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GODERICH, MARCH 1, 1876.

A Temperance Tidal Wave.

A powerful influence has been at work throughout the Province of Ontario during the past few weeks, and its effects are to be seen in the actions of town and village councils with reference to the application of the new License Act. In many municipalites the number of licenses have been reduced and the cost of obtaining them increased, whilst shop licenses have been decimated and confined to persons engaged only in the sale of liquors; and this is due to the active measures adopted by the temperance people, supplemented by a tide in popular feeling. In Goderich the recent diet of excellent and stirring temperance lectures at which we have been entertained has had its effect in awakening a strong public sentiment in favor of the temperance movement, and the opportunity of giving effect to it presenting itself so readily it is not to be wondered at that so sweeping a measure was carried through the town council at its last session. We doubt if any one anticipated that, in regard to shop licenses, the appeal of the temperence people would succeed; it was the general impression that the council would "split a difference," so to speak, and grant probably two or three licenses. The wave of popular feeling, however, was the strong to be impeded by the small element of opposition.

With reference to the regulations for tavern licenses all seem well pleased, as tending to abolish many saloons and raise the standard of respectability in hotels. Some object to the action upon shop licenses, which it is contended gives a monopoly which will place consumers at the mercy of one individual, who may charge his own figures and sell any miserable stuff he chooses. If such be the results, so much the better for the interests of the public, who will be the more quickly weaned from "the darling habit," as Susannah Evans calls it, of moderate drinking at home. Again, by taking away from the grocers the privilege of selling liquor, it is reasoned that, in a good many cases, a large portion of the business of some of the grocers is taken from them, for which it will be difficult for them to make compensation. The grocery business has been brought down to one of "narrow margins" by competition, and liquor was an accessory, to that branch of commerce, both profitable and safe. Dry goods establishments are in the habit of keeping a small stock of groceries for the express purpose of drawing customers, and by selling groceries at very low figures in order to attract purchasers they succeed in gaining their object to the injury of grocers. In order to compete with this latter disadvantage and to supply the loss in their business by being deprived of the privilege of selling liquor, the weaker ones, and possibly all, will find it necessary to put themselves upon the same footing as their competitors in the dry goods line. The result of this will be that the quality of groceries will be depreciated, for obvious reasons, and the consumers will be sufferers in one respect. It is hardly likely that affairs will come to this pass in the grocery business, for their is capital enough amongst our business men to carry on an independent and substantial grocery business, so that there need be no fears on the above score.

The majority of the grocers are apparently satisfied with the change, for they are relieved from the demands of a custom to which they were conscientiously opposed. It is to be hoped that all may be able to dispose of their stock of liquors without loss to themselves, for it would be a great pity should the law which made their business therein legitimate cause them serious loss.

The friends of temperance have reason to feel grateful for the improved tone of popular feeling, but they must not think that a great deal of their work is done. An element has been awakened which is daily strengthening, and by cautious efforts and without pushing the cause too rapidly forward the temperance party will soon find itself upon a smooth road leading towards the attainment of its ultimate aim. It is well to be zealous, even to the extent of being considered extreme, but let the people be first educated to agree with needed reforms before they are put in practice. The sale of liquor in town will not be greatly affected by this new measure, although a serious feature of the traffic will be abolished, and the advocates of prohibition have yet a great deal to do before they completely starve their inveterate enemy.

St. Andrew's Ward.

The nomination of candidates to fill the vacancy in this ward, will take place at Eric McKay's shop, on Saturday next, at 12 o'clock, noon. If a poll is demanded, the election will take place four clear days from Saturday.

Rumor has been busy with the names of two or three persons who are in the field besides Mr. J. B. Miller, but we believe that no opposition will be offered to these gentlemen. If the promises which have been made are to be relied upon, Mr. Miller will be elected by a good majority in case of a contest. No better man could be brought out, he being an intelligent, active person and one taking a deep interest in the welfare of the town. His election, we are sure, will give general satisfaction and be for the best interests of St. Andrew's Ward.

