instructed to inspect the bridge at Blythe and place it in a state of repair.—Carried

Moved by Mr. Schoals, seconded by Mr. Hogg, That the grant made at Jan. meeting for building a bridge at Teeswater be transferred to Lane's bridge. Referred to R. & B. com., Bruce.

Moved by Mr. Leckie, seconded by Mr. McDonald, That John Ferguson be appointed L. S. to Schools in Grey, in room of Rev. Mr. Young, resigned.

The name of Mr. Lumsden was added to the committee on Reciprocity.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Dobbin, That the unexpended balance of the $100 grant for the line between Arran and Elderslie, amounting to $5.60, be expended on said line.—Referred.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER.

The following report of the County Engineer was submitted and read:—

"The Middlesex Council passed a By-Law at their June meeting to raise the sum of $200 for re-building the Sable Bridge between Stephen and McGillivray. The work was let three months ago to a contracter in this county, but owing to a very stringent clause entered in the agreement by the Middlesex solicitor binding the contractor to finish the work in a very short time, he refused to sign the agreement. The contract was let again, however, to a Middlesex contractor on the 7th Nov., the bridge to be finished before the next June meeting of the Council.

"I have examined the bridges on the Sable river and Black creek between Hay and Stephen: one of them I have had repaired, the other two are in such a deplorable state from long use that they cannot be repaired. On Black creek there are three bridges, one of 60 feet span and two of 20 feet each. In the reconstruction, it would be advisable to do away with the small bridges and build only one 75 or 80 feet. There is a long crossway between the large and small bridges only nine feet wide—a most dangerous place; it will be indispensable to have it raised 18 inches and made 20 or 22 feet wide. The Spring freshets cover it every season and make it unsafe to the travelling community, a person driving over it during the high freshet last spring was seriously injured and nearly drowned. The Sable bridge, which is only fifty feet span, would also require to be enlarged, there would then be no necessity for re-building three large culverts in the long approach leading to the bridge. This approach, being quite narrow, cannot be safe at high water, it and the bridge are on a deviation of the town line, and leading round a small swail; it would cost very little more to put the new bridge and approaches on the townline and have a straight road.

"The bridge crossing the townline between Morris and Turnberry 2½ miles East of Bluevale requires a new floor, it is getting quite unsafe and should be repaired in Spring as early as possible. I have examined the jam in the river Maitland near Ainleyville; to move it would be a most expensive and difficult matter, costing not less probably than $600. It could certainly be chopped into 10 or 12 feet lengths for a small sum and sent down the river, but this might not be an effectual way of removing it, as the timber would probably catch on some other bridge or dam.

"The Bridge in Wawanosh has been finished several months ago. The approach at the South end is also finished, but there was not quite sufficient money to complete the Northern approach. The embankment at the north end of the bridge is 16 feet deep, and requires to be carried back a considerable distance. It another hundred dollars could be granted to finish this embankment the whole would be complete.

"The new roads in the townships of Hay and Stephen are completed, with the exception of some trifling matters connected with the drainage, which I have instructed the contractor to carry out, and have held back sufficient money to finish the work. On the Stephen road the gravelling was finished early in the season, the culverts, however, and one small bridge were not completed until late in November. The bridge to which I refer was badly built and had to be taken to pieces and re-built anew before it could be accepted. There is something over 2½ miles of this road gravelled and a substantial bridge over the Sable river. On the Hay Road the gravel had to be hauled a very long distance and the length of road completed is not quite ¾ of a mile. The contracts on the road into Howick township were let very low and it has been improved to the length of 5½ miles. The length of road made on the townline between Howick and Turnberry is very nearly 5½ miles, leaving about ¾ of a mile (not under contract) between the end of the present improved road and the Bruce boundary. On the Wingham road where there was some heavy cutting and grubbing part of the road being through bush 3 miles less 8 chains have been made; there is still some trimming and finishing off to be done; but I have retained sufficient money in the estimate to ensure its completion. The Lake Shore Road through part of the townships of Culborne and Ashfield was let exceedingly low in one mile sections. Two of the sections near Port Albert were let at $500 each and another section where the average haul was nearly 3 miles went off at $608. Altogether nearly nine miles has been gravelled.

"There are still a great many stones to break and some water to let off, but sufficient money has been kept in hand for that purpose.

"The first section of this road has been terribly cut up by hauling gravel over it for the construction of the next two sections. It is cut through and worked into holes in a number of places and certainly ought to be repaired by the County. If the contractor by whom it was made had done this damage I would have had it repaired at his expense. On the Gravel Roads during the present fall very little repairs have been done. The season having been favorable until within a few weeks, and the only repairs required were on the Seaforth Road. The amount of travel on this line of road is yearly increasing. I am afraid it will be necessary within a short time to have it repaired with screened gravel. The expense will be considerably increased, but in wet seasons the road will stand the tear and wear much better."

(Signed) A BAY.

