberate aim at his son, at the
same time halting with his trumpet, in a
voice of thunder.
"Robert," cried he, "jump overboard,
or I'll fire at you!"
The boy seemed to hesitate, and it was plain
that he was tottering; for his arms were
thrown out like one endeavouring to balance
himself. The commodore raised his finger
aloft, and in a quicker and more energetic
tone, cried—"Jump!" "This your only chance
for life!"
The words were scarcely out of his mouth
before he felt the truck, and swung into the
air, a sound between a shriek and a
groan but far more woe.
The father spoke not—aged not indeed he
seemed not to breathe. For a moment
of intense agony a pin might have been
heard to drop on deck. With a rush like
that of a cannon ball, the body descended
to the water, and before the waves closed
over it, twenty stout fellows had dived from
the hull-work. Another short period of sus-
pense ensued. The boy rose—he was alive!
his arm was seen to move—he struck out
towards the ship.
In spite of the discipline of a man-of-war
three feet across the quarters of a hundred
men, the old commodore made the welkin
ring. "All this moment the old commodore
stood unmoved. His face now was
pale. He attempted to descend from the
deck, but his knees beat under him—he
seemed to gasp for breath, and essayed to
open his vest—but in the effort he staggered,
and would have fallen had not been caught
by the bystanders.
He was borne to his cabin, where the
surgeon attended him, whose utmost skill
was required to restore his mind to its usual
equanimity and self-command, in which
at last he happily succeeded. As soon as
he recovered from the dreadful shock, he
sent for Bob, and had a long confidential
conference with him; and it was noticed
when the little fellow left the cabin he was
in tears.—Family Herald.

Navigation was resumed on Lake Michi-
gan on the 26th ult., the steamer Pacific
having left Chicago for Two Rivers on that
day.

THE PREACHER AND THE ROBBERS.

A Methodist preacher many years ago
was journeying to a village where he was to
dispense the word of life, according to the
usual routine of his duty, and was stopped
on his way by three robbers. One of them
seized his bridle reins, another presented a
pistol and demanded his money; the third
was a mere looker on.
The grave and devout man looked calm
and all of them in the face, and with great
gravity and seriousness said, "Friends, did
you pray to God before you left home?
Did you ask God to bless you in your un-
dertakings to-day?"
The question startled them for a moment.
Recovering themselves, one said, "We
have no time to answer such questions, we
want your money!"
"I am a poor preacher of the gospel,"
was the reply; "but what little money I have
shall be given to you."
A few shillings was all he had to give.
"Have you not a watch?"
"Yes."
"Well then give it to us."
In taking the watch from his pocket, his
saddles were displaced.
"What have you here?" was the question
again.
"I cannot say I have nothing in them
but religious books, besides I have a pair
of shoes and a change of linen also."
"We must have them."
The preacher dismounted. The saddle-
bags were taken possession of and no
further demand made. Instantly the preach-
er began to utter his great cost, and to
throw it off his shoulders, at the same time
asking, "Will you have my great coat?"
"No," was the reply; "you are a generous
man, and we will not take it."
He addressed them as follows: "I have
given you everything you asked for, and
would have given you more than you asked
for. I have one favor to ask of you."
"What is that?"
"That you kneel down and allow me to
pray to Almighty God in your behalf, to
ask him to turn your hearts, and put you in
the right way."
"I'll have nothing to do with the man's
things," said the toughest of them.
"Nor I either," said another of them.
"Here, take your watch, take your money,
take your saddles; if we have anything
to do with you, the judgment of God will
overtake us."
So each article was returned. That,
however, did not satisfy the sainted man.
He urged prayer upon them. He knelt
down; one of robbers knelt with him, one
sprayed, the other wot, confessed his sin,
and said it was the first time in his life that
he had done such a thing; and it should be
the last. How far he kept his word is known
only to Him to whom the darkness and
light are equally alike; to Him whose eye-
sight the children of men.

INDIAN AFFAIRS—CHULLY AND CUTRAGE.
Just as we (Hamilton Gazette) were
going to press, we received two letters
from eye-witnesses of the cruelties now be-
ing committed, upon the poor unfortunate
settlers on the lands, situated along the
banks of the Grand River. The facts of their
case have been often published, and
Government has frequently been appealed
to, but alas! in vain—their misery, prob-
ably, a crime—because the fact that the
of Responsible Government is closed to all
complaints, save from favoured nations—
and the hand of cruel, remorseless, unfeeling
man against—hence, it may be,
that four families were, on Friday last,
killed and utterly turned out of house
and home—their houses and little property
—together with the remains of last year's
produce, scattered and destroyed, and
themselves to find friends and shelter in
the wilderness, some clad in rags, and some
in a band of Indians, armed as for war, with
scalping knives and tomahawks, together with
a short's pipe, also armed to the teeth.
How long these things will continue, we
cannot foresee—surely not long! It is also
incredible—but unfortunately it is too true,
under the management of the Indian De-
partment, the most remorseless, unfeeling
cruelty, have been and continue to be ex-
ercised against the unfortunate settlers, who
have been, unwittingly, pawns in the
game of the "powers that be," and
this too, in the depth of winter.

THE WELLS CANAL is advertised to
be opened for about the 15th inst., and is
to be lighted by Gas, in order to
facilitate the passage of vessels during the
night—this will be found a great im-
provement, as the delays occasioned by the
arrival of large tugs were very severely
felt last year. The arrangements with re-
spect to the canal will, however, be such
as to be a great improvement, and the
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