STRAYING is excited over an effort that is being made to secure an investigation into the manner of expending the township moneys by past councils. A meeting was held on Monday of last week at Crediton, which was pretty largely attended, Mr. Thos. Greenway, M. P., being present, having come from Ottawa for that purpose, and a resolution was adopted expressing the dissatisfaction of the ratepayers who found fault with the system adopted by the council in expending money through commissioners, placing large sums in their hands and receiving no report in detail of the manner of expending. In the petition to the Reeve to call the meeting, several charges were made against the council and officers of the past few years, and on motion of Mr. Greenway, who by the way is one of the old councillors, it was resolved that all who had any charges to make should specify them in writing over their own signature and present them to the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that a committee of three disinterested parties be appointed to investigate the matter after the close of the present session of the Dominion Parliament. This step seems to give considerable satisfaction, as the feeling has generally obtained that the expenditure of moneys under the old regime was not judicious. No doubt the people of Ashfield will watch the action of the people of Stephen with interest, as many ratepayers in the former township are possessed of a similar dissatisfaction.

IT is a good thing to be loyal, to esteem and respect our rulers and to pay due submission to them; and it is also a good thing to be able to meet the demands of the "dignity of office."—When the Governor General made his little pleasure trip through Ontario, about Lake Superior and to Chicago, it cost the country the sum of $13,187.47, not including what it cost the country generally to receive him. The latter amount was by far the largest of the two, but whilst all were admiring their Excellencies Lord and Lady Dufferin, few thought that the pleasure cost the country so much.

AT a recent meeting of the East Huron Reform Association, in Brussels, it was resolved to hold a Reform demonstration in Brussels some time during the summer, at which Messrs. Blake, Mackenzie and other leading Reformers will be invited to be present. This is a good example for the other ridings of the County to follow, and we hope they will at once take the initiatory step by organizing healthy associations.

LINCOLN has gone back to its old love and elected Charlay Rykert, of scrap book fame, by a majority of 20 over Mr. Neelon the Reform candidate. The latter was elected at the last Local election by a majority of 111, the reaction being accepted by our Tory friends with great satisfaction notwithstanding the notorious character of their candidate. Mr. Neelon, however, was only entrusted with the rights of the franchise in the early part of last month, and under the new law is but a political infant compared with Rykert, and may yet live to see the tables turned.

Town Council.

Council assembled on Friday evening, the Mayor in the chair, and the Reeve Deputy Reeve and Councillors Hutcheson, Smaill, Sloan, Detlor, Smith, Mitchell, Thompson, A. Watson, Campbell, Andrews and Clucas present.

Communication from H. W. Ball disclaiming and stating that he finds he does not possess the required qualification to hold a seat at the board, Mr. D. Watson asked if Mr. F. W. Johnston could take the seat vacated by Mr. Ball or would there be a new election. Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. A. Watson, that the communication be received and that the Mayor issue his order for a new election in St. Andrews' Ward. Mr. Garrow thought that as the communication was not in the form of disclaimer given in the statute it could not act as such disclaimer and therefore the candidate having the next highest vote at last election was not entitled to the seat. Mr. D. Watson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, that the Mayor be authorized to take legal advice in the matter, but several parties stating that Mr. F. W. Johnston did not wish to take the seat, Mr. Watson withdrew his amendment and the motion carried.

Petition from 25 ratepayers of St. David's Ward asking council to appropriate money for draining St. David street was sent to Public Works committee.

Mr. Garrow moved, seconded by Mr. Smaill, that a committee consisting of the Mayor and Messrs. A. Watson and Smaill be appointed to provide at once the necessary accommodation for the next Agricultural exhibition to be held in this town and to report, when such accommodation has been found, to Mr. E. Martin on behalf of the association—Carried.

Communication from Mrs. Doran asking council to remit her taxes, $4.05, sent to Finance committee with power to act.

Petition of A. Buchanan asking council to remit income tax, sent to Finance.

Communication from A. Cavan regarding income tax, claiming, as a Government officer to be exempt, sent to Finance.

Petition from Mrs. Hopper asking Council to pay her rent, $6; sent to Relief Com.