Moved by Mr Corrigan, seconded by Mr Wallace, That whereas a settlement of the accounts between the Counties has been satisfactorily adjusted at the last meeting of Council, Resolved therefore that the Warden and Clerk do petition His Excellency the Governor General to issue a Proclamation to take effect on the 1st of January next declaring the separation of the United Counties of Huron and Bruce and forming the County of Bruce into a separate municipality, the necessary arrangements for this purpose having been provided by the Pro. Council of Bruce. Carried.

Petition of John Desmond and others was referred to the G. R. Com.

Moved by Mr Ross, seconded by Mr Fisher, That this council should take some action with regard to that part of the Elora Line situated between the Cos. of Bruce and Wellington lying in the county of Huron, said road being in an impassable state and Her Majesty's mail daily passing over it liable to accident. Be it resolved that this Council grant the sum of $1000 to make said road passable, to be paid out of the funds of Huron and Bruce, and that a committee of five be ballotted for to report to this Council. Carried.

The committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Kribs, Fisher, Messer, Bishop and Gibson.

Moved by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Purvis, That whereas the appropriation made at the last Jan. meeting of Council to aid in the construction of a bridge at Queen Street, Kincardine Village, has not been expended, owing to the carrying of the Gravel Road scheme for Bruce, that the said sum be expended on such other road as the council of the said village may think advisable. Ref. to R. & B. Com. Bruce.

Letter from Sheriff M'Donald accompanying a report of the Gaol Inspector with regard to the state of the County Jail, complaining of the entire inefficiency of the improvements recently made. From the report we gather that the yards are unsafe, the padlocks insecure, the inmates liable to inhale noxious vapors, &c.

Mr C. Whitehead recommended that the report be filed, and treated with contempt on account of its red tapeism.

The document was referred to the gaol committee.

The appointment of Dr. Sloane as L. S. for Wawanosh was confirmed.

In the evening a motion relative to the dismissal of Capt. Ross was withdrawn after a long and spirited discussion, and a committee consisting of Messrs. J. Whitehead, Bishop, Sproat, Adair, Lumsden, A. Johnston and Gibson appointed to draft a Memorial to His Excellency upon the subject.

The council then adjourned.

FRIDAY.

The Council met at 10 o'clock a.m., the Warden presiding.

After routine

REPORT OF GRAVEL ROAD COMMITTEE—HURON.

"Your Committee having examined the various documents submitted to them, beg leave to report as follows:—

"With reference to the petition of Jas Matheson and others, your committee would recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted. Referring to the Howick road, your committee are glad to find that so much of the road has been satisfactorily completed. With regard to the Wingham road, your committee are glad to find that so much of this road has been satisfactorily completed, and recommend that the Engineer's suggestion be carried out as soon as possible. With reference to the Colborne and Ashfield road, your committee is sorry that some sections of the road has been badly cut up by the contractors hauling over it, and would recommend that the Engineer be instructed to have it repaired as early in the Spring as possible, and retain a sufficient sum from the estimates of the contractors to have the water carried off. With reference to the repairs on the gravel roads, your committee would recommend that screened gravel be used wherever the Engineer thinks necessary. With reference to the petition of John Diamond and others, your committee cannot recommend that any action be taken in the matter at present, but that the petition lie over till next meeting. G. SPROAT, chairman." Adopted.

REPORT

Of a special committee appointed to take into consideration the improvement of a piece of road in the township of Howick.

"Your committee beg to recommend that the said piece of road be gravelled and that $1200 be expended for that purpose, and that the County of Bruce pay $900 and the County of Huron $300 of said amount. Said piece of road to be under the supervision of the Engineer of the County of Bruce, and the County of Huron to pay its proportion on the certificate of said Engineer, that the work is properly done with gravel at least 10 inches deep. L. KRIBS, chairman.

The report was laid over till next meeting.

Report and plan of a deviation of road in Greenock was referred to the R. & B. Com. of Bruce.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

Moved by Mr. Corrigan, seconded by Mr. Wallace, That whereas a settlement of the accounts between the Counties have been satisfactorily adjusted at the last meeting of the Council, resolved therefore, that the Warden and Clerk do petition His Excellency the Governor General to issue a proclamation to take effect on the first day of January next, declaring the separation of the United Counties of Huron and Bruce, and forming the Co. of Bruce into a seperate municipality, the necessary arrangements for this purpose having been provided by the Pro. Council of Bruce—Carried.

Report of the Reciprocity Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following is the substance of the Finance Committee's report, as read:—

Members, Messrs. Corrigan, Ross, Gillies, Hogg, Wallace, Bishop, Gibson, Sills, McDonald, C. Whitehead, Currie, Elliott, Smillie, Ford, Millar, R. Brown, Lumsden and Wilson.

No. 4 In reference to the statement of Johnson claiming $12.25 on acct of discount on silver paid as rent of toll gate No. 5 L. R., we recommend that $11.76 be allowed.

