LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1879.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

EAST HASTINGS election has been declared void on account of illegal numbering of the ballots by the deputy-returning officers. A new election has been ordered by the Judge, and Mr. White's re-election is felt to be almost certain.

PARIS, France, has recently experienced the discomforts of a snow blockade. Railway communication was completely suspended. Cannucks know how it is themselves, and they can sympathise all the more readily with the beleagured Parisians.

MR. ARTHUR TEW, of Blenheim, is spoken of as being the probable candidate in opposition to Hon. Oliver Mowat for the north riding of Oxford in the approaching election. Mr. Tew is a strong man in the constituency, and should he enter the field he will make things lively for the little Premier.

THE WARDENSHIP.

The township of Wallace, and in fact all the northern municipalities in the County, have reason to feel especially gratified at the action of the County Council in elevating *Mr. McDermott* to the Wardenship. Being one of the oldest members of the Council, and representing a section of the County which has not hitherto had the honor conferred upon it, *Mr. McDermott's claims were justly entitled to favorable consideration.* After having served some fifteen years' apprenticeship as a member of the Council, there is no cause for apprehension that the presidency of the board will not be filled with credit to the County and honor to himself. While congratulating him upon his election to the Wardenship, we take the liberty to express the opinion of a round majority of the electors of this riding that he will ere long (Algomianism to the contrary notwithstanding) be their representative at the bigger County Council at Toronto also.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SINCE Thursday of last week the Legislature has sat about six hours—half an ordinary day. The diurnal allowance, about $15 to each member, goes on all the same, however. Up to Tuesday nothing was done deserving the name of business. During the 45 minutes that the house sat on Tuesday, a number of bills were introduced and received their first reading. Mr. Crooks introduced a measure to amend the law respecting public, separate and high schools. The amendments relate to the extension of the school franchise, the mode of holding school elections and the appliance of checks in respect to expenditures on capital account. Among the private bills, Mr. Merrick introduced a measure for the incorporation of the Orange Grand Lodges of Ontario. On Wednesday no less than three hundred and thirty-three petitions were presented asking for the incorporation of the Orange Society. What action the House will take upon this matter remains to be seen.

WHAT IT COSTS.

During the session of 1867-8 the House sat 67 days, and the members were paid $5 per day, or $335. In the following session the house sat 81 days, and members were paid $450, or about $5.50 per day; in the next, 51 days, sessional allowance $450, or nearly $9 per day; in 1871 (the last under Sandfield Macdonald) it sat 70 days, allowance $450; or $6.50 per day; in 1872 it sat 85 days, including adjournment for holidays and Ministerial elections, and they were paid $450, or $5.50 per day; in 1873 they sat 81 days, and the members were paid $600, or nearly $7.50 per day; in 1874 they sat 77 days, and received nearly $8 per day; in 1875 they sat 39 days, and they received over $15 per day; in 1876 they sat 78 days, and drew over $10 per day; in 1877 they sat 59 days, and drew nearly $14 per day; and in 1878 the House sat 58 days, and each member drew $800, or nearly $14 per day. In all these calculations Sundays, holidays and all adjournments are included in the number of days given. If the days were cut down to those which the house actually sat, the *per diem* allowence would be much larger.

VOTING WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES!

Never has there been a more complete abandonment of a position taken in the House than was witnessed at the close of the debate on Tuesday night. For over a week the Ministry and its followers had been fiercely fighting against the amendment to the amendment which touched salaries and indemnities, justifying themselves by the contention that any amendment to the Address was necessarily want of confidence, and they were therefore bound to vote it down, but immediately it was disposed of, up jumped the Ministerial whip, Dr. Widdifield, and proposed another amendment to the amendment—thus according to their own doctrine proposing a vote of want of confidence in the Government! The motion too, was similar in substance to Mr. Lauder's amendment, and the Opposition as well as Ministerial members voted unanimously for it, the ministry thus being forced to amend the Address in the way the Opposition asked, even though they had declared that any amendment would be a want of confidence! The truth is, the Ministry only made the amendment of Mr. Parkhill a want of confidence because they were opposed to what it proposed, and the thin pretence that it was necessarily so, being an amendment to the Address, has been thrown to the winds by their own subsequent action.—*Owen Sound Times.*

THE VITAL ISSUE.

