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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY.

STRENUOUS TIMES.

There is a high old newspaper fight in Chatham. The Planet swears there is no oil in Raleigh, whilst the News persists in repeating an oft-made assertion that the Edinburgh "Scotsman" quoted it on oil the other day. Apparently they don't view things according to Hoyle in Chatham, but according to oil—London News.

Our London contemporary misunderstands the position of this great home journal. The Planet did not, nor does not, say there "is no oil in Raleigh." But it has pointed out that the continual yarns about big gushers being struck, etc., are pure fabrications manufactured solely in the interests of the big oil corporations to tempt the public into investing.

THE BOUNDARY TREATY.

There is some ground for hope that the terms of the Alaska boundary treaty are not quite so unjust to Canada as appeared from the despatches received yesterday, points out the Hamilton Herald. It is impossible to say with certainty at present what the treaty says with regard to the American settlements on the Lynn canal or whether it makes any special stipulations regarding them. The authorities on this point are conflicting. According to the Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune (which is in closer touch with Washington Government, perhaps, than any other newspaper), the American settlements on the Lynn canal are not to be subject to any decision of the arbitrators, but will in any event be left in the possession of the United States. The New York Sun, another administration organ, has the same information. "The three representatives of the American case," says the Sun, "will have an opportunity to convince one or two, or all, of their British brethren of the soundness of our title to the territory now on the Canadian side of the modus vivendi line. If they fail, not a square foot of territory rightfully ours will be alienated; the matter will simply stand where it stands to-day. If they succeed, our friends of Great Britain will have no opportunity to withdraw Canada gracefully from its untenable claim." An ex-minister at Ottawa is quoted as saying that the arrangement is very one-sided—that "the United States stands either to gain a judicial confirmation of their contention, or to remain in possession without it."

On the other hand, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is reported to have said: "The arbitrators will not be hampered by any conditions. They will have the whole case before them, as shown by the convention of 1825." This is reassuring, but it would have been more so if the premier had given a specific denial to the report that United States sovereignty would not in any event be withdrawn from the settlements on the Lynn canal. This denial, however, is supplied by the Globe's Ottawa correspondent, who writes that he has "the highest authority" for stating that "from consideration by this tribunal no territory will be reserved on the plea that it belongs to the United States."

Which of these two conflicting views is the accurate one can be determined only when the terms of the treaty are published; but, as we have said, there is some reason to hope that the arrangement is not so unjust to Canada as it appeared yesterday.

Even at the best, however, it cannot be said to be a satisfactory arrangement. The absence of an umpire puts Canadian interests in peril; for if, as is reported to-day, two of the British commissioners are to be jurists from England and only one a Canadian, there will be very much more likelihood of a settlement in harmony with the American contention than of a settlement in harmony with the Canadian contention. On this point the confident expectation of the American press is not ill-founded.

## NEW WARDEN OF KENT COUNTY

Thomas Robinson Elected to the Highest Position in the County

The Competition was keen and The Contest was Concluded On the 9th Ballot.

The new County Council assembled at two o'clock. County Clerk Jonas Gosnell presided until the warden was elected. All the newly elected members of the Council were present as follows:—

No. 1 Division—Joseph Hornall and W. C. Sifton, Orford.

No. 2 Division—Henry J. French and S. P. Sturgis, Camden.

No. 3 Division—J. N. McCoy and S. Somers, Chatham, Township.

No. 4 Division—Geo. Handy, Howard, and John Reycraft, Ridgetown.

No. 5 Division—Peter Haggart, Blenheim, and John Vester, Harwich.

No. 6 Division—James P. Chinnick, Raleigh, and John Grant, Dover.

No. 7 Division—T. Robinson, Romney, and James Ross, Tilbury East.

The following were the nominations received:—

Mr. Vester, nominated by Peter Haggart, seconded by Mr. Handy.

Mr. Robinson, nominated by Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Grant.

Mr. Reycraft, nominated by Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Hornall.

The ballot resulted as follows:—

Mr. Vester 3, Mr. Robinson 4, Mr. Sturgis 4, Mr. Reycraft 3.

Ex-County Councillor R. J. Morrison was at this point invited to the platform.