Petition of James Fowley, asking for remittance of taxes, not granted. Offer of D. H. Ritchie, to lie over till next meeting. $3.00 to be paid Jas McGill for broken axle-tree. The following accts were recommended to be paid:—C Johnston $100.25; Jas Johnson 2.50; Paisley Advocate 4.00; Mr Ferguson L.S. $35.15; Mr Inglis 10.50; D W Martin 49.34; Award of Port Albert R complied and account of Messrs. Gibbons and Piper to be paid; application of D Bradford amounting to $35 for loss of horse, no action to be taken; accts Jno Fair $11 and 5.61; M McIver and others 100.00; Wm Fanning 139.50; David Moore 300.00; Jas Sanders 3.75; Mr Barr 35.75; Dr Fleming 30.00, 15.00 to be paid out of Bruce funds; Geo Graham 76.25; Geo Weston and others 213.60; M Sharpan and others 149.00; F Bailey and J Deacon 142.20; S Farel and others 170.38; Angus Beaton and others 142.50; Peter Flint and others 192.28; Jas Lang and others 182.94; Jas Ching and others $98; John Porter and others 160.00; P Gibson 43.75 for 350 lbs spikes, to lie over till next session; Geo Currie 100.21; Arth Dougherty and others 200.00; Geo Drinkwater and others 150.00; A Boyd 100.00; W T Cox 175.90; J A Foster 45.00; J Quinlan 55.00; Craig and others 300.00; Fraser and White 100.00; J McGlynn and others 87.25; Kelly and others 310.00; Mr Fraser L S 279.90; J Campbell and others 150.00; acct of R Goldie for printing By-Laws, 46.80, we recommend that 40.80 be paid, that being amount charged by Bruce Herald for same amount of work; acct of G Brown, Globe office, Toronto, advertising fairs 42.90; W C Chewett & Co., registry books, 427.00; M C Cameron, law fees, 37.95; G M Trueman, letting toll gates, 20.00; acct boundary line work, Huron and Ashfield 30.50; certificate of work done on Bridge at Denny's mills, 2000, Gov't grant, J Lang, Bruce Review, 70.00, we recommend that 40.80 be paid out of Bruce funds, this being am't charged by Bruce Herald for same amount of work; T Weatherald $50; Parker & Cattle 8.58; Jno McClusky and others $112; further acct of A Beaton and others $60 to be paid; R Tomlinson and others 102.63; H Gibson, L S 42.00; W Brown, Herald office 57.80; A Sproat 118.00; J McLay 95.46½; with regard to the establishment of periodical fairs at the village of Wingham, we recommend that they be held on the 3rd Tuesdays of February, October and December; acct of Sheriff McDonald, claiming from 1857 for use of apartments for holding courts, amounting to 546.96, we recommend that $5 per day be granted in payment for each day the courts were held in private apartments, it being understood that we make this offer as a settlement of all claims of the sheriff on this acc't and in accordance with a similar offer made by this Council at its sitting on the 20th Sept 1855, the sum we would specify would be $125. The Treasurer authorized to obtain the advice asked for, acct Thos Parker $10; M McKellar 1.00; J Raw and others 65.14; Wm Muir and others 57.55; M Wild and others 133.00; Holland and others 147.37; T J Moorhouse 20.21; J Hayeroft 19.00; W Clark and others 97.04; H Gardiner & Co, 1.00; Herald office, Walkerton, 12.00; Bruce Review, adv. and stationery 24.30; R J Stewart L S 52.75; Mr Gibbons stationery acct 12.00; J Mahon and others 94.40; J Smith and others 100.00; T Millar $200; H Racy and others 165.37; T J Moorhouse 19.65; P Reid ref to Pro Council, Bruce; W T Cox 5.16; W & J Kay 18.93; W C Chewett & Co., 8.65; a number of accounts certified by the Engineer for constructing Gravel Road, &c, amounting to over $20,000 recommended to be paid.

Moved in amendment to the report by Mr. Sills, seconded by Mr. J. Whitehead, That No. 98 of the report be amended and that the report of the finance comm. as far as relates to the account of Sheriff McDonald be not received, but that said report be amended by inserting that the sum of $200 be paid him in settlement of his account in full.

In support of the motion Mr. Sills made a lengthy speech, in the course of which he stated that the money asked for by the Sheriff had been paid out by him in good faith for Court accommodation, the judges having refused to sit in the gaol, and that in all fairness they should refund all that had been so expended.

In committee of the whole Mr. Whitehead supported the Sheriff's claim as a just one. Mr. Gibbons said the Government of the day had sanctioned the holding of courts in the gaol, it was not for the judges to say where they should sit, and former Councils had granted what he (Mr. G.) considered to be reasonable remuneration. It was stated also by other members that it would be useless to pass the motion as the Sheriff was not willing to receive $200 as payment in full.