Just now the press and members of Parliament are discussing the question of the duration of the Local Government. According to the Constitution of the Canada Confederation of the Provinces the life of the Local Legislature is four years from the return of the writs at a general election, which would close up the present Ontario House on the 2nd of February. It appears, however, that the return of the writs for the Algoma election—which can never take place in winter—was not made till some time in August following, and now for the sake of holding office and drawing pay a few months longer the honest Mr. Mowat and his high-toned Government are making a quibble of this circumstance and intend to prevent the natural dissolution of Parliament till four years from the Algoma election return. The absurdity of the plea may be shown in several ways. First, had occasion arisen for a special Session of Parliament between February and August, 1875, there would have been no legal Parliament to meet. Second, if this is the law then the four years duration of a local Parliament is a myth. Instead of four years, it can be made to run five years—a total violation of the Act of Confederation. But Mr. Mowat's party shew their usual consistency in this matter. For four years Lincoln has been unrepresented. Still the business of the Assembly has been carried on as usual. In '71 when Sandfield Macdonald's Government was defeated there were eight constituencies unrepresented—seven of whom would have voted for the old Government. Yet at this time the high-toned Blake defeated the Sandfield Government by a majority of one—and that only after bringing over Mr. E. B. Wood. Had the House been full Sandfield would have had a majority of five or six. This shows how sincere this last Algoma plea is. But human nature hates cowards and the cowardly and selfish acts of the Mowat party will only make their defeat the more disastrous and decisive.—*Berlin News.*

A CLEVER BALLOT TRICK.

An interesting case was heard a few days ago at Brampton before a bench of seven magistrates. John Lennon, hotel-keeper at Streetsville, was charged with an attempt to find how an elector, Cornelius Cummins, voted at the municipal election. The theory of the prosecution is that on account of bad feeling towards Cummins, Lennon laid a trap to discover how the latter voted for Reeve. The candidates were Mr Graydon and Mr Howard. Mr Howard was Mr Lennon's candidate, and Mr Cummins worked for Mr Howard as a blacksmith, and Mr Lennon had heard a rumor that Cummins intended to vote against Mr Howard, and to find out whether he did so or not, Lennon, it is alleged, procured a red lead pencil and watched when Cummins left the shop at noon to vote, and then hurried in and voted himself first, and while in the ballot booth took away the black lead pencil and left a red lead one; when he came out the next voter that wanted to go in was Wm Webb, but Lennon called Webb aside and asked him (Mr W) to allow George Hodge to go in next. It had been pre-arranged by Lennon and Hodge that Hodge was to go in next after Cummins, so as to put back the black lead pencil which Lennon gave him before going in and bring away the red one. By this means, when counting the ballots at the close of the poll, it was ascertained that Cummins voted against Howard, whom he was working for, and was discharged the next day from Howard's employ without any cause being given. The magistrates were divided on their verdict, four being for conviction and three for acquittal. Lennon was sentenced to two days in gaol and costs of trial. Mr Green, Crown Attorney, prosecuted, and Mr Fleming defended. Lennon at once gave notice of appeal, and gave the necessary bonds.

PROVINCIAL PUBLIC WORKS.

The report of the Commissioner of Public Works was laid on the table of the Local Legislature yesterday (23rd). It shows that the recent and marked extension of the railway system of the Province has continued during the past 12 months. The mileage of the completed lines has been more than doubled since 1867, and when the railways now under construction are completed, there will be a total of 3,534 miles of railway in the Province, exclusive of that portion of the Pacific railway lying west of Thunder Bay. Without reference to the works in connection with the Canadian Pacific railway, which are being constructed by the Dominion Government, the extension of the railways in the Province in 1878, aggregates 136 miles, viz.: Hamilton and North-Western, 30 miles; Victoria railway, Kinmount to Haliburton, 22 miles; Midland railway, west of Waubaushene, 19 miles; Prince Arthur's Landing and Kamanistiquia railway, 6 miles; Belleville and North Hastings railway, 22 miles; North Simcoe railway, 33½ miles; Credit Valley railway, Woodstock to Ingersoll, 10 miles; Brantford, Norfolk and Port Burwell railway, 2½ miles. Of the Canadian Pacific railway west of Thunder Bay, 153 miles are in course of construction. The works for the Mercer Reformatory for Females have been placed under contract, an appropriation of $90,000 having been made from the Mercer estate for the purpose. The expenditures on building account during the year include $120,364 on Kingston Insane Asylum, $75,951 on the Hamilton Asylum, and $66,356 on the London institution, $20,210 on the Toronto School of Practical Science, $14,418 on the Agricultural College and Model Farm, $10,678 on the Central Prison, and $4,156 on Government House. The total expenditure on public works for last year was $418,642, while that under the Drainage Act was $590.—*Mail.*

SPREAD OF THE PLAGUE.

Germany Ready to establish a Border Cordon of 80,000 Men.

London, Jan. 25.—The Russian and German medical journals state that the East of Europe is in great alarm at the progress of what they allege as the plague. After the disease obtained progress a strict quarantine was enforced, but the inhabitants of Astrachan had begun to fly, scattering the disease as far as Noji Novgorod, which is but four hours distant from Moscow. One report says the telegrams from the Governors of the infected provinces to the Minister of the Interior report the present state of affairs most hopeful, but the *Wiener Medicinisch Wochenschrift* draws a most terrible picture of affairs and says it is almost too late now to attempt to stop the disease. The symptoms are headache, fever and swelling of glands. There is need of experienced medical men. About a third of the Russian doctors have died either during the war from typhoid fever which followed. A large number of students have been summoned.