Communication from F. W. Robertson of Montreal offering to light the town with gas if Council will grant a charter for 40 years and the town subscribe stock to the amount of $5000, sent to Public Works Board.

Report of Finance Committee recommending payment of several accounts and remission of W. M. Hilliard's taxes, also reduction of assessment asked by Abraham Smith, from $1,500 to $1000. Adopted.

The following accounts were sent to Finance:—John Ralph for stovepipes for engine house in 1873 $6.93; E. Edwards for glass 50 cts; W. Stotts, teams for fire engine $17; A. M. Polley teams for fire engine and stage fares of paupers sent away $18.50; Kerr and McKenzie, nails $3.75; Richard Buxton for loss of crops on Ransford property $25 (sent to Public Works); Somerville and Hennings, flour for charity $22.25.

Communication from Mr. J. R. Miller that he purchased lot 480 for taxes, and finding that said lot belonged to the Roman Catholic Church he offers to reconvey same on remission of amount paid and interest.—Referred to Finance.

Telegram from Horace Horton M. P. that Government officials in Ottawa are compelled to pay income tax.

Mr. Campbell informed the council that a deputation was in the Clerks office waiting to present a petition to the council and speak in support of same, and he therefore moved, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that they be received and heard—Carried. The deputation, composed of the Rev. Messrs. Ure, Henderson, Scivright, Goodspeed and Mr. J. R. Miller, inspector of schools, and Mr. H. J. Strong then entered and Rev. Mr. Ure introduced the deputation and presented a petition praying that the liquor traffic be further restricted as follows: To limit the selling of liquor in shops, under what are commonly called shop licenses, to shops and persons engaged in no other business or calling, especially to separate such liquor business from the grocery business; to limit the number of such shop licenses to one; that in order to be entitled to hotel licenses every hotel should have at least twelve properly appointed bed rooms with all necessary beds, bedding and furniture and two public sitting-rooms, and proper stabling for not less than six horses, with necessary driving house accommodation. The petition is signed by over 270 of the leading ratepayers and Rev. Mr. Ure in presenting same said, that many thought the petition did not go far enough and hence refused to sign it; his own views were not met fully by the petition as he thought a prohibitory law would be a great blessing to the Country and he hoped to see such a law passed soon; if granted, the claims set forth in the petition would prove of great benefit; it was a step in the right direction; Rev. Mr. Henderson was then introduced and said that the feeling of the temperance body and every woman and child in the town was expressed in the petition and all those together with a great many who were not strictly temperance men would support the council if they saw fit to grant the prayer of the petition; he hoped that those who held different views were open to conviction; this matter was to be looked at quite separate from all personalities, it was not the men but the traffic that they were opposed to; he referred to the miseries in families where liquor has a place; the multitude of evils it carries with it and how closely associated it is with crime; public sentiment has changed greatly of late years on this matter; in days past Councils felt that public sentiment was not in favor of a restriction of the liquor traffic, but they could not feel this now as there never was a time when this subject received such earnest attention as it does now; in this town the feeling was rapidly growing in favor of prohibition and about nine tenths of the population of the town were in favor of the petition, presented as it was a step towards prohibition; legislators tell us when we ask for new laws, that we do not carry out the laws we have; we must endeavor to carry out the new law on this subject to the letter, that we can ask the legislature to go a step further and when ready, ask for prohibition; saloons were a great temptation to young men to spend money in card playing, drinking and other evils, and when their money is spent the further temptation of robbing their employers till; the present is an eventful period, and now this Council has an opportunity of doing a grand work in restricting the traffic in intoxicating liquor; the eyes of all citizens are upon the Council and the country also waits to see the action taken. Mr. J. R. Miller was next introduced and said, that he had nothing to say against the men engaged in the liquor traffic, but strongly denounced the traffic itself; temperance men should advise more with liquor men than they do and thus lead them by kindness to see the evils of the liquor traffic; he with others had called on some of the liquor dealers in town a few days ago and felt greatly encouraged by the kindly manner in which they were met; a hotel keeper said he was in favor of the present movement, he would like to keep a temperance house if he could see his way clear, even now he had taken many precautions, such as not keeping a boarder who was in the habit of regular drinking and he did not keep chairs in his bar-room as that would encourage men to loaf. They called on the grocers who keep liquors also and they expressed themselves glad to meet the deputation, and one of them suggested that if temperance men generally called upon them in this manner, instead of vilifying them, a great deal of good might be done; all these dealers would be glad to get out of the business; at present they have money invested in it and did not want to lose that, but almost all being in favor of the temperance movement suggested several methods by which the claims of the petition could be granted without injuring them; one suggested a co-operative store in which each dealer could have stock, but the most of them were against this and would be willing to separate the liquors and groceries, and take either the one or the other by itself; one hoped to see the new law enforced to the letter and felt sure a great deal of good would result; another suggested placing the fee high and not limiting the number, and that thus the business would find its level. Mr. Miller thought it a perfect farce to allow saloons take out license as hotels, they are not hotels but merely drinking shops; he referred to the evil of liquor cellars in stores, they were traps to catch young men; drunkards were manufactured there; many a young man would go to a grocery cellar who would be ashamed to go into a saloon; public sentiment was strongly against these cellars; he thought it was only just to ask that; all bars be closed at 10.30 o'clock in the evening; a hotel keeper in the town said that a great deal of the evil was done after that hour; the temperance people are now in earnest, they are sorry for those dealers who complain that they have large sums invested in liquor stock, but from this time forward such men are warned by public sentiment. He referred to temperance lectures delivered lately and the interest taken in them; public opinion is rapidly ripening and soon he hoped the country would be in a position to ask for prohibition.