There voted for the amendment Messrs. Sills, J. Whitehead and Piper. For the report, Messrs. Currie, Gibson, Baird, Parsons, Messer, Spence, Sweet, Farquharson, Bishop, R. Brown, A Brown, Perkins, Snell, Mallough, Warwick, Elliott, Leckie, Creary, Dalton, Smillie, Gibbons, McDonald, A. Johnston and Sproat.—The report was therefore sustained and adopted, when the Warden resumed the chair.

The following letter from Mr. W. T. Hays was read:—

GODERICH, 8th Dec., 1865.

To the Warden and County Council of the United Cotics of Huron & Bruce:

GENTLEMEN,—I was not a little surprised to learn that you as a body have taken up on behalf of Ross, the question of his dismissal by the Government, for disobedience of orders. I have the honor to command the Company which he, without any reason, stigmatized as a parcel of men without honor or "Esprit de corps;" although the judge of the United Counties and many others of equal standing are members of the corps. I look upon the matter as taken up by your body as being very strong, and am of opinion, if Councils are to attempt to influence military authorities by Petitions, the sooner the volunteer system is abolished the better. In all fairness to myself and company I should have been asked to have a hearing before the Committee before such measures as are taken or attempted to be. I am satisfied that you honorable body would not attempt to interfere if you knew the facts, and if Mr. Ross or his sympathizers cannot assume a more honorable stand to have him reinstated, than going behind my back and that of my company to a body of men who have nothing to do with matters of this kind; but who, I have no doubt through misrepresentation feel for him; whereas, if they knew all the facts they would not put themselves up in direct opposition to the Government who have given the matter their serious consideration. I have not the slightest idea that a proposition from your body would influence the Government in a matter of this kind, but merely wish the Council to know, that when they step beyond their jurisdiction and take up matters foreign to subjects which should come before them, that they should have no *ex parte* applications and before any action is taken, I hope the Council will hear the other side of the matter.—When Mr. Ross applied for a Court of Inquiry, I consented, but the Government stated that the conduct of Mr. Ross was so flagrant that they could not grant any such court.

I am also informed that the Lieut. of the Rifle Company received from the Warden great blame as making agreements which he never carried out, all I have to say is, that the Warden is totally mistaken, and is carried away by his zeal for Mr. Ross; and I am in a position to state that Lieut. Wallace nor myself never made any agreement with Ross, and never agreed to give an equal amount with his company.

I have the honor to be,
Yours obediently,
W. T. HAYS.

Ordered to be fyled.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMM.

Your committee having duly considered the matters submitted to them, beg leave to report as follows:—1st It is recommended that Dr. Francis be appointed L. S. for the township of Arran, instead of Dr. Hawksworth, deceased. 2nd It is recommended that the application of the inhabitants of Clinton for the establishment in that village of a Grammar School be granted, and that an appropriation of $200 be granted by the Co. of Huron providing said village of Clinton raised an equal sum for that purpose.—3rd In reference to the notification of the teachers' association of the County of Huron of their intention of petitioning this Board to have but one L. S. of education for the Counties, it is the opinion of your committee that it involves too many changes in the School Act to justify any recommendation of the matter at present. 4th In reference to Mr. Barr's report for Colborne and Ashfield, your committee are pleased to see any measure of improvement, but would express their deep regret that any parents, guardians or teachers manifest too little interest in the education of the youth of these Counties, but would express their opinion that much more may be done by L. S.'s to produce a deeper interest in these parties than any report by this board can possibly do. 5th Your committee are gratified to find that Mr. Stewart has visited all the schools in Wawanosh and Hullett, and that he found nearly all the schools in successful operation, and that a higher standard of qualification is being attained by the teachers of the youth of our land.—L. Kribs, chairman.—Adopted.

The Special Comm in the matter of the dismissal of Capt Ross reported as follows:—"Your com. having duly considered the motion of Mr. Gibson in relation to the dismissal of Mr. Ross from the captaincy of the Vol. Artillery Co. of Goderich, would recommend that Jas Dickson, Esq., M. P. P., be requested to move in the Legislative Assembly for a return of all papers having reference to said dismissal and the Warden be required to communicate with Mr Dickson on the subject." Report adopted.

BRUCE GRAVEL ROADS.

The Gravel Road Committee of Bruce reported as follows:—

Members, Messrs. Lumsden, Schoales, Broceibank, Alair, Johnson, Gillies and Sutton.

Your committee beg to report that they proceeded immediately after being appointed at last session to carry out the instruction of the Council.

L. B. Hamlin, Esq., assistant engineer, was at once directed to examine the several lines of roads to be gravelled and to report on the general nature of the soil, the depth of gravel needed to meet the travel and public requirements, having due regard to the amount provided by By-Law for the construction of the said roads. The report was received on the 7th Nov. last and was found to be of great assistance in enabling your committee to arrive at correct conclusions in regard to the construction of the different roads to be gravelled.

