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FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1881.

THE AMENDMENT DEFEATED

As was to be expected from the mechanical majority in the House of Commons, Hon. Edward Blake's amendment was defeated on a vote of 140 to 54. We see no victory in the result to the Government. By voting against the amendment, and against the best interests of the Dominion, many of the members who sit to the right of the Speaker have sealed their political doom. The Cabinet has found the House with it, but the country is dead against them on this railway matter. A few hours before the vote was taken the *Globe* correspondent at Ottawa telegraphed as follows: "It is not likely that on the defeat of the amendment, which is a foregone conclusion, the House will immediately concur in the resolutions, but a series of amendments will be offered with a view of securing the elimination of specific objectionable features in the contract, such as the exemption from municipal taxation, customs duties, etc., and the selection of the Union Pacific Railway as a standard for the Canadian Pacific Railway. The discussion of these amendments and the votes thereon will occupy a week, if not longer. The debate will be confined on each amendment to the subject specially covered by it."

THE exports of Canadian produce during the month of December, 1880, amounted to $3,650,419, a decrease of $838,966, as compared with those in December, 1879.

IT is the opinion of nearly every Reformer that Geo. R. Pattullo is making a grave error in endeavoring to unseat and disqualify Sutherland, the successful candidate in the recent political contest in North Oxford. We expected something better from Pattullo.

THE Clinton *New Era* was awarded the County printing for 1881, at a starvation price. The next time Brother Holmes groans about hard times he can blame himself for having a finger in the pie. There were seven tenders for the work, and it isn't necessary to state that every tender was a foolishly low one. The only difference was in degree, and Brother Holmes bore off the palm.

And now it appears that John Joseph Hawkins, the silver-toned political orator and election flipper-flopper, has at last got his gruel. He has been appointed Census Commissioner by the Dominion Government—a well-paid office, likely to continue in existence for at least three years. Mr. Josiah Blackburn, of the London *Free Press*, has also sacrificed himself in the public interest, and will feed at the same crib with Johnnie. The noble band of martyrs is swelling fast.

The severity of the winter is being felt in England. The cold has not been so intense for many years. In Pall Mall and Piccadilly there are embankments of snow five feet high; in the country districts the roads are actually on a level with the hedges, while there are drifts fully fifteen feet deep in many places. The Thames, above the bridges, is frozen over, and thousands of skaters are enjoying themselves upon its icy surface. In the poorer parts of London scarcely any drinking water is procurable. Nothing like the present weather has been known since the great frost of 1814, when bullocks were roasted on the ice in the completely frozen-over Thames, London ran short of coals, and the Solway was frozen over.

THE Brussels *Post* says that, "if it is not mistaken," the editor of this paper took an active part about a year ago in endeavoring to further a salt well scheme in Brussels. Somebody has been "stuffing" our contemporary. The editor of this paper never tried to further such a scheme. One of the editors spoke at a salt meeting in Brussels, and said that there were two questions that arose: (1.) Would salt be found? (2.) If found, would it pay to work a salt well in Brussels? An article appeared in the *Post*, (written by the present editor of THE SIGNAL), saying that no man who owed another man money should subscribe to a scheme to sink a salt well, and men should only give what they could afford to lose. We thought then, as now, that the scheme was a "wild cat" one.

HURON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Election of the Warden.—The Selection of Standing Committees, &c., &c.

Goderich, Jan. 2[illegible]

The Council met to-day p[illegible] statute, the Clerk in th[illegible] pursuant to following gentlemen [illegible] chair. The from their respe[illegible]sented certificates having been [illegible]tive municipalities of Reeves fo[illegible]lected Reeves and Deputy-Re[illegible] the current year, viz:—[illegible] Webster, Joseph Griffin, Ashfield; John Esson, Bayfield; Wm. Clegg, Bl[illegible]h; F. C. Rogers, Brussels; Joseph Chidley, Wm. Sheppard, Clinton; Wm. Young, A. Allen, Colborne, L. Hardy, Exeter; F. W. Johnston, W. Campbell, M. Hutchison, Goderich; T. Strachan, J. Hislop, Grey; G. Elliott, Joseph Whitely, Goderich township; Dr. Buchanan, S. Rennie, Hay; John Kaine, B. S. Cook, D. Weir, Howick; John McMillan, John Mason, Hullett; Thos. E. Hays, W. Evans, McKillop; Geo. Forsyth, John R. Millet, Morris; D. D. Wilson, James Beattie, Seaforth; Wm. Graham, Geo. Castle, Stanley; S. Hogarth, V. Ratz, Stephen; D. Walker, John Hannah, Tuckersmith; S. Black, James Hennings, Turnberry; Thos. M. Kay, Jonathan Shier, Usborne; Thos. H. Taylor, Robt. Currie, E. Wawanosh; Chas Girvin, E. Gaunt, W. Wawanosh; Thos. Bell, H. W. C. Meyer, Wingham; A. L. Gibson, Wroxeter.