The petition was received with loud cheers, and Mr. Garrow introduced a by-law, framed so as to meet the requirements of the law, which was read a first and second time and Council went into committee of the whole, Mr. Garrow in the chair, when by-law was read and voted on as follows:—As to number of shop licenses, Mr. Smaill moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that they be limited to two. Mr. D. Watson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that they be the same as last year; he did this knowing the amount of stock the dealers have on hand; he thought the petition premature, and if carried out, would be injurious to trade.

Mr. Campbell said the petition asked for one and he thought that would be quite sufficient for this town; if we had the right to dispense altogether with them he would be glad to move it, he therefore moved, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that they be limited to one as set forth in the petition.

Mr. A. Watson felt that there was some justice in what Mr. D. Watson said, but here was something that, if passed, while it would no doubt, injure to some extent a few, it would greatly benefit the community at large; he was sorry to see any business man injured, but he would vote for Mr. Campbell's amendment and let the few suffer rather than hold back so great a benefit from the mass; one shop could sell more liquor than was good for the town; he thought two would not live on the business; the fee should be placed at the highest mark the law allows; if he could do so, he would be willing to fix the fee higher.

On vote, Mr. Campbell's amendment carried as follows:—Yea, Messrs. Campbell, A. Watson, Thompson, Smith, Detlor, Sloan and the Mayor. Nay, Messrs. D. Watson, Hutchison, Clucas, Mitchell, Andrews and Smaill.

The clause as to separation of groceries and liquors and closing such licensed liquor shop at 7 p. m, was carried as asked in the petition, without opposition. The shop license fee was fixed at $200. Mr. Hutchison was sorry the fee could not be higher, he would like to see it fixed at $1,000. As to the number of hotels, Mr. Smaill moved, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that they be limited to nine. The Mayor moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Clucas, that the number be eleven. Mr. Sloan said that in Belleville, a much larger place than this, they had only five licensed; he warned all liquor vendors not to sell to minors and pointed to the case in Stratford where the Mayor fined a hotel keeper $25 for selling liquor to a minor. Mr. A. Watson thought as this was the County town more hotel accommodation was required and on that account he would support the motion for eleven, while he deplored it as unfortunate that liquor would be sold in all those licensed; he was not one of those who believed a hotel could not live without liquor selling. On vote the Mayor's amendment for eleven carried as follows: Yea, the Mayor and Messrs. D. Watson, Hutchison, A. Watson, Clucas, Mitchell and Andrews. Nay, Messrs. Campbell, Thompson, Smith, Detlor, Sloan and Smaill. Mr. Sloan moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Smaill, that the number be limited to ten. Mr. Smaill thought that under the new law we would not be entitled to more. Mr. Campbell said there were ten licensed at present and the accommodation was ample; some of them were intending to increase their accommodation, and together with that offered by the Summer hotel there would be ample for all demands. Mr. Garrow was in favor of ten, he did not wish to take license from any who now have it. Mr. A. Watson explained that he voted for eleven thinking that the law allowed that number, his intention was to go to the extent of the law as the accommodation was wanted, he was therefore going to vote for ten. On vote the amendment carried as follows:—Yea — Messrs. Hutchison, Campbell, A. Watson, Thompson, Smith, Detlor, Sloan, Smaill Garrow.—Nay, the Mayor, and Messrs. D. Watson, Clucas, Mitchell and Andrews.