So greatly is the pleague at present raging in Russia feared, that Germany is prepared in the event of its increase to protect her frontier by a cordon of 80,000 men.

LATEST FROM AFGHAN.

Shere Ali's Master of Horse, the great opponent of British influence, is dead. Shere Ali has received intimation that his presence at St. Petersburg would not be very acceptable at present. He has therefore decided not to go to it.

NOTES FROM MANITOBA.

The lowest marked by the thermometer yet this winter was 34 degrees below zero.

A paper called the *Review* has made its apppearance at Marquette.

Hon. P. Derforme, the new Minister of Agriculture, has been re-elected by acclamation.

Gentlemen recently from the east report business apparently more brisk in Winnipeg than in any place in Ontario.

A short session of the Local Parliament will probably be held, and it will then adjourn until after the meeting of the Dominion Parliament, to ascertain what action the Ottawa House will take on the Manitoba railway deputation. The Local Ministers will visit Ottawa.

At an auction sale of land the other day ten Emerson lots averaged $31. On the Logan estate, Winnipeg, lot 173 $90; lot 96, $130; lot 146, $116; lot 75, $135; and lot 76, $140; lot 172 was bought for $115; and lot 171 for the same figure, and lot 232 for $100; lot 233 was bought for $85.

Burning of the Largest Pork Packing House in the World.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The great pork packing house of Armour & Co., at Union Stock Yards—the largest establishment of its kind in the world—was burned this morning, the fire originating from some unknown cause, about one this morning, spreading unchecked, as there was but two engines on the ground, and a water supply was wanting. The city engines could not go as the roads were too bad.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—A young man named Marshall, who resided on a farm about three miles from Galt, was at Glenmorris, on Saturday helping to repair a mill-dam, and when returning home at night in some manner lost his way and remained out all Saturday night. He was found on Sunday morning by people coming to church so badly frozen that he died the same evening.

PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Mr. McDermott elected Warden for 1879.

The gentlemen comprising the corporation of the County of Perth, for 1879, met for organization and general business in the Court House on Tuesday afternoon. The roll was called as follows:

Municipality.	*Reeve.*	*Deputy.*
Stratford.....	W Roberts	A W Robb. Jno Gibson, D Scrimgour.
N Easthope...	Jas Trow	J McMillan.
S Easthope...	J Schæfer	
Mitchell.....	Jas Sills	T McDonald.
Blanshard....	A M Driver	J Sanderson.
Downie.....	J Brunner	J Fairless.
Elma.....	R L Alexander	Samuel Roe.
Mornington..	V Kertcher	James Kines.
Wallace.....	J McDermott	J Willoughby.
Logan.....	Tom Coveney	P Siebert.
Fullarton....	G Leversage	R Francis.
Listowel.....	T E Hay	J A Hacking.
Ellice.....	J Bennoch	Henry Vogt.
Hibbert.....	R Gardiner	John Burns.

THE WARDENSHIP.

The clerk, Mr. Davidson, said that the first duty devolving upon the members, was the election of one of their number as Warden, to preside over their deliberations during the year.

James Trow, M P, was nominated by J McMillan, seconded by R Gardiner.

John McDermott was nominated by G Leversage, seconded by R L Alexander.

Robt Gardiner was nominated by Jas Trow, seconded by John Burns.

V Kerther was nominated by J Bennoch, seconded by J Brunner.

The first vote between the four candidates resulted as follows:

FIRST VOTE.

For Trow—Shæfer, McMillan, Gardiner, Sills—4.

Gardiner—Trow, Burns, Gibson, McDonald.

McDermott—Francis, Leversage, Kertcher, Kines, Fairless, Robb, Scrimgour, Roberts, Alexander, Roe, Sibert, Coveney, Sanderson, Driver, Willoughby—15.

Kertcher—Hay, Bennoch, Vogt, Brunner, McDermott—5.

SECOND VOTE.

Kertcher—Trow, McMillan, Gardiner, Hay, Bennoch, Vogt, Brunner, McDonald, Sills, McDermott—10.

McDermott—Schæfer, Burns, Francis, Leversage, Kertcher, Kines, Fairless, Robb, Scrimgour, Gibson, Roberts, Alexander, Roe, Siebert, Coveney, Sanderson, Driver, Willoughby—18.

THIRD VOTE.

Gardiner—Trow, Schæfer, McMillan, Burns, Fairless, Gibson, Hay, Bennoch, McDonald, Sills—10.

McDermott—Francis, Leversage, Kertcher, Kines, Robb, Scrimgour, Roberts, Alexander, Roe, Siebert, Vogt, Coveney, Brunner, Sanderson, Driver, Willoughby—16.

FOURTH VOTE.