The Clerk then requested the Council to elect their Warden.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Clegg, that John Kaine, Esq., Reeve of the township of Howick, be Warden for the current year.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Girvin, that A. L. Gibson, Esq., Reeve of Wroxeter, be Warden for the current year.

Upon a ballot being taken Mr. Kaine was declared elected Warden of the County of Huron for 1881, by a vote of 24 to 22.

The Warden, having taken the chair, thanked the Council for the honor they had conferred upon him, and subscribed to the declaration of office.

The minutes of last day of Dec. meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Hardy that a selecting committee of five be now ballotted for to select the standing committee for the year. Carried.

Opon a ballot being taken the committee was declared to consist of Messrs Hardy, Webster, Bell, Hays and Elliott.

Moved by Mr. Castle seconded by Mr. McMillan, that this Council do now adjourn to meet to-morrow at 3 o'clock p. m. Carried.

Jan 26.

The Council met pursuant to adjournmen. The Warden in the chair. All the members present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the Council of Elgin, in reference to conveying prisoners to the penitentiary, was read and referred to the Gaol and Court House Committee.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconed by Mr. Hays, that W. N. Watson Esq., of Seaforth, be appointed auditor for the current year.

The Warden appointed Archibald Dickson, Esq., the other auditor.

Moved by Mr. Chidley, seconded by Mr. Hardy, that Messrs Malloch, of Clinton and Gregory, of Exeter, be appointed on the Board of Examiners for the examination of school teachers for the current year. Carried.

A petition was read from the County Council of Welland, requesting the corporation of the County Council of Huron to obtain certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Weir, that the memorial of the County Council of Welland, asking the Legislature to abolish the Statute permitting municipalities to establish market fees, be received and filed.

Moved by Mr. Hannah, seconded by Mr. Black, in amendment, that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the petition of County Council of Welland for the purpose of abolishing the powers of cities, towns and villages to impose market fees on farm and garden produce. Lost on a division by a majority of five.

A communication from Mr. Sheppard, secretary of the Mechanics' Institute, was read.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the Clerk be authorized on behalf of this Council to convey their thanks to the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute in Goderich, for their kindness in offering them the use of their library and reading room while in session here—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Cooke, that the municipalities of Hay, Stanley, Hullett, Howick, and any others that may need handcuffs be supplied with a pair each, and that the Clerk be instructed to procure twelve pairs for that purpose—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Griffin that resolution No 20 of last December meeting betemporarily rescinded, so as to allow Mr. Hawkins the use of the spile driver free, by returning the same in as good condition as he got it.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Hays, that the clerk correspond with the clerk of Middlesex to know if it is the intention of that council to let the contract of the Sauble Bridge on the boundary between Stephen and McGillivray on Thursday next, and if not, why and when. Carried.

A communication from Lieut-Col Otter, requesting a grant to the Ontario Rifle Association, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Weir, that the road commissioners of the County be authorized to inspect, and if necessary build the bridge on the boundary line between Howick and the township of Carrick, providing the County of Bruce, or the township of Carrick pay one-half of the expense. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

A letter from the County Clerk of Lambton, in reference to the repairs ordered at last December meeting to Grand Bend Bridge, was read and ordered to be filed.

A letter from the County Treasurer with abstract statement of accounts, non-resident monies collected, &c., was read and referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that resolution No. 50 of June minutes of [illegible] 1876, be rescinded as an amendm[illegible] 43rd Vi[illegible]nt to the municipal law, the [illegible], cap. 24, section 28, makes it [illegible]uty of municipalities owning bridges to maintain 100 feet of approaches at each end of such bridge—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Chidley, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the grant of $100 made to each of the Clinton and Goderich Model Schools, for the year 1880, be paid.—Carried.

