

Huron Signal.

GODERIE, JAN. 4, 1865.

The Retirement of Mr. Brown.

We think that when the truth is known about the retirement of the Hon. George Brown, which, by the way, has been finally accepted, it will be seen that a variety of causes led him to seek a discollocation of the which found him in a Coalition in which his party was inadequately represented. While we admired the spirit of patriotism which prompted Mr. Brown to throw aside party feeling for the purpose of assisting his whilom opponents in what he no doubt considered a sincere attempt to devise and carry out a scheme for the promotion of British American interests and the removal of a source of difficulties which so long surrounded legislation in Canada, we feared that the day would come when he would regret the step. It was well known that the reform party was powerful when the Coalition was formed—that by a determined effort it could, through its representatives, bring on a Ministerial crisis at almost any moment, and yet Mr. Brown entered the re-constructed cabinet with but two party associates, thus rendering himself liable to be left almost alone in case of difference from his fellow-ministers. Although the West felt that it had a firm friend in Mr. Brown, it felt that he was treading upon dangerous ground, and subsequent events have justified the apprehensions. The Globe was grieved most thoroughly—never even sounding a note of dissent—trumpet tones while constitutions were being wrested from the party—and it is useless to deny that a large number of reformers have become alienated from the great agitator who formerly led them in his career. The rejoicing of a certain section of the press over this retirement is very ill-timed and unparliamentary. Such a change can never lead to a stable government, and we repeat what we said at the formation of the Coalition, that it would be a great blessing if Canada were spared the turmoil and excitement which in past years rent our country into bitter parties, hostile alike to all good feeling in the community and detrimental to the country at large.

The Vacancy Filled.

We are pleased to see the announcement that Hon. Ferguson Blair has accepted the vacant seat in the Cabinet, and that there is to be no change in the policy of the government regarding Confederation. The new Minister is a man of upright and integrity and we believe no appointment could have been made better calculated to inspire public confidence in the stability of the government. Little as we like Coalitions in the abstract, we think present exigencies would not warrant a return to bitter party warfare, and we sincerely trust the machinery of government will move on quietly but firmly until the great problems before the country have been satisfactorily solved.

The License Inspector.

The License Inspector reported that he had collected on licenses during the year the sum of \$875, being a decrease of \$21 compared with last year. The following details may be interesting:

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Town Council.

The Council met on Friday evening last. Present—His Worship the Mayor, Messrs. Gibbons, McKay, Booth, Runciman, Cameron, Longworth, Hays, Clifford and Horton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Finance and Market Committees.

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The Municipal Elections.

The elections for Councillors for Goderich for the year 1866 commenced yesterday, New Year's day. Considering that it was a holiday, and that a great many people claim a certain degree of license on such occasions, everything passed off in a remarkably quiet manner. The people of the "noble ward of St. Patrick" made a vigorous effort to get up some fun by nominating Mr. Sinclair as well as the other councillors, but that gentleman declined running, and the old standards went in as usual. A good deal of amusement was created by the nomination of candidates in St. David's, who were Messrs. Gibbons, Kay, Gardner, Clifford and Wallace. Quite a number of speeches were let off by candidates and voters, some of them very humorous. Very soon after the polling commenced Mr. Wallace retired, leaving the field to the remaining four. In St. Andrew's, Messrs. Longworth, W. Lawson, W. T. Cox, Wm. Kay and G. Parsons were nominated. Mr. Longworth, as usual, had a lot of papers with him, from which he gave a decidedly misty statement of so-called facts and figures, the conclusion being that we ought to separate from the County immediately, if not sooner—desiring to prove that such a policy was justified in the extreme, and had the satisfaction of knowing that the voice of the taxpayers present was with them. The opinion expressed by nearly all was, that it would be best for the town, and for the gentleman himself, to elect Mr. Longworth to stay at home. In St. George's ward they had considerable excitement. The candidates nominated were Messrs. J. C. Mcintosh, D. McKay, J. S. Seegmiller, W. G. Smith and W. M. Savage. Mcintosh took the lead, closely followed

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We notice with feelings of pride that Masters George Watson and Oliver Van Every, sons of respected townsmen, were particularly fortunate in carrying off the honors of the London Collegiate Institution. The report of the Christian Examiner shows that Master Watson received very honorable mention in general classes, 1st prize for general subjects, 1st prize in German, 1st in French and 1st for Essay. It is remarkable how closely Master Van Every stands beside his companion all through. He received honorable mention in Classics, 2d prize in general subjects, 1st in 6th form of Mathematics, 3rd in German, 3rd in French, and 2d for Essay. We trust the future career of these may be as prosperous as their present hopes are bright.

Examination of School Teachers.

The Examination of School Teachers before the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Huron, took place in the Court Room on Wednesday and Thursday last. Some ten or twelve of those applying were picked. The following is a classified list of those obtaining certificates:

FIRST CLASS.

F. Humphreys, during pleasure, Wm. R. Brown, do, David Hamilton, do, Richard Hicks, 1 year, Chas. Stewart, during pleasure, Wm. Atkins, do, Nesbit Wall, 1 year, Richard Kerfoot, do, Elizabeth Hadden, 1 year, Elizabeth Kenyon, do, Matilda Frasier, do, Jane Erratt, do, Samuel Smiley, during pleasure, Julia Lyster, 1 year, Elizabeth Mitchell, do, Anne McLennan, do, Susan E. Dixon, 1 year, Dugald Strachan, during pleasure.

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