Trow—Schæfer, McMillan, Gardiner, Hay, Bennoch, McDonald, Sills, McDermott—8.

McDermott—Trow, Burns, Francis, Leversage, Kertcher, Kines, Fairless, Robb, Scrimgeour, Gibson, Roberts, Alexander, Roe, Siebert, Coveney, Vogt, Brunner, Sanderson, Driver, Willoughby—20.

Mr McDormott then took his seat as Warden, and in a neat speech thanked the council for the honor they had conferred upon him. It would be his earnest endeavor to fulfil the duties of the office in a fair and impartial manner.

Applications were read from A Burnham and Thos Clark for auditor, and from David Scott, for County Clerk.

THE CLERKSHIP.

James Trow moved, seconded by T McDonald, that Wm Davidson be county Clerk—carried.

GAOL SURGEONSHIP.

James Trow moved, seconded by Jas. Sills, that Dr. Shaver be appointed Goal Surgeon.

T Coveney moved, seconded by James Kines, that Dr W T Roe be Goal Surgeon.

Mr Trow was against discharging an old and tried official. Dr Shaver had filled the position satisfactorily, and he was not in favor of any change.

For Shaver—Trow, Scheever, McMillan, Gardiner, Francis, Leversage, Kertcher, Gibson, Bennoch, Sanderson, Driver, McDonald, Sills, Hay—14.

For Roe—Burns, Kines, Fairless, Robb, Scrimgeour, Roberts, Alexander, Roe, Siebert, Coveney, Vogt, Brunner, Willoughby—13.

COUNTY TREASURER.

On motion of James Trow, seconded by J Schæfer, Andrew Montoith was reappointed County Treasurer.

AUDITORS.

On motion, the names of Messrs Burnham, Scott and Johnson were proposed for Auditor. The vote stood, Burnham, 9; Scott, 14; Johnson, 4. Mr. Scott elected.

The Warden appointed A Burnham the other Auditor.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Messrs Trow, Sills, Leversage, Kertcher, and Roberts were appointed a committee to strike standing committees for the year.

SERGEANT-AT ARMS.

W A Higgs was re-appointed messenger for the Council.

SCHOOL EXAMINERS.

Rev Messrs Bell, Patterson and Croiy were re-appointed public school examiners for teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Robert Cleland was re-appointed High School Trustee for District No. 3, by a vote of 13 to 15, over George Draper. Thos Stoney was re-appointed Trustee for District No. 1.

TROWBRIDGE.

TEA-MEETING.—On Wednesday evening, 6th February, a tea-meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church at this place. Addresses are expected from clergymen and others. An efficient choir will provide entertaining music. As the funds are to be devoted to the laudable object of liquidating the church debt, no doubt this pleasant way of raising the needful will be heartily appreciated by all in the neighborhood. Tea will be served at 7 o'clock.

EDWARDSVILLE.

Although the snow is deep and the roads bad, we notice that Edwards Bros. & Co. are getting in a good stock of logs. They intend starting to saw in a few days.

Barnett Bros. are doing a very good business with their sawing machine. The machine is an excellent one. It was built at the Listowel foundry.

We understand that Mr. D. Martin intends erecting a large brick house next summer.

Mr. G. Porteous has taken the blacksmith shop for a term, Mr. McGuffin retiring from the business. Strength to his elbow, say we.—COX.

DONEGAL.

OBIT.—It is our painful duty to have to report the death of Mr. Wm. Shatford, who died at his residence on Saturday night, after but a few days illness. Mr. Shatford has been for many years a resident of this township, and during that time made a host of friends, who will regret to hear of his sudden death. Deceased leaves a wife and large family to mourn his loss.

Sawlogging, which has been quite lively of late, has been brought to a standstill, owing to the soft state of the weather, which has made it impossible to get into the swamps with teams—COM.

STRATFORD.

The Stratford High School only passed one student at the late intermediate examinations.

Stratford council has decided that no grants be made to the mayor, chairman of board of works, Mechanics' Institute, bands, Dominion Day, cheese markets, &c.,

Stratford Presbytery met on the 21st inst. The report of Home Mission Committee showed that no probationers were assigned to this presbytery for supply. Letters were read from Rev D Gordon, setting forth that his health was not much improved, and requesting further supply of his congregation. Mr. Kay handed in certificate of good and regular standing from the Presbyterian Church of the United States, and application was accordingly made for his reception into the church.

WALLACEVILLE.

DEBATE.—The people of Wallaceville and vicinity have organized a debating club, which meets in the school house every Wednesday evening. Subject for next night: Resolved, that "married life is happier than single." This being a very important question, especially to the unmarried, and as a number of local amateurs are to discuss the advisability of uniting in the holy bonds of matrimony, a good time is anticipated. As there are still a few of our young people on the "war path," the result of next Wednesday night's debate will doubtless enable some to take a decided step.