Your committee, keeping in view the amount of funds at the disposal of the Council, determined that the maximum grade on the different lines of road be one foot in fifteen feet, except hill-cutting exceeding 1500 cub. yards; in such case the grade to be 1 foot in 13 feet, and that the width of the road at all of the embankments and hill cuttings be 18 feet, and that the width and depth of gravel and formation of the roads be such as is set forth in a schedule of sections attached to this Report.

Your committee, after deciding on the foregoing arrangements, lost no time in advertising for tenders. Although the time was somewhat limited for intending contractors to examine the roads to be gravelled. Notwithstanding no less than 58 tenders were received, many of which were from parties residing in different and distant parts of the Province.

Your committee regret to state that they find it very difficult to arrive at a satisfactory decision on several tenders in a manner that would be just to the counties and satisfactory to the parties tendering, owing to the way in which several of the lowest tenders for sections have been filled up. Your committee, however, would recommend that the tender of Robt. Reid & Co. for sections 1, 2, 11, 12 and 15 be accepted upon satisfactory sureties being furnished.

Your committee find that the most favorable tenders received for the remaining sections are from David Yeomans, Wm. Lackey, Wm. M'Vicar, Hall & Moore, Wm. Busby, Jno. Denny, George Ekins, Simon Orchard, Wm. Miller and Wm. Burgess, but before any decision can properly be arrived at some explanations will be necessary in reference to these tenders.

Your committee would therefore recommend that they be empowered to receive written explanations in respect to any part of said tenders, on which the committee may have doubts, and to effect such change as will omit extra haul for gravel, and to accept such tender or tenders as may be deemed most advisable, upon the party or parties furnishing satisfactory sureties for the due completion of the work by the 15th Oct., 1866.

For the information of the Council your committee may however state that in summing up some of the lowest and most favorable tenders, they find that the total probable cost of the roads to be gravelled will amount to the sum of $150,000.

Your committee find from No. 2 Report of the Engineer, That deviations can be made at Bilkie Hill, Flock's Hill, Teeswater Hills, and at the north end of the Culross road to great advantage and at a large saving of expense to the Counties, and would therefore recommend that the same be adopted.

Your committee would recommend that wherever a grant has been made under the provisions of the Bruce G. R. By-Law in any locality not under the jurisdiction of this Corporation. That the Council in whose municipality such grant has been made, be requested to expend and superintend the laying out of the same subject to the requirements of said by-law appropriations made to boundary lines, we would recommend that the same be laid out under the superintendence of Mr. Hamlin, assistant engineer.

Your com. in the matter of harbor improvements have communicated with the government with a view of having the appropriation expended jointly and under one contract, believing that the work in such case would be more satisfactorily executed, but as yet no reply has been received. It will be necessary for the Council to take some action in this matter so that contracts can be given out in the early part of the winter and thus afford contractors the facility of procuring timber during sleighing.

Your com. have very much felt the responsible duties they have had to perform in carrying out the instructions of the Council, but have endeavored to the best of their judgment to do what they believed was for the best interests of the counties. Great credit is however due to L. B. Hamlin, Esq., Engineer, for the aid he rendered the com. and for the satisfactory way he has discharged his important duties within the limited time at his disposal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. SUTTON,
Chairman.

The Report was adopted *unanimously*.

Moved by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Adair, That L. B. Hamlin, Esq., Assistant Engineer, be paid the sum of $250 on account of services rendered and that the same be paid out of the Bruce Gravel Road funds.—Carried.

Moved by Mr Gillies, seconded by Mr Lumsden, That on reviewing the Bruce Gravel Road Scheme this Council find that the northern portion of the County is not on an equal footing with other sections of the same, especially the townships of Elderslie, Arran and the northern portion of Bruce, this Council therefore recommend to their successors in office the justice of granting a sum sufficient to place those townships on an equality, being convinced that they are fairly entitled to the consideration in question. *Yea*, Messrs. Broceibank, McKinnon, Wallace, McEwan, Nicholson, Gillies, Hogg, Lumsden, Schoales, Ross, Wilson, Kribs, Dobbin, Johnston.—*Nay*, Messrs. Fisher, Martin, Sutton, Millar, Purvis, McIntyre. Motion carried by a maj. of nine.

Moved by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr R. Johnston, That the Warden be requested to sign and seal the Contracts for the construction of the gravel roads in the county of Bruce on behalf of this Corporation when said contracts are submitted by the Bruce Gravel Road committee for his signature and seal.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

SATURDAY.

Council met at 9 o'clock a.m., the Warden presiding.

$200 was granted to the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Hamilton.

The Treasurer was instructed to procure a suitable seal for the county of Huron.

Moved by Mr Corrigan, seconded by Mr Ross, That this Council recommend the expenditure of $200 on the 5th and 6th side line of Greenock in view of the carrying of the gravel road scheme. Carried.

Report of R. & B. com. Huron was read and adopted.