The report of the Selecting Committee was read and ordered to be laid on the table until 10 o'clock a.m., to-morrow.

Moved by Mr. Whitely, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that this Council do now adjourn, to meet to-morrow, at 10 o'clock a.m.—Carried.

Jan. 27th.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, all the members present, the Warden in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

A memorial from the County Council of Northumberland and Durham, in reference to the Board of Audit was read and referred to the School and Printing committee.

REPORT OF SELECTING COMMITTEE.

The selecting committee was composed of Messrs Hays, Hardy, Elliott, Webster and Bell, and reported as follows:—

Your committee recommend that the several committees be constituted as follows:

EQUALIZATION.—Messrs Johnston, Gibson, Bell, Hogarth, Buchanan, Taylor, Hays, Young, Webster, Hardy, Elliott, Hannah, and Strachan.

FINANCE.—Messrs Wilson, Clegg, Chidley, Currie, Cook, Eson, Hannah, Buchanan, Campbell, Rogers, McMillan, Black, Kay, Meyers, Gibson, Girvin, Whitely, Hutchison, Evans, Ratz, Sheppard, Allen, and Miller.

ROAD AND BRIDGE.—Messrs Elliott, Chidley, Rennie, Castle, Kay, McMillan, Weir, Young, Currie, Bell, Hennings, Strachan, Hogarth, Griffin, Forsyth and Grant.

SCHOOL AND PRINTING.—Messrs. Beattie, Clegg, Rogers, Campbell, Hislop, Mason, Walker, Shier, Gaunt, Griffin, Graham, Hays, Cook, Miller, Sheppard, Whitely, Meyers, Castle and Taylor.

GAOL AND COURT HOUSE.—Messrs. Webster, Essor, Rogers, Hutchinson, Ratz, Hislop, Rennie, Evans, Weir, Mason, Forsyth, Graham, Walker, Black, Shier, Johnston and Meyer.

SALARIES.—Messrs. Bell, McMillan, Clegg, Beattie, Hennings, Wilson, Whitely, Allen, Hardy and Girvin.

WARDEN'S COMMITTEE.—Messrs. Hays, Girvin, Young, Elliott, Gibson, Hardy and Chidley.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. E. HAYS, Chairman.

The report of Mr. Menzies, Road and Bridge Commissioner, was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, that Nicholas Robson, A. Armitage and Rev. Dr. Ure be appointed High School Trustees for their respective schools—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Girvin, that the sum of $3,000 be raised by this Council for the improvement of the boundary lines of the respective municipalities, the said sum to be expended on the same principle as heretofore.—Referred.

Moved by Mr. Castle, seconded by Mr. Webster, that Messrs. Gibson, Hardy and Girvin be appointed Road Commissioners, and that Mr. Sheppard be appointed in place of Mr. Menzies to assist the Reeves of the various municipalities in the County when called by any of the Reeves in letting the building or repairing of the County bridges; and that the Reeves of such municipalities request the assistance of the Commissioners nearest the said bridge, with power, if necessary, to have the assistance of an engineer—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Castle, that a by-law be passed, confirming By-law No. 3, of the township of Stanley, for the disposal of road allowance between lots 25 and 26 on the 5th con., to Valentine Diehl, for the sum of $30, containing two acres, be the same more or less—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Clegg, that the clerk be instructed to procure six desks similar to those now in use for this Council. Carried.

Seven tenders for the County printing were referred to the School and Printing Committee.

Seven tenders for lowering the ceiling of the Court Room were referred to the Gaol and Court House Committee.

Three tenders for Summerhill Bridge were referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

A number of accounts were referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Taylor that the usual grant of $100 be given to each of the Riding agricultural societies in the County, to be by them distributed as the Government grant now is among the usual branch societies within the said riding. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. McMillan, that this Council do now adjourn to meet again at 4 o'clock.

Brussels.

Brussels Curling Club played a friendly game with the Listowel Club in the Rink of the latter on Friday last, resulting in 17 shots in favor of Brussels. The return match will take place of an early date.