SINGING SCHOOL.—Mr Lamont, of Wyandott, has started a singing class in Mount Pleasant church. There is a membership of thirty-five. Truly, to the passers by on a Friday evening, the name "Mount Pleasant" would seem appropriate, as the sweet strains of "Do, sol, mi, do," &c., ascend from those who have placed themselves under the instruction of the Professor. Mr. Lamont being a very efficient teacher, no doubt the church music on Sabbath in the future will be greatly aided.—COM.

MORNINGTON.

CARTHAGE.—Farmers in this vicinity who find it necessary to borrow money in order to meet their payments promptly, are directed Mr. Chas. Glenn, a gentleman with whom every one in the neighborhood is acquainted and in whem implicit confidence can be placed. Mr. Glenn is agent for the Hamilton Provident Loan Society, and any amount of the "needful" can be obtained through him on real estate security.

COUNCIL.—The council elect met at Henderson's on Monday, Jan. 20th, when the following gentlemen signed the declaration and qualification: Valentine Kertcher, Reeve; Jas Kines, Deputy Reeve; and W R McCormick, H W Eckert, and Geo Langford, councillors. The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. J Kines moved, and seconded by W R McCormick, that this council grant to Fanny Terrance the sum of $3 per month, and $6 for wood for the year 1879, and that it be paid monthly and that no more be paid this year.—Carried. The Reeve was authorised to issue the following orders, viz:—Fanny Terrance, $6 for wood and $6 for two months allowance, indigent relief; T. Kincade, 75c. repairing scraper; J Kines, $11, opening snow drifts from Millbank to Topping, on N G R; Chas Gropp, $6.80, lumber to pathmasters and half of culvert on Ellice townline; Davis Bros, $13.35 for printing; Hawkins & Kells, for printing; $13.75, Hart & Rawlinson, $4.28, blank forms for election; D Ross, $3, repairs on scrapers; Robert Walker, $8, for ditching and repairing culvert, statute labor money refunded; Charles Barr, $19.32, for grading on Elma townline; Alex McLennan, $1.27, error in assessment roll; J Langford, $15, repairing 4 culverts on sideline 3 and 4; Herman Tauber, $10, to pay election expenses Div No 1; John Riley, $10, Div No 2; Jas Reid, $10, Div No 3; J Watson, $10, Div No 4; J Gibson, $10, Div No 5; P Rothermel, $1.50, attending Rittinger's during sickness; S Crozier, $21.75, work on North Easthope townline; S S No 3, $2.80, balance of rate for 1877; S S No 15, $100, granted by arbitration; J Ritter, $1.55, for tin box and strap for collector; James Grattan, $6, for spreading gravel on 7th line; Jos Aikin, $13, culvert on Elma townline; Jos Francomb, $9.20, for gravel to pathmasters; James Chant, $5, expenses at funeral of the late Chas McKay; J & J Bundscho, $8, for coffin for the late C McKay; Thos Martin, $133, for 429 yards of gravel delivered between Millbank and Millbank station; H McGregor, $21.30, graveling on sideline 3 and 4, con. 8; D Langley, $7, indigent relief; Wm Rutherford, $91.45, for plank and gravel to contractors and pathmasters; James Gratton, $5, for spreading gravel on the 7th line. A letter from the Reeve of Wellesley was laid before the council asking them to pay half of a job on townline. No action, as they had given a grant of $30 to the same job before. Communication from Thomas Martin and David Barr asking the council to pay them $10 each for damages to fall wheat when roads were drifted with snow. No action. A petition to the Lieutenant-Governor and Legislative Assembly of Ontario to grant a subsidy to the S & H Railway from Listowel to the Lake, was laid before the council, when it was moved by J Kines, seconded by G Langford, that the Reeve be authorised to sign and attach the corporate seal to the petition, giving aid to the S & H Railway from Listowel to Wiarton—Carried. W R McCormick moved, seconded by H Kerr, in amendment, that the Reeve be not authorised to sign his name nor fix the corporate seal to the petition now before the council—Lost. J Kines moved, seconded by W R McCormick, that there be no gravel contracts let this year—Carried. A by-law was read a first time for appointing officers and salaries. The council went into committee, J Kines in the chair, when the by-law was read a second time and the blanks filled up. The Reeve again took the chair and the by-law was finally passed appointing John Watson, clerk; Jas Reid, treasurer; Jno Turnbull and W B Freeborn, assessors; Jas Drummond, and Simon Loney, collectors. The Council appointed J. D. Pierson and the Reeve J Gibson, auditors. J Kines moved, seconded by W R McCormick, that this council do now adjourn till the first Monday in March at Henderson's—Carried.

JOHN WATSON, Tp. Clerk.

WALLACE.

The people of S. S. No. 6 Wallace, intend holding a neck-tie social on 14th of February, the proceeds to be applied to the purchase of a library for the S. School. As all are taking a lively interest in it, success is certain.