A motion of Mr Hogg to have the northern portion of Carrick included in motion No. 137, Ref. to R. & B. com. Bruce.

Moved by Mr McEwan, seconded by Mr Corrigan, That this Council recommend a grant of $200 to improve the line of road from Port Bruce to Underwood. Ref. as above.

Moved by Mr Gillies, seconded by Mr Kribs, That the Bruce gravel road committee be empowered to take steps in conjunction with the government to expend the appropriation for Harbor Improvements in Bruce upon the government consenting to such an arrangement. Carried.

Acts of Messrs Adair and Lumsden superintending government grant, Townline Arran and Amabel, was ordered to be paid.

Resolved on motion of Mr Kribs, that if there is any surplus after constructing the gravel roads $500 be expended on the C. & D. line of Amabel.

Report of gaol com. read and adopted.

The Greenock debentures to be assumed by Bruce after the separation.

Moved by Mr Gillies, seconded by Mr Lumsden, That the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to the Warden, Clerk and Treasurer of the Council for their courteous conduct on all occasions towards the members of this Council and the prompt and efficient manner in which said officers are known to discharge the arduous duties of their respective offices. Carried.

The Warden and Clerk briefly thanked the Council for the honor done them.

The Council then adjourned until the 4th Tuesday in January, 1866.

EXIT O'MAHONEY.

At the session of the Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood, held in New York on the 7th inst., articles of impeachment were filed against John O'Mahoney, President of the Brotherhood, for "partially and malfeasance in office." The specifications, which are very minute and voluminous, were served on Mr. O'Mahoney the following day, with notice to put in a plea in response within 24 hours, under penalty of having judgment by default recorded against him. Mr. O'Mahoney having taken no steps to meet the indictment against him, the senate on the 9th instant resolved itself into a court of judicature, according to the provisions of the constitution, and having investigated the charges, declared them proved, and deposed O'Mahoney from the position of President. An unanimous vote was then passed, calling on the Vice President, Mr. W. B. Roberts, to qualify by taking the oath of office.

So ends the first act of the Irish Republic has been played out—the green curtain drops, and the ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the show by purchasing bogus bonds anxiously enquire, What next? Mahoney luxuriated for a while in regal splendor upon the spoils, but the senate of ten has cut him short in the midst of his oysters, champagne and challenges with a nasty charge of "perfidy and malfeasance," in short, kicked him out of office and out of a "bully good living." The senate declare illegal the issue of $68,000 of bonds on the Irish Republic, and the institution is now left in the position of having no sinews of war. Mr. Roberts, the new President, may do better, but we think the Fenian public will have its eyes open by this time to the sorry character of the farce; certainly sensible Americans will enjoy a laugh at this folly of the hour. A few more such intestine feuds will "break the backbone" of the embryo Republic, which was never *very* strong.

The Drill Fast.

By some accident last week, the drill at the Maitland well slipped from the instrument used to hold it in place and falling over 100 feet stuck fast. All efforts to draw the refractory instrument from its hold have, thus far been unavailing.

CHAMBERS' JOURNAL.—We have received from Mr. Moorhouse the November No. of this our favorite magazine. It contains an extra Christmas number, and altogether is a feast to the general reader.

DINNER AT KINCARDINE TO Jas. Brocelbank Esq., Provis. Warden and Wm. Sutton Esq. Reeve of Kincardine Vil.

[Reported specially for the Huron Signal.]