As to accommodation in hotels, and first as to number of bedrooms, Mr. Sloan moved, seconded by Mr. Detlor, that every hotel be required to have at least twelve bedrooms fitted and furnished for public use, besides those required for the proprietor and servants. (The by-law as drawn may be construed differently, as it makes the accommodation in bedrooms twelve over and above the requirements of the law as it has been the past year which demanded four. According to this every hotel keeper must have sixteen rooms for public accommodation; but we believe the intention of the Council was as we express it above.—Ed.)

This motion carried without a division.

As to sitting-rooms for public use Mr. Sloan moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell that there be two, carried—As to stabling, Mr. A. Watson thought it could be left out entirely as if required at all, it would be to the interest of the proprietor to provide the required accommodation for his patrons. Mr. Sloan thought every hotel should have stable room or it would be no better than a saloon. Mr. Campbell referred to the likelihood of the West Riding Agricultural Show being held here, and also the fact that commercial travellers generally prefer dealing altogether with the house they stop at instead of having to go somewhere else when wanting to hire livery; he thought the matter might perhaps be left to regulate itself, but it would be proper to compel it by law so long as the accommodation was not placed too large. Mr. Sloan moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that hotels be compelled to provide stable accommodation for at least eight horses, carried—The license fee for hotels was then taken up. Mr. Detlor moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the fee be $200. Mr. D. Watson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that the fee be $100. Mr. Smaill did not believe in placing the fee too high as it was necessary to encourage hotel keepers to keep as good a house as possible, and a high fee might tend to cripple them. Mr. Campbell agreed with Mr. Smaill to some extent and moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that the fee be $125. Mr. Smith thought hotels could afford to pay a fee of $200, especially now that saloons were done away with and shops limited to one; the revenue would have to be raised in some way. On the suggestion of the Mayor Mr. Campbell made the amount of fee $150 instead of $125, and on vote this amendment was lost as follows, Yea, the Mayor and Messrs. Hutchison, Campbell, A. Watson, Thompson, Sloan, and Garrow.—Nay, Messrs. D. Watson, Clucas, Mitchell, Andrews, Smith, Detlor and Smaill. The other amendment for $100 fee, was then put and lost thus, Yea, Messrs. D. Watson, Clucas, Mitchell, Andrews and Smaill. Nay, the Mayor and Messrs. Hutchison, Campbell, A. Watson, Thompson, Smith, Detlor, Sloan and Garrow, The Mayor moved, seconded by Mr. Smaill, that the fee be $125 which carried thus, Yea, the Mayor and Messrs. D. Watson, Hutchison, Campbell, Thompson, Clucas, Mitchell, Andrews and Smaill. Nay, Messrs Smith, Detlor and Sloan. The committee rose and reported and the Mayor resumed the chair. By-law was then read a third time, when Mr. A. Watson moved, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, that the hotel license fee be $150. Mr. Garrow thought the fee should stand at $125. On division the amendment was lost as follows: Yea, Messrs. Hutchison, A. Watson, Thompson, Smith and Detlor. Nay, Messrs. D. Watson, Campbell, Clucas, Mitchell, Andrews, Sloan, Smaill and Garrow. The fee therefore was fixed at $125 and the by-law passed amid rousing cheers.