COUNCIL MEETING—The municipal Council of the township of Wallace met at the Dominion hotel, Gowanstown, on Dec 28th, 1878, pursuant to adjournment. All the members present, the Reeve in the chair. Communications from Bethune, Osler & *Moss*, Toronto, bill of costs *in re* Wallace vs G W R Co, $258.08; Hart & Rawlinson, municipal forms for election, $10.85. The following orders were passed and issued: To Hart & Rawlinson, municipal forms, &c, $10.85; David Wark, stone culvert on gravel road, $12; R G Roberts, clerk's salary for half year, $50; J Stewart, treasurer's salary for half year, $50; selectors of jurors for services in 1878, each, $4; R G Roberts, Clerk's office expenses, $2; J Stewart, postage, stationery, file book, valise, financing, &c, $11; R Stevenson, part payment on culvert, $5; F Hammel, for gravel and damages to crops, $2. A resolution, ordering the payment of $1 per day to the witnesses who attended court *in re* Wallace vs G W R Co, was passed. The coun-billors' pay list for 1878 was also passed, amounting to $327. Complimentary resolutions, conveying the thanks of the Council to the Reeve, and also to the Clerk and Treasurer, were then signed and the Council adjourned *sine die.*

The municipal Council of the township of Wallace met at the Queen's hotel, Gowanstown, on the 20th Jan, 1879, in terms of Statute, and made and subscribed the declarations of office and qualification prescribed by law. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Communications from Wm Thompson, Palmerston, bill of lumber, &c, $12.57; Davis Bros, Mitchell, bill of Rolls, Schedules, &c, $22.50; Adam Hunt, for office of Assessor; Joseph H Craig, do; William J Stewart, do; Robt Wilson, do. Thos Speers moved, seconded by John Willoughby, that R G Roberts be continued in the offices of Clerk and Division Registrar at a salary of $120 per annum—carried. Jno Mills moved, seconded by Thos Speers, that John Stewart, Esq, be appointed Treasurer for the current year at a salary of $100—carried. John Mills moved, seconded by Jno Willoughby, that P Orth, sr, be paid $7.50 for 150 bonds of gravel, and the Reeve issue an order for the same—carried. Thos Speers moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign the petition of the Stratford & Huron Railway Co, asking Government subsidy—carried. John Mills moved, seconded by John Willoughby, that the Returning Officers for the municipal election be paid $7.50, and that $4 be paid for each polling place, and the Reeve issue orders for the same—carried. Thos Speers moved, seconded by Jno Mills, that the account of Wm Thompson, $12.50, for plank for bridges, be paid, and the Reeve issue an order for the same—carried. John Willoughby moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that the Council accept the offer of Conrad George to keep that part of the gravel road from the 3rd con line to the boundary of Listowel in good repair during the remainder of the winter, for the sum of $10—carried. Thos Speers moved, seconded by Jno Mills, that Davis Bros be paid $22.50 for printing Rolls, &c—carried. Wm Ferguson moved, seconded by Jno Mills, that Wm Davidson be paid $12 for keeping the gravel road through the 3rd and fourth cons in good repair during the remainder of the winter—carried. Thos Speers moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that George C Hunt be paid $7 for the use of council chamber, and the Reeve issue an order for the same—carried. Thos Speers moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that J C Henry be paid $2 for use of council chamber, and the Reeve issue an order for the same—carried. Thos Speers moved, seconded by Jno Mills, that the Auditors be paid $12 each, and the Reeve issue orders for the same—carried. John Mills moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that John Stewart be instructed to have the detailed statement of the Treasurer's account and Auditors report published in pamphlet form (200 copies)—carried. John Willoughby moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that Nathaniel Fennell be paid $3 for gravel—carried. John Mills moved, seconded by John Willoughby, that Oramel Smith be paid $3 25 for gravel and damage to growing crop—carried. Thos Speers moved, seconded by John Willoughby, that Henry Adams, Wm Wilson and Peter Warren be paid $30 to keep the gravel road in good repair through the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8 cons, and also the side road between lots 18 and 19th, in the 9th and 10th cons, during the remainder of the winter—carried. John Mills moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that R Turnbull, W Wilson, H Frank, E Anderson, A Murdock, R Love, S Follis and J Willoughby be paid $1 each for shovelling snow on the gravel road—carried. Thos Speers moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that the council appoint Wm Follis Auditor for the current year—carried. Jno Mills moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that R Stevenson be paid $3 for breaking roads with team, and V Welker and R Mitchell ea ive one dollar per day for shovelling snow—carried. Thos Speers moved, seconded by Jno Mills, that John Willoughby be appointed road commissioner for road division No. 1, and the gravel road from Gowanstown to the boundary of Listowel—carried. John Mills moved, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that the Council go into committee of the whole with closed doors to consider applications for the office of Assessor—carried. The committee met and reported in favor of the appointment of Wm Jas Stewart. The Council met. John Mills moved, seconded by John Willoughby, that the report of the committee on the appointment of assessor be adopted—carried. On motion, the Council adjourned to meet again at the Dominion hotel, Gowanstown, on Saturday, the 15th February next.