Prof Cecil, the prince of mediums, gave an entertainment in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening to a large and respectable audience. The feats performed were truly astonishing to the uniniated and all went away, apparently satisfied at having received value for their money.

A magic lantern entertainment under the auspices of St John's S. School, took place in the Town Hall, Tuesday evening. Although there was a large turn out we have not as yet learned the amount realized.

On Saturday night the roof of Vanstone's Saw Mill gave away from the heavy weight of snow. Many other roofs have escaped a similar fate by the timely use of a snow shovel.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—327,372 aliens arrived at this port last year, 186,611 more than the preceding year. 104,000 from Germany, 66,000 from Ireland, 35,000 from Sweden, 33,000 from England, the remainder from other countries.

Seaforth.

On the 22nd inst., Mr. O. C. Wilson met with a very narrow escape from the falling in of the roof of his agricultural warehouse, from the weight of snow on the roof. Mr. Wilson was buried in the *debris*, his head having been caught between two beams. He was not over two minutes in this precarious situation, when a crowd of able men lifted the roof off the prostrate man, and relieved the pressure on his head, which he could not have borne much longer. His injuries were attended to and he is now doing well.

Paramount.

PERSONAL.—Mr. and Mrs Samuel Anderson, from Nebraska, are visiting their friends in this vicinity.

MUSICAL.—Mr. J. W. Ward, has organized a singing school here, and a large number of the young people are taking advantage of the opportunity to improve themselves in music.

WEDDING.—One of those interesting events took place on Thursday last at the reidence of the bride's father, when Mr. Donald McLean, of Lucknow, was married to Miss Lena Mackenzie. A large number of friends and relatives were present at the ceremony, after which all sat down to an excellent supper. When ample justice had been done to the good things of the house, dancing commenced, which was kept up to a late hour, music being furnished by three fiddlers and two pipers.

TEACHER'S MEETING.—The fifth meeting of the teachers in the vicinity of Paramount, was held in the school-house on Saturday last. As the day was stormy, the attendance was not so large as usual. Mr. E. A. Mackenzie being called to the chair, after the usual routine business called on Mr. R. Barbour, who explained his method of teaching "History" This subject brought out the opinions of most of those present and some very good ideas were advanced. Mr. R. D. Cameron, then took up "Greatest Common Measure and Least Common Multiple," after which a general discussion took place on "Local Geography to a second class" which was introduced by Mr. J. D. Murray. A reading entitled "Lochiel's Warning" was well rendered by Mr. Jas. M. McDonald. The critic's report—a report of the errors in grammar and pronunciation of words made during the meeting—was then read, and was both amusing and instructive. The The following is the programme for the next meeting, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19th, "Methods of Teaching Analysis," "Reduction" "Factoring in Algebra," and "How to Secure Order in School.

Colborne.

ACCIDENT.—Last week, on Monday morning, Mr. Lochert of the Maitland concession, while engaged in chopping wood on the farm of Mr. Wm. Wade, cut his foot very badly. The axe glanced to one side, and struck his foot just inside the instep, making an ugly wound about two inches and a half long, and one inch deep. He is improving slowly.

The light spoken of in last week's issue of the *Record*, and which takes place back of McGregor's farm, on the 6th concession of Goderich Township, can be distinctly seen from some parts of Colborne. It is supposed to be some gaseous eruption, but why it appears every other night is a mystery. A few years ago in the County of Waterloo, Ont., such gaseous eruptions were quite frequently disturbing the rest of a few nervous parties who resided there. On a close examination in the day time nothing, absolutely nothing, could be discovered. In some instances the gas would take wings as it were, and fly for ¼ and ½ mile, resembling all sorts of things and frightening hundreds. We suppose that the one spoken of above is something similar. Some one else give us their opinion on this subject.—[COM.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The members elect for the Township of Colborne met in the Township Hall, on Monday, 17th January. The following gentlemen subscribed the declaration of qualification and office:—Wm. Young, Reeve, Anthony Allan, Deputy Reeve, Patrick Carroll, Archibald Malloy, Joseph Beck Councillors. The Council then organized, the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting of old Council read and confirmed. Moved by P. Carroll, seconded by J. Beck, that the Council do now adjourn for one hour—Carried.