As no candidate had received the requisite number of votes, new nominations were asked for.

The second vote resulted as follows:—

Ross 3, Reycraft 3, Vester 4, Sturgis 4.

Third ballot—Robinson 3, Reycraft 5, Sturgis 2, Vester 4.

Fourth ballot—Vester 1, Reycraft 4, Ross 6, Sturgis 3.

Fifth ballot—Robinson 2, Reycraft 2, Vester 1, Sifton 4, Sturgis 5.

Sixth ballot—Reycraft 4, Sturgis 4, Vester 2, McCoy 2, Sifton 2.

Seventh ballot—Sturgis 4, Ross 4, craft 6.

Eighth ballot—Vester 2, French 5, Reycraft 4, Sturgis 3.

Ninth ballot—Reycraft 2, Sturgis 2, Vester 2, Robinson 9.

On this ballot Mr. Sturgis arose and said: "Mr. Clerk, I'll put an end to this. I'll vote for Mr. Robinson and that elects him."

Reycraft 6.

The next two members of the Council voted for Mr. Robinson, but these votes only helped to swell the majority.

Mr. Ross and Mr. Chinnick, the new Warden's mover and seconder, escorted him to the chair.

Warden Robinson then delivered his inaugural address. He said that he felt proud at being elected to the position of Warden. It was pretty well known that he was a candidate for the position of Warden, but he had not expected to be elected this year at least. He was proud to have conferred on himself the highest honor in the county of Kent.

The year promised to be one of the most important, owing to the necessity for dealing with the shortage in the County Treasurer's office.

After again thanking the Council, Warden Robinson began the regular work of the Council.

E. G. Macpherson, chartered accountant, reported as follows:—

I have made sufficient progress with the examination of the accounts of the county and of your recent treasurer, A. L. Shambles, to enable me to give you a favorable body of some idea of the extent of the defalcations. Thus far between \$14,000 and \$16,000 have been ascertained as having been received by the late treasurer and not accounted for. The principal portion of the monies were on account of receipts from arrears of taxes and the operations date as far back as 1894. Monies have also been received and not accounted for in the general revenue of the county, as for criminal justice, police fines, jury fees, House of Refuge account, redemption of lands, etc. One if not more cases of constructive forgery have been received. Very considerable has been found in locating the receipts given for the monies which were not entered, and much remains to be done before a final report can be prepared. I have no doubt but that further operations will be made to the amount already found as the work progresses. The causes principally contributing to the defalcations are:—

An altogether inefficient annual audit.

The crude form of account book in which the arrears of taxes were recorded.

An entire absence of check as between the officials of the local municipalities and the County.

An insufficient internal check in the office of the County Treasurer.

All these matters will be dealt with and the remedy applied in the general report which will be prepared and handed to your Warden at as early a date as is possible.

It should be thoroughly understood by the members of your honorable body that no system can be devised and introduced into the county offices which will make impossible recurrences of the character of the present one in the case of a designing or dishonest official, the greatest safety to the County lies in the appointment of a competent and experienced auditor. I do not think it prudent that further details should be furnished pending the final checking thereof and the completion of the audit.

**COMMUNICATIONS.**

The following communications were received:—

A request was received from the secretary of the Good Roads Association asking that the County Council appoint delegates to attend the third annual convention of the Good Roads Association, which meets in Ottawa

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on March 12th and 13th. Referred to Roads and Bridges.

The account for the annual fee for membership in the union of Canadian municipalities. Referred to Finance.

The County Treasurer's statement of arrears of taxes was received. The total arrears in the County was \$99.90. Referred to Finance.

A request for a grant from the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, was referred to Finance.

Secretary Harris, of the C. C. I. Board, wrote that the term of Sandy McVean expired this year. Referred to Education committee.

K. W. McKel, County Clerk of Elgin, wrote that the County of Elgin had paid the Township of Aldborough \$225 for culverts on the county line. Referred to Roads and Bridges.

A communication was received from the town of Berlin re criminal accounts. Referred to Finance.

The annual report of the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute was referred to the Education committee.

Arthur Smith, Clerk of Dresden, acknowledges receipt of check for grant given to assist in swinging and repairing the Dresden bridge. Received.