Mr. Sloan gave notice that he would move to amend the standing by-law by abolishing billiard tables.

County Council.

A special meeting of the County Council took place last week, the first session opening on Wednesday afternoon. The members were all present, with the exception of four.

NEW DEBENTURES.

The principal business was the passing of a by-law to raise $265,000 by the issue of debentures to redeem certain outstanding debentures falling due on the first of July next, for which no sinking fund had been provided. By-law No. 4, of 1876, for that purpose was therefore read and adopted, after some discussion which resulted in altering the by-law so as to make the debentures payable in February (at which time the taxes would be about collected) and August, instead of January and July.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Castle, that the Clerk be authorized to prepare a by-law to give the County Treasurer power to register the debentures issued under By-law No. 4, 1876, if he found it necessary in disposing of the debentures. Carried.

THURSDAY, Feb. 24.

After preliminary business the by-law authorizing the Treasurer to register the debentures if necessary was read and passed.

COUNTY PRINTING.

At the last meeting of the council it was supposed that the printing was to go to the Exeter *Times* this year, but owing to the receipt of two contradictory telegrams from that paper with reference to the terms upon which the list of convictions was to be printed—the first offering to publish it at 1½ cts. per line and the second offering to do it gratis—it was considered that the *Times* had received the opportunity of making two bids, which was deemed unfair, and it was decided therefore to reconsider the tender of that paper with that of the *Star*. Motions were made favorable to both papers, and on division the *Star* received the printing by a majority of two votes. Several of the members spoke of the work done by the *Star* last year as disgraceful to a wealthy county like Huron, and a motion was made to give the work to the *Expositor*, but being made too late it was ruled out of order.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Malone, that the Engineer be instructed to examine the town line where two bridges were abolished between McKillop and Logan, at the first con., as the road has been impassable all winter—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that Mr. McLeary be paid the balance of the grant made to him in January on condition that he satisfy the Clerk that he will not ask any more from the county—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Cresswell, that the Engineer be instructed to prepare a schedule of the bridges kept in repair and assumed by the county and report at the June meeting—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hogarth, that the Engineer be instructed to further examine the bridge over the Saugeen, at Grand Bend, and report immediately to the Warden's Committee, and if under the joint jurisdiction of both counties that an appropriation equal to the grant from Lambton be given to repair the same, namely, $200—Carried.

Council then adjourned to meet on the first Monday in June next.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

REMANDED.—Wm. Nolan was last week brought before the London Police Magistrate to answer the charge of robbery preferred against him. A good deal of evidence was taken, and the prisoner was remanded until to-day, (March 1st.)

LICENSES.—All parties holding tavern, shop or saloon licenses must send in same to Mr. Lewis, the issuer, before the 15th March, instant, for renewal to 1st May next, with certificate from each municipality treasurer that municipality has been paid one sixth of amount paid last year. One sixth of amount paid Government last year must also be sent to the issuer along with postage for remailing same to owner.

ARTIFICIAL MANURES.—Attention is directed to an advertisement in another column of the Brockville Chemical and Superphosphate Works, who are manufacturing different kinds of artificial manures. Farmers and gardeners should send for their circulars and give these manures a fair trial as they are recommended highly by leading farmers elsewhere who have used them with universal success. Our agricultural patrons will hear from us again on this subject at length.

IMPORTANT MEETING.—On Saturday evening next, a meeting will take place in the lecture room of North Street Methodist Church, for the purpose of organizing a public temperance association. Addresses will be delivered by Mr. W. T. Cox and others. Many persons have scruples about joining secret societies, and in order to extend the benefits and influence of temperance organizations it is proposed to form a body, the members of which sign a document pledging themselves to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors and to use all efforts to discountenance the habit.