The friends at Kincardine of James Brocelbank, Esq., Pro. Warden of Bruce, and William Sutton, Esq., Reeve of Kincardine village having determined to manifest their approbation of the course pursued by those gentlemen in the settlement of the County Town and furthering gravel roads, by giving them a public dinner. The dinner came off on the evening of the 1st inst., at the Walker House; the tickets for admission were $1. At the appointed time the Walker House began to assume a very lively appearance, and fears were entertained that such a large number could not be accommodated. Mr. Walker, however, had taken great pains to economise space. Eighty tickets were purchased. Complimentary tickets were sent to the other members of the Pro. Council, some of whom were present, but the shocking state of the Roads in Bruce, which are all but impassible, no doubt prevented many from coming from a distance. Dinner being announced the party took their places to the sweet music of the Kincardine Brass Band. The tables were nicely filled, and I do not think any had to retire for want of room though truly there appeared no vacant space. The host had evidently done his part. The tables looked superb. After a blessing had been pronounced by the Rev. Samuel Tighe, Incumbent of All Saints, the worthy chairman announced that he presumed all now knew what to do—that their work was before them. None appeared slow in taking the hint, and Mr. Walker's scene of roast beef, turkeys, ducks, chickens, tarts, ice cakes, &c., now presented a very dilapidated appearance. The inner man having been attended to, the Secretary, Mr. Brown, read letters from Wm. Gunn, Esq., and the Rev. Wm. Fraser, express ing regret at not being able to be present, and referring to county matters generally, also letters from Mr. Cox, of the *Huron Signal*, and Mr. Brown, of the *Bruce Herald*, and a goodly number of other gentlemen were read apologizing for their inability to be present. Amongst the gentlemen present we noticed several strangers from a distance, amongst whom we recognized D. McDougall, Esq., Joseph Hobson, Esq., Berlin, George Neilson Esq., and Mr. Cook, Belleville, the Messrs. Carter, Guelph, Mr. Beechel, Toronto. Amongst the County gentlemen present we observed Mr. Lumsden, Reeve of Arran, Mr. Adair, Reeve Southampton, John Denny, Esq., and A. Sproat, Esq., Southampton, Mr. Shoales, Reeve of Culross, Mr. Johnston, Reeve of Huron, Mr. Miller, Rwve Kincardine township, Dr. Boeiler, Bervie, Mr. Hall and Mr. Moore, Brant, Wm. McVicker, Walkerton, James Millar, Esq., Riversdale, Mr. Moore, Greenock. Amongst the local men present we observed M. Mc Kendrick, Esq., Jos. Cook, Esq., James Logear, Esq., Col. Ross, Capt. Barker, F. Hurdon, Esq., D. Cameron, Esq., Wm. Brown, Esq., D. Gardiner, Esq., D. M. Kenzie, Esq., A. Shaw, Esq., L. B. Hamlin, Esq., A. Gordon, R. Baird, Esq., John Hunter, Esq., Dr. Ross and others. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been followed by a song, ("The Red, White and Blue,") sung in a spirited style by Mr. Neilson, the chairman gave the toast of the evening, "Messrs. Brocelbank and Sutton." He alluded to the exertions of these gentlemen in the prominent part they took in the settlement of the County Town, and in furthering the Gravel Road Scheme, and their indefatigable attention to their public duties. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm. Mr. Brocelbank on rising to respond was received with applause. After thanking the kind friends who had taken the present occasion to show him this mark of their esteem, in his usual quiet and unostentatious manner referred to the long struggle in Bruce respecting the settlement of the County Town. That when the last year consented to the compromise for his ward, it was with the express determination of trying the question, and if Paisley or Kincardine had been able to obtain a permanent majority he would have sustained the erection of the buildings at either of those places. That he was one of earnest advocates of Gravel Roads amongst the eastern reeves; in fact at one time he stood entirely alone, and he could not but feel highly gratified that the county was about to obtain this great boon. If Kincardine and the Lake shore villages would do their share in the interior, in his opinion, would derive equal advantages, and certainly the farmer would benefit immensely. Mr. Brocelbank's remarks were well received, and in taking his seat he was again loudly cheered.

Mr. Sutton, on rising to respond, was greeted with applause. He said he was entirely unprepared for this demonstration to Mr. Brocelbank and himself, but if anything could tend to cheer and encourage a person in a public position and fortify him against the slanderous attacks of his enemies, it was to know that his labors for public good were approved by those to had the honor to represent. He had nearly 16 years' experience of the hardships of life in Bruce. His lot was first pitched in that village which should certainly have been the County Town. The past had been one of toil and difficulty to the settlers of that fine county, but he trusted that its immediate future would be one of prosperity and rapid development. The triangular shape of the County, and the fact that the principal leading roads led to competing villages at the points of that triangle, was the principal cause of the difficulty experienced in settling the County Town. The hope of making Kincardine County Town was not given up until the first meeting of the Pro. Council for this year. Seeing the unexpected turn affairs had taken he then resolved upon compromise, and did the next best thing in his power, and that was to secure a scheme of Road Improvement consonant with the wishes of the people he represented. The Warden and himself had been aided in this scheme by the reeves supporting Kincardine and Walkerton, and he felt that great praise was due to the gentlemen who had acted with them in such a cordial manner. He was happy to say that his desire to see good roads throughout the County was about to be realized. The scheme did all possible justice to every portion of the county, and he felt satisfied that when they had 147 miles of gravel road it would enhance the value of property and prove a boon to the settlers. He was glad to know that through the exertions of the Hon. D. L. McPherson and the liberality of the County, $34,000 would be spent next year in the improvement of their harbors, which would be a great advantage to the producers of the section. This was but an instalment, however, for it could not be expected that even a sum like that could be considered adequate to the wants of those engaged in trade and shipping. The late harvest had been a most bountiful one, and he trusted Bruce was to see better times in future. The lessons of the past should teach settlers the necessity of husbanding their resources for the future. He would again thank the company for their kindness, and resume his seat. (Applause.)