R. G. ROBERTS, Clerk.

GREY.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Council met at Dame's hotel, Cranbrook, pursuant to Statute, January 20th, 1879. The following gentlemen duly subscribed the declaration of qualification and office, viz: Thos Strachan, Reeve; Sam'l Slemmon, deputy-Reeve; John Hislop, Walter Oliver and Jacob Keffer, councillors. Alex Stewart and Jas Livingstone were appointed Auditors for the current year. Application of Jacob Kranter for the office of assessor at a salary of $75. John Hislop moved, seconded by Jacob Keffer, that Wm Bishop be reappointed assessor for the current year, salary to be the same as last year—carried. Application of Hawkins & Kells for the township printing for the current year. The collector's time for return of the Roll was extended to the 15th prox. Application of Alex Stewart to have lot 21, con 5, added to S S No. 11. Application of L McNeil, to be added to S S No. 7, Trustees of sections interested to be notified to attend at next meeting of council. Petition of Archy O McDonald and others, praying for remission of taxes of Watling family, they being orphans and indigent—prayer of petition granted. John Smalldon applied for compensation for injuries received by his wife in being thrown out of a wagon, through alleged bad repair of road at sideline 3, at R R crossing. Messrs Slemmon and Keffer were instructed to investigate the circumstances of said accident, and report at next meeting of council. Widow Roland was granted $10 charity. Dog tax was refunded to Samuel Loughead, A McLean, John McDougall and A Simpson. The following accounts were passed: H Scott, work on boundary G. and W., $4; Trustees S S 10, 11, 2 and 4, paid $3 on each for use of school house at election; Wm Dames, for use of hall at election, $3; Returning officers paid $4 each for services at election; Peter McDonald, serving ballots, &c., $4; Caleb Whitling, serving ballots, &c., $6; A Stewart, gravel, $2.80; John Cardiff, two stone hammers, $1.50; A Hunter, telegraph and express re ballot boxes, 75c; A McNair, Bank charges re drafts, $4.65; Robt McAllister, lumber for roads, $23.79. On motion, the council adjourned to meet again at Tuck's hotel, Cranbrook, on the 15th prox.

A. HUNTER, Clerk.

ELMA.

COUNCIL—The municipal Council of the township of Elma met at Newry on Saturday, 18th January, for the purpose of winding up the business of the year 1878. All the members present. The minutes of last meeting read and adopted. A petition was laid on the table signed by a number of the ratepayers, praying for the remission of the taxes of Messrs Hill & Bowes' grist mill; prayer not granted. The following orders were issued on the Treasury, viz: To R L Alexander, Reeve, $67.00, for 12 days council meetings, 7 days on gravel road, 4 days on roads in ward No. 4, 7 days in ward No. 2, 1 day equalizing rate U S sections, 1 day procuring goods for Gamble and delivering same, 1 day drafting by-law; S Roe, deputy-Reeve, $35, for 12 days council meetings, 34 days on roads; J G Alexander, $38, for 12 days council meetings, 7 days on roads; Wm Lochead, $33, for 12 days council meetings, 7 days on roads; Chas McKenzie, $34, for 12 days council meetings, 10 days on roads; T Fullarton, clerk, $38, balance of salary, registering births, deaths and marriages, 1 day drafting by-law; Moses Harvey, Treasurer, $110, salary, and 62c telegraphing and bill stamps for notes discounted; To J Morrison, $3, for use of shop as nomination; Returning officers, $8 each; polling places, $1.50 each, except Abraham's house, $3; W Fytler, $5 on taxes remitted; R L Alexander, postage (supplied to clerk,) $5.04, and telegraphing; W Henry, 10.40, for gravel; J Terry, $1.25, for repairing scraper; J Howitt, $1.50, A Scott, $2.50, A Hallamo, $2, A Lochead, $2, J Montgomery, $5, John Stewart, $2.75, for shovelling snow on gravel road; T Fullarton, preparing voters lists, preparing and delivering election papers, $6; Hart & Rawlinson, $1.37, for election papers; E Cleaver, $16.92, back taxes charged by mistake; H Dunn, taxes refunded, $2.41. The Council then adjourned *sine die.*

THOS. FULLARTON, Clerk.