KNOX CHURCH SOCIAL.—On Tuesday evening of last week the ladies of Knox Church gave a social in the basement of the church. Owing to the stormy state of the weather the attendance was small, but the affair was greatly enjoyed by those present, an excellent repast being furnished together with an interesting programme of amusements. Speeches were given by Rev. Messrs. Ure and Scivright; readings by Messrs. H. I. Strang and J. R. Miller; recitation by Mr. D. Adams; singing by the Misses McKay and the choir and instrumental music by Miss Frances Scivright. A good sum was realized. The managers will give a series of socials in aid of the fund for liquidating the debt on the church, and the first one will take place on Tuesday evening next. Admission, 20 cents. An excellent programme of music, readings, &c., has been prepared, and a pleasant evening may be anticipated

A BOGUS MONEY-LENDER.—On Friday last Jos. Farr was committed to jail on a charge of obtaining a note under false pretences and stealing a gold watch chain. A couple of weeks ago Farr called on Mr. John Crich, lot 15, con. 14, McKillop, and represented himself as a money lender. He offered to lend Mr. Crich $200 at 7 per cent. interest, asking no security, simply taking that gentleman's note at 12 months. He then gave Mr. Crich two cheques for $50 each upon the Royal Canadian Bank in Stratford and one for $100 on the same bank in Seaforth. Farr left on the following day, and Mr. Crich being suspicious of the character of the cheques went to Seaforth and found that both were bogus. Constable Hicks, of Brussels, was soon on the scamp's track and overtook him at Cranbrook. He was locked up in one of the bedrooms of Tuck's hotel, and Farr whilst there went through Mr. Tuck's clothes and appropriated a gold watch chain, which he secreted in the lining of his cap. Mr. Tuck noticed his loss, and after a lengthy search the missing article was found. Farr was brought before J. A. Hunter, Esq., magistrate, who committed him to jail to stand his trial.

MR. W. T. COX'S LECTURE.—A large number of the friends of Mr. Cox, formerly editor and proprietor of this paper, assembled at the station to receive him on his return to this place for a short visit, and the greeting accorded was warm indeed. The many friends of the gentlemen were pleased to see Mr. Cox looking so well and to notice so great an improvement in his general appearance. The announcement of his lecture on temperance aroused great interest, and as a consequence, Knox Church was well filled on the evening of Thursday. Mr. J. R. Miller presided at this meeting and several of the ministers of the town were seated upon the platform. The chairman in a few well-timed remarks introduced Mr. Cox, who was received with loud applauses. It is hardly necessary for us to follow the lecturer, in our remarks, through his discourse, the sketch from the pages of his own eventful history comprehending the principal part of his lecture, and this has been already presented to our readers in a letter written by Mr. Cox under the caption of "Out of the Depths." In simple language and with deep emotion the lecturer related the events of his life as a journalist which led to his downfall, told the agonies and desperation of the period which saw him homeless in the streets of Chicago, of the resolve then taken which was adhered to until he was restored to home, friends and happiness. Speaking of the life of an editor Mr. Cox said that his temptations to drink were strong. The work of preparing each issue of a paper kept the mind buoyed up and stimulated by excitement, but when the paper was printed there came a reaction, for the stimulating influence was gone, and it was then very easy to fall into the habit of taking unnatural stimulants. Once having fallen into this habit, when the mental faculties were not as bright as usual, liquor was used and the victim launched upon his downward course. Smoking was an exceedingly bad habit, one which created a thirst for strong drinks, and the speaker warned his hearers against the habit. Mr. Cox spoke of the lack of charity in the public in dealing with drunkards, whom all seemed to think were possessed of no feeling. On the contrary they felt deeply the degraded nature of their condition, and if people, physicians or ministers better understood their feelings many more drunkards would be reformed. In almost every town and village were to be found victims of the tyrant alcohol, and it was sad to find that men of bright intellects, noble natures and agreeable disposition so readily fell under the dire influence. Throughout the lecture the audience listened with rapt attention, occasionally being moved to tears by the pathetic portions of the simple narrative. No eloquence was necessary to inspire the lecture with moving effects, the earnestness of the the speaker as he related his "plain unvarnished tale" to those who had known him and seen his career made his words impressive and powerful. Orators of fame might exhaust their best efforts and yet fail to awaken the depth of feeling which was inspired in the bosoms of Mr. Cox's hearers, who, as they listened, saw clearly before them the picture of the inner life of one who had passed through a bitter ordeal. At the close of the lecture Rev. M. Benson, of Strathroy, moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was seconded by Rev. W. C. Henderson, M. A., and unanimously carried. The meeting was brought to a close by Rev. C. Fletcher pronouncing the benediction.