The remarks of Mr. Sutton and Mr. Brocelbank would certainly tend to explain, to the strangers present the apparent inconsistency of our Pro. Council on County Town matters,

The toast 'Our Representatives," was received with loud cheers. Mr. Adair of Southampton was loudly called for. In responding he said he had never been prominent in politics, and did not see why he should be called upon. He however felt himself at home in music, and would, he hoped, better please them by singing a song, this he was the more disposed to do, as it was evident we had a gentleman amongst us to-night whose singing was of the highest order, and if he sang now he might be in a position to call for another from him. Mr. Adair's singing is too well known in these counties to require comment. It was received with rapturous applause. It appeared, however, a spice of politics was necessary for no sooner had Mr. Adair taken his seat than Mr Shaw was called for. The call was repeated before he arose. He said he thought some one better acquainted with Mr. Dickson than he was, ought to have responded. He only knew him by reputation, but he saw reeves here present who had sat in council with him; they must know his qualities, and it was through them he had been influenced in supporting Mr. Dickson. He believed him to be an honest and upright man. As to Mr. Macpherson he felt himself more at liberty, as he had the honor of nominating that gentleman. He was pleased to see gentlemen of means entering the field of politics. Canadian affairs had been too much entrusted to professional men whose habits and education led them to discuss methods of government instead of methods of material improvement. When men of means engaged in politics, material interests would, he thought, receive better attention. D. L. Macpherson had, he thought, struck at the root of a long-standing evil, when he attacked our crown land policy. He trusted Macpherson's policy would be successful. That policy would meet with the unanimous approval of his constitutents. He said Macpherson's policy met with his cordial approbation, and he was proud of having lent his humble support to place him where he was.

"The Press," being given, the chairman called upon Mr. MacDougall, of Berlin, as formerly being connected with the Press, and well known to many of us, to respond.

Mr. McDougall said although in office he saw no harm in attending a social meeting, and was pleased to see so many of the leading men of this new county. He said he understood the local press had not been invited, and he had only to say he thought this a mistake. Even if the local press did not represent public opinion correctly, it ought to be invited. He was sorry to hear that our village men divided into two parties. This he thought was injurious to our interests. That from appearances the village would soon be a town and we should work harmoniously. He was glad to see so many present taking part in a festival that he supposed was given as well in honor of Messrs Brocelbank and Sutton as to mark the close of contention and strife respecting our County Town.

In response to the toast of our Agricultural Interests, Mr. Johnston, reeve of Huron delivered a very humorous speech.

The hour becoming late, or rather early, numerous other toasts were put and responded to in rapid succession, diversified by fine songs from Mr. Neilson, Mr. Adair, Mr. Miller, Mr. McVicar (a good Scotchman) and our old friend John Grant, a thorough Irishman.

"The Ladies" were not forgotten. Mr. Brown responding in a few neat and well timed remarks, which were followed by "Here's a health to all good lasses," led by Mr. Adair.

After the health of the worthy chairman, D. McKendrick, Esq., had been put and received with due honor, and Our Host, Mr. Walker, had not been omitted, the party rapidly dispersed.

The Toll Gates.

On the Co. of Huron Gravel Roads were let by auction on Wednesday, the 6th inst. There is a considerable advance on the prices paid last year. The following is a list of the successful bidders and the amount to be paid by them respectively:—

No. 1.—P. Ryan	$510.00
2.—Wm. Case	180.00
3.—P. Ryan	720.00
4.—A. Knox	431.00
5.—J. Stephens	735.00
6.—J. Miller	852.00
7.—Wm. Muir	856.00
8.—D. Hagarty	650.00
9.—E. Fryer	356.00
10.—Mrs. Hacket	415.00
11.—Jos. Johnson	355.00
12.—H. Drummond	760.00
13.—Thos. Knox	1211.00
14.—Alex. McPherson	1875.00
15.—Jos. Kerby	957.00
16.—Mrs. Taylor	850.00
17.—Mrs. Palmer	410.00
18.—Wm. Walden	415.00
19.—Mrs. ———	204.00
Total for 1866	$11,757
Total for 1865	10,737

GODEY for December is to hand filled with good things for the ladies. All we need to say in its favor is that it is held in universal estimation as the Queen of Fashion monthlies. For sale by all Canadian booksellers.

OYSTER SUPPER.—On Friday night last, after the decision of the Gravel Road tenders, Messrs. Reid and Walker, two of the successful competitors, treated the Bruce reeves to an oyster supper. The speeches and toasts that followed all hinged upon the great changes in store for Bruce, and the prospect of better times. The evening was very pleasantly spent, in listening to speeches and first-rate songs from Messrs. Neilson, Gibson, Adair, Gillie, Millar, &c.

ACCIDENT TO THE LUCKNOW STAGE.

Two Men Seriously Injured.

An accident of a very serious nature happened to the Lucknow stage last night, 7th. It left town about 7 o'clock heavily laden with passengers—there being 15 inside. When going down the Bridge Hill, the horses started to run and increased their pace to the bottom. At the short turn just before getting on the bridge, the king-bolt came out, and the front wheels separated from the body of the coach thus pitching it forward. The driver, Jeff. Davis, who was manfully striving to manage the horses, was pitched off, and we are sorry to say had his left leg broken in two places, and one or two ribs broken. John O'Fee, a young catt