A copy of a petition from Victoria County to the Legislature re the improvement of public highways. Referred to Roads and Bridges.

A letter was received from the Registrar calling attention to the condition of the Registry office. Referred to County Property committee.

A request from the Ontario Rifle Association for a grant of \$10 was referred to Finance.

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Lot 2.—Your choice of all our fancy flannelette wrappers, handsome styles, beautifully trimmed and finished, wide range of patterns and colorings, sizes 32 to 42 inches, regular \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 each, clearing at \$1.48.

French flannel waists, fine pure wool quality, pretty styles, in plain colors, cardinal, navy, sky and black, with piping of black satana, perfect fitting, lined throughout, assorted sizes, regular \$3.50 each, clearing at \$2.98.

Ladies' golf waists, fine elastic rib wool, double front, trimmed with 2 row gilt buttons, buttoned cuff, colors black, cardinal and white, assorted sizes, special each \$1.75.

Ladies' gauntlets, full size, in Astrachan and Seal handsome styles, wool lined, regular \$1.00 a pair, clearing at 88c.

### Blanket Bargains—

Extra heavy wool blankets, soft fleecy finish, pure clean yarn, with fancy borders, sizes 68 by 84 inches, the best \$3.00 blankets in the city, special at a pair \$2.50.

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## DISTRICT DOINGS.

### BLENHEIM

Jan. 26.—Otis Nichol has severed his connection with Wm. Gilroy, and, it is said, has accepted a position in E. G. Thompson's store.

Miss F. Russell, of the Public school staff, fell and sprained her ankle last week. Her place at the school was taken by her sister, Miss Dot Russell.

Bert Mead has accepted a position in the L. E. & D. R. R. round house at Walkerville. Mr. Mead and family left for Walkerville to-day.

The Methodist Church was crowded to-night to hear Rev. R. Hobbs in his popular lecture, "The Triangular Man."

Rev. Geo. Gilmore will give one of his popular lectures on Scotland in the Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, Feb. 6th. The lecture interspersed with Scottish songs.

The Young People's Society of Trinity Church will hold their regular weekly meeting to-morrow evening.

Rev. D. W. Collins will deliver the second of his lectures on the "History of the Church of England." All are cordially invited to attend.

### THAMESVILLE

Jan. 26.—R. G. Lind, of London, is in town to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, of London, are at the Tecumseh House.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hubbell, of Kent Bridge, spent Sunday here.

The death occurred yesterday of

Benjamin Higgins, an old resident of the village. The deceased was 78 years of age and leaves a grown-up family. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at two o'clock at the Methodist church, where the services will be conducted by Rev. T. J. W. Blatchford and Rev. J. McInnis, after which the remains will be interred in the Sherman cemetery.

Mrs. L. Coll and son Frank, of Toledo, are visiting relatives here. Mrs. L. Arnold, of Chatham, Mrs. Sharp, of Chatham, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, of Michigan, and Mrs. Richardson, of Windsor, are in town, having been summoned to the bedside of Mr. Richard Jackman, who is seriously ill.

A sad event occurred yesterday when Mrs. John Howat passed away after a painful illness of over a year's duration, at the age of 45 years. Mrs. Howat was a daughter of the late Dr. Swisher, and having lived here all her life was well known and highly respected. Before her illness she was an energetic worker in the Presbyterian church and her death will leave a void not easily filled.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son and daughter and one sister to mourn her loss. The funeral services will be held at the family residence on Wednesday at two o'clock p. m., after which interment will take place in the Mayhew cemetery.

Miss Laing, of Bothwell, is the guest of Miss Annie Sherman.

Mrs. M. Ruckle is visiting friends in Windsor.

### Farmers' Institutes

Next month the members of the Farmers' Institutes will continue their holding meetings. For Division seven, which comprises East and West Kent, the following dates have been arranged for at the following places:—

Highgate—Feb. 6.

Ridgetown—Feb. 7.

Blenheim—Feb. 9.

Bridge End—Feb. 10.

Thamesville—Feb. 11.

Zone—Feb. 12.

Bear Line, Dover—Feb. 13.

Fletcher—Feb. 14.

Tilbury—Feb. 16.

Wheatley—Feb. 17 and 18.

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