The Council elect for the township of Elma met at Newry on Monday, 20th day of January, according to Statute. R L Alexander, Reeve; S Roe, deputy-Reeve; and J G Alexander, Wm Lochead and Charles McKenzie, councillors. The declaration having been subscribed, the chair was taken by the Reeve and the council duly organized. An application was read from S J Kelliar for the office of assessor at a salary of $50. The following officers were appointed, viz: T Fullarton, Clerk, salary $125; J Harvey, Treasurer, salary $110; T J Knox, Assessor, salary $80; A Gordon and J Irwin Auditors, salary $3 each. The clerk was instructed to notify the trustees of S S Nos. 7 and 8 that a by-law will be introduced next meeting to detach lot 14, in 8th con., from S S No. 7, and annex to S S No. 8; also to purchase a suitable corporate seal. The taxes of G T Beamish were remitted, and an order of $3.60 given to Mrs Beamish to assist her in having her husband conveyed to the Asylum. The council then adjourned to meet when called by the Reeve.

THOS. FULLARTON, Clerk.

STORING ICE.

As the ice harvest is now upon us, and as every one would gladly be supplied with this luxury, or rather necessity, in summer, we give a few simple directions for building a cheap and adequate building for a family supply. Take 1,000 feet of rough pine boards, twelve feet long, and eight chestnut posts, nine feet long, also five pieces 2x4 spruce, 12 feet long. Set the posts in the ground so as to enclose a square space 12 feet by 12. Cut off the tops level and square seven feet from the ground. Nail on four of the 2x4 peices for plates, nailing on the boards inside the posts, leaving one space open where the ice is put in. Use the remaining 2x4 piece for a ridge-pole and nail on boards for roofing with battens. A ventilating hole six inches in diameter should be made in each gable.

Before packing the ice, provide about five cords of sawdust or tan-bark; or, if these are not conveniently obtained, then cut-straw or bog-hay will answer, if cut about one inch long. If the location is not well-drained, then drain it. Pack a foot of dry litter or straw well beaten down on the ground before storing the ice. Then place the blocks of ice fifteen inches from the walls of the building, and fill in between the blocks with snow or chips of ice, and around them to the wall with the cut straw or sawdust, covering up the packing material with the ice until it is full. Then cover over the top of the whole with eighteen inches of chaff and tread it down well. If this is watched every week, and the packing carefully crammed down around the ice and renewed, if necessary, it will keep well all summer. But if neglected will melt away very rapidly; for when the ice settles in melting it will leave cracks in the packing, which will admit warm air, and if not filled immediately will cause waste of ice.

If this building can be placed in the shade of a tree, near the back door, it will be better, as the heat of the sun will not strike the boards; or the whole may be covered from view by some quick-growing climbing vine for a similar reason.

Where milk is handled in quantity ice has come to be much used; and it is great economy to be able to buy meat at wholesale and keep it for a week fresh, as may be easily done with a good store of ice. The above, described ice-house will hold about 500 cubic feet of ice, or full two cubic feet a day for the warm season, after making liberal allowance for waste. If there is at hand an ice company, that makes a business of cutting ice, it will be found very convenient to buy enough to fill the house of them while they are cutting. They are generally willing to sell it at the pond for about a dollar a cord, which is much less than the cost of cutting it by hand.—*American Cultivator.*

The report that Sitting Bull has crossed the Canadian line and is in United States territory is confirmed.

At a meeting of the House of Bishops, at Montreal, Tuesday, the Bishop of Fredericton was elected Metropolitan Bishop of Canada.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Brussels boasts of a population of 1,490.

Five cent entertainments are all the go in Drayton.

S. Armstrong, of Moorefield, has sold out to S. Rowell, of Toronto.

The population of Mitchell is now 2,716, an increase of 150 over last year.

Berlin Town Council does its business in German, there being no English member in it.

Stewart's body has not yet been recovered, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

On Wednesday, Trinity college, Dublin, conferred the honorary degree of L. L. D. on Earl Dufferin.

Constable Grey, of Mitchell, was fined $100 by the Stratford P. M. for letting a prisoner named Keefe escape from custody.

Only about nine thousand names out of thirty thousand ratepayers of Montreal appear on the voters' list this year, the remainder having failed to pay their taxes before the 1st of January.

ENOCH ARDEN.—John McArthur, of Middlesex, returned home recently after an absence of thirty years. His wife had sold the farm and married again, but McArthur brought a suit and recovered possession of the farm. We don't know who gets the wife.

The clause of the definitive treaty stipulating that the Russians shall evacuate Turkey within thirty five days of the signature of the treaty has been agreed to by the Russian and Turkish Governments, thus removing a difficulty that at one time were a threatening aspect.

The West Wellington agr'l society's officers for 1879 are:—President, Jas. Gibson, Peel; vice; J. Landerkin; 2nd do., Mr. McCowell; auditors, Dr. Harvey and James Cress; directors, Messrs. E. Fulten, John Prain, James Moore, Robert Scott, A Parks, R. McKim, Robert Gordon, S Smith and W. Clark.

Several shoddy peddlers are going through farmers in Huron County. It seems to be of no use warning them; they will buy. Some of the farmers' $100 notes have been sold in town for $50, showing what value the farmers get when they buy from such fellows. They should all give them a wide berth.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.—A Reuter's telegram from