The members having again taken their seats, it was moved by P. Carroll, seconded by A. Allen, that Raby Williams be auditor on behalf of the Council—Carried. The Reeve appointed Donald McMurchie as the other auditor. There were several appilcants for the office of assessor, over which a dead-lock occured, as Mr. Carroll proposed J. O. Stewart, Mr. Beck, A. Sands, Mr. Malloy, T. Gledhill, and Mr. Allen, Geo. McKee. Seeing that no conclusion could be arrived at by this course, Mr. Beck decided to support Mr. Allen, and accordingly seconded his motion. Mr. Carroll then moved in amendment, seconded by the Reeve, that J. O. Stewart be assessor, on these being severally put, Mr. Malloy voted with the motion which was accordingly carried. It was moved and seconded, that the assessor's salary be not paid until the collector's roll be made out—Carried. Account of S. Caldwell, for gravel left over at last meeting was taken up. The clerk was instructed to interview Mr. Caldwell relative to the matter, as the Council consider 25c per load an exorbitant price. Account of J. McWhiney for plank $4.98, to be paid. Account of Rowell & Hutchison, for blank form, to be paid, $6.46. The clerk was instructed to notify the trustees of the different school sections to collect all the library books belonging to their respective sections on or before 1st February, as Mr. Robertson has been instructed to exchange them. A by-law confirming the appointment of the assessor, was ordered to be drawn up. Mr. Beck was requested to interview Mrs. Sinclair, and to inform her that the Council is determined to stop giving weekly allowances as charity, and to offer her a small sum to leave the township. The Council then adjourned.

The Bidduiph trial is proceeding at London.

Holmesville.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The quarterly meeting will be held in Methodist church next Sunday at 10.30 a. m.

PERSONAL.—Miss F. Hunter left for the home of her parents, near Belgrave on a visit. Mr. Joseph Holdsworth, having obtained a situation in Forest, left by the G. T. R. one day last week.

ROOF EXPANSION.—The weight of snow on the roof of the shed belonging to the Methodist church, had the effect of splitting the posts where the pins were driven through the tenons. A bee is to be held to-day for reprirs.

SERMON.—Mr. G. Cobbledick, a pupil of the Goderich High School, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday night. For a young man occupying such a position for the first time he did exceedingly well. We bespeak him a large congregation next time.

LECTURE.—The Rev. R. Thomas, of Clinton, delivered his lecture on "The Trials and Triumph of Protestantism," in the Bible Christian Church, last Friday night. The attendance was fair, but not quite so good as expected. Rev. A. Edwards, of Holmesville, occupied the chair. The lecture was a rare intellectual treat, and exhibited an amount of research worthy of imitation. He had the subject thoroughly studied, and as a result held the audience for upwards of two hours in wrapt attention.

Mr. Gladstone says the rumor that he will enter the House of Lords because of his ill-health is perfectly unfounded.

A rumour is in circulation again that the St. Paul Syndicate have been offered $5,000,000 for their contract by a New York Syndicate.

The St. Paul Syndicate have, it is said, spent only $500,000 at Ottawa, and consider the money well invested. [Ottawa Free Press.

The winter wheat crop in Southern Indiana, Illinois, and the adjacent territory, is said to have been almost totally killed.

GALWAY, Jan. 25.—The men arrested on suspicion of taking part in the murder of Lord Mountmorris were discharged. The witnesses gave evidence reluctantly.

TRAINS.—No less than sixteen regular trains call at Clinton, daily, (fourteen of them being passenger trains,) and what is better, they all seem to have something to do when they get here, either loading or unloading.

General Skobeleff telegraphs from Geok-Tepe that he has captured the fortress and pursued the Turcomas for fifteen verats, inflicting great loss. The Russians also captured a quantity of arms, cannon, ammunition, and provisions.

GOOD SALES.—Thos. McLauchlin, of Brussels, a well known breeder of thorough bred stock, sold to a London township farmer a thoroughbred bull calf, aged 9 months, for $100, cash, and two grade cows at $32.50 apiece, last Wednesday. There's money in good stock.

Canada has at last a real live noble in the person of Charles Colmore Grant, whose claim to the title of Baron de Longeuil, of Longeuil, it the Province of Quebec, the Queen has been graciously pleased to recognize. The title was conferred upon his ancestor, Charles Le Moyne, by Louis XIV., in the year 1700.

