

TO THE ELECTORS OF HURON, PERTH AND BRUCE.

GENTLEMEN— You are aware that when I appeared before you at the late General Election I had not accepted Office, although I had been gazetted as President of the Executive Council.

So early as the year 1841, I urged in strong terms, upon the attention of the then Government, the justice and utility of establishing a Department of Agriculture.

The Government has now established a Department of Agriculture the management of which, together with several other duties connected with emigration, and the statistics of the Province are entrusted to the Chairman of Committees and His Excellency having been pleased to offer me this office in its altered and improved character, I felt it my duty and esteemed it an honor.

I have the Honor to be, Gentlemen, Your obedt servt, MALCOLM CAMERON

FROM THE CAPE DE VEREALES. Bonaire, March 1, 1852.

Huron Signal.

TEN SHILLINGS IN ADVANCE. THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER. TWELVE AND SIX PENCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. NUMBER IX.

VOLUME V. GODERICH, COUNTY OF HURON, (C. W.) THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1852.

MINUTES

Of the Municipal Council for the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, met in the Court Room of the United Counties Court, on Monday, the 26th day of January, 1852, pursuant to Statute 12th Victoria chapter 81.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, Saturday, 31st 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. WALLACE, HILL, MITCHELL, GOEY, PENLAND, WALKER, RYAN.

The Minutes of yesterday were read over and approved. The Maps, Plans and Books presented to this Council by the Chief Superintendent of Common Schools, be divided equally to the Local Superintendents, that they may have an opportunity of examining them in their circuit, and exhibiting them in the different Townships, and that a Committee of three be appointed to make the distribution.

Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, That the Treasurer continue his correspondence with the Directors of the Canada Company regarding the loan of £30,000, making known to them the steps now taken by this Council to provide for the payment of interest and the redemption of said loan, in order that some definite information may be laid before the Council at the meeting to be held for the passing of the By-Law—carried.

Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, That the Warden be instructed to sign a Debenature in favor of James Gentes, for the sum of two pounds for the use of the rooms, candles, &c.—carried.

Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, That the Warden be instructed to sign a Debenature for aid in constructing a Suspension Bridge, over the River Mainland, leading the road to their lands towards the North—carried.

Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, That Thomas Layton be appointed messenger for the current year, at 3s 3d per day—carried.

There being no more business before the Council, the Chairman declared the same adjourned till the first Monday in May. HENRY COLE, Chairman.

POETRY.

From Dickens' Household Words. THE WASTE OF WAX. Give me the gold that war has cost, Before this peace expanding day; The wasted skill, the labor lost; The mental treasure thrown away; And I will buy each rod of soil, And I will not be deceived; Where hunters roam, where peasants toil, Where many peopled cities stand.

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LITERATURE. NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIBERS. The following classification of newspaper subscribers is taken from the Prairie Farmer.

MEMBERS.—Messrs. Hays, Lamb, Ryan, Cole and Rath. Your Committee having considered the documents before them beg to report as follows:— 33 Concerning School averages. Your Committee are gratified to find that the action of this Council in the matter of 1851 has not been in vain, and that the matter is now decided in a satisfactory manner.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. MEMBERS.—Messrs. Holmes, Hill, Wallace, Smith and Robinson. Your Committee having taken into consideration the several documents submitted, beg to report as follows:— 33 Letter from the County Treasurer respecting the loan anticipated, and other matters, we recommend to be filed.

REPORT OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE. MEMBERS.—Messrs. Rath, Lamb, Robinson, Hamilton and Wallace. Your Committee having inspected the documents before them, beg to report as follows:— 30 Surveyor's Report. Your Committee recommend that a Bridge be built over the River Mainland at or near the site of the old Bridge. On considering the different plans submitted, your Committee are de-

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never began to take it till a long time after it came, and he had not had any two or three of them at any rate, and then he had not read. Wipe him off. Here comes the Scope Grace—It is enough to say of him that he never fails to have a newspaper, two or three of them. When he thinks they have about long enough for the publisher, he sends back with "Refused." Or he takes up his quarters and leaves for parts unknown. He does not want to pay, and he don't mean to. Get it if you can. Enough of him. Reader, in which of the above classes are you found?

MORSELS OF KNOWLEDGE. The Normans, or "Northmen," from whom the English nobility claim descent were northern pirates, who, about the middle of the 8th century, infested the coast of England, having visited the country wherever they landed. The seventh in descent from Rollo, chief of these Danish pirates, was William the Conqueror.

FLOOD ON THE GRAND RIVER. It is our painful duty to record a great loss of Property by the Ice and floods on the Grand River, at this village. So great a flood as the present has not occurred since the year 1800.

LOSSES OF THE STEAMER GEN. WARREN. By telegraph from New York last night, we learn that the Steamer El Dorado with California dates to February 18, arrived yesterday. The most important news by this arrival is the loss of the Steamer General Warren, with 42 lives, at the mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon.

A VILLAGE SWEEP AWAY. One Hundred Persons Missing.—The heavy rains which fell on Tuesday and Wednesday last have produced a most alarming destruction of life and property in Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Derbyshire.

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