The closing rounds of the Toronto curling bonepiel came off on Wednesday, leaving the Port Hope Club champions of the Province. The four clubs which came out victors, among the sixteen competing organizations, resumed play at ten o'clock. The first rinks were played between Bowmanville and the Toronto Caledonians, resulting in the defeat of the latter by 38 to 45. Port Hope then defeated Toronto by 42 to 30. Port Hope and Bowmanville then met, and Port Hope won by 46 to 32, thus taking the championship cup, which will be presented to the victors by Mrs. Robinson.

AN ENTERPRISING JOURNAL.—The last few numbers of the *Canadian Illustrated News* show a marked improvement both in illustrations and letter press upon previous numbers of that interesting paper. The editorial columns, under their management, are brisk and interesting, and the selections well made; while in the illustrations we notice a great improvement in the original drawings and a far more interesting choice of subjects. We note these things with pleasure, and trust that our enterprising contemporary will reap the first of its energy in the shape of large additions to its subscription list.

The Provincial Estimates were brought down on Wednesday. The estimated current expenditure for 1881 is as follows:—Civil government, $178,229; legislation, $18,900; administration of justice, $280,990; education, $505,025; maintenance of public institutions, $534,412; agriculture, arts, &c., $106,750; hospitals and charities, $78,140; miscellaneous, $50,273; public buildings, $14,000; public works, $11,900; crown lands charges, $75,000; unforeseen and unprovided for, $50,000. The capital expenditure is estimated as follows: Public buildings, $111,241; public works, $20,950, and colonization roads, $95,500. The appropriation on account of refunds is $456.77. The total vote asked this year is $2,309,191. The total estimate last year was $2,288,632.

A MYSTERIOUS LIGHT.—For some time past stories have been circulated about the movements of a mysterious light that has made its appearance at different intervals for a year past, on the farms of Messrs. W. Morgan, and J. Maltman, of the 5th con. of Goderich Tp. The light is said to be about the size of an ordinary lantern, and moves around at pleasure, sometimes going as high up as the tops of large trees and disappearing as if by magic. A great many persons, whose word can be relied upon, have witnessed the "spectre," and have even made attempts to reach it, but, so far, without success. The farmers in the neighborhood have become somewhat accustomed to the strange visitant, but still regard it with a degree of curiosity. It is not unfrequently the case that water sends forth a phosphorescent light, but this phenomena can scarcely be attributed to water as it soars around apparently irrespective of any controlling element.

SALE OF BOOK DEBTS &c., BY Tender. In the matter of the Estate of the late John Messer.

Pursuant to the Decree of the Court of Chancery made in the above matter dated the 9th day of October A. D. 1880. Tenders for the purchase of all the book debts, promissory notes, judgments, and other choses in action, belonging to the estate of the late John Messer of Bluevale, will be received until the

14th day of March, A. D. 1881,

at one o'clock p. m., at which time the tenders will be opened at my office in the Court House, Goderich. No tender will be necessarily accepted.

TERMS OF SALE.—Twenty-five per cent to be Vendor's Solicitors, on notification of the tender, and the balance into Court within one month thereafter without interest.

Lists of the said book debts, promissory notes, judgments, and other choses in action, may be inspected at the office of Messrs. Seager and Morton, Wingham, and the Vendor's Solicitors, Goderich, and at the office of the Master in Chancery, at the Court House Goderich.

GARROW & PROUDFOOT,
Vendor's Solicitors.

H. MACDERMOTT,
Master at Godrrich.

Dated the 24th day of January A. D. 1881.

F. G. WIDDOWS, *EX-FRANCISCAN MONK*,

Will Lecture in the Victoria Hall, Goderich, on Friday, February 4th, 1881. Door open at 7; lecture to commence at 8 p. m. Subject—"POPISH RIOTS IN DUNDEE, AND THEIR RESULTS."

Mr. Widdows has just returned from a tour of two years and a half in the Old Country, where he has met with remarkable success, having lectured and preached not less than 305 times in Dundee, Scotland, receiving many flattering testimonials and valuable presents, and on his return to London, was received with Band and Banners, and a torchlight procession, and an address of welcome. Don't fail to hear him.

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