NO TRACE of the bodies of the two little boys who were drowned on Feb. 19th, has yet been found.

SENTENCE.—On Saturday Wm. Hassell, the young man from Clinton charged with stealing some boots and other articles, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment in the Central Prison.

NOTICE.—We have received all the necessary forms, &c., for taking entries of grain for the Philadelphia exhibition. All who desire to send specimens of any kind by applying at this office will have their specimens forwarded free of cost. Apply early.

NEW ST. CHURCH.—The Rev. Jas. Graham, of London, will preach in the North St. Methodist Church on Sabbath next, morning and evening. On the following Tuesday evening he will deliver a lecture in the same place, on "The relation of the Bible to Human Progress."

BARGAINS.—Those intending to purchase furniture or anything in the cabinet line should call and examine the large stock in the Hamilton St. cabinet shop, where prices are marked down low for cash. Mr. McKenzie is determined to sell off his present stock and purchasers will save money by dealing with him. See adv.

STRANGE ACCIDENT.—One day last week a little child of Samuel Noble's, Newgate st., whilst playing upon a bed fell to the floor and a pair of scissors which she held in her hand entered her neck and made a very deep wound.—The point of the scissors narrowly escaped cutting the jugular vein. Dr. Taylor dressed the wound, and the child is getting better.

Y. M. C. A. CONCERT.—A grand concert will be given in Oddfellow's Hall, on Tuesday evening, 9th March, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. Association. Dr. Thompson has the task of preparing the programme, and under his efficient superintendence we have no doubt the concert will be an excellent one. As the object is to augment the funds of the association, it is to be hoped that the citizens will turn out strongly and fill the hall.

H. & N. W. RAILWAY.—It is of importance to business men to have convenient access to the cities for the purpose of making purchases. We have now close connection with Toronto, London, Buffalo and, although few appear to be fully aware of it, Hamilton. The Hamilton & North Western Railway, the southern branch of which running to Port Jarvis crosses the Grand Trunk at Caledonia, provides a short and expeditious route to the "ambitious city." Persons leaving Goderich by the morning train will reach Hamilton at noon, and avoiding the delay at Paris, may return the following day on the mail train. The route is a beautiful one, particularly at the approach to Hamilton and a trip over this road would be well worth the time of pleasure seekers. We may look for an excursion over this road during the coming summer, when our citizens would no doubt avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing Hamilton, in large numbers. The condensed time table in another column will be useful to our readers.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Jas. Graham, of London, delivered an excellent address in that city on Tuesday evening of last week, upon the subject of "The Relation of the Bible to Human Progress".

—Sheriff Gibbons started on Monday for Ottawa, to attend the first meeting of the Provincial Agricultural Board.

—We are pleased to see Mr. Samuel Curran again moving about, having recovered from a very severe attack of lung disease.

—On Tuesday the sad news reached town, of the death of Mr. Jonathan Story, which occurred on Monday on a sleeping car whilst that gentleman was returning home from California. The body was left at Winnemucca, Nev., and a telegram sent to the deceased's wife here. The remains will be forwarded by express to the sorrowing friends. Mr. Story some time ago went to California for the benefit of his health, and lately had been improving considerably, when the sad news of his death came to destroy the hopes of his friends.

CURLIANA.—Mr. M. Hutchison, with the rink with which he played in the late match with Lucknow, will play Dr. Tennant's rink, to-day, at Dungannon, the stake being two barrels of flour to be distributed to the poor.

—An interesting game took place on the rink between the players from the East and West sides of the town, as divided by East and West streets, the stake being an oyster supper. The ice was in excellent condition, but the best efforts of the players from the East met with disappointment, having to contend against "flukes," outrageous good luck and the good playing of their opponents. The following is the score:

EAST.	No. 1. RINK.	WEST
A. Kirkbride		F. A. Austin
T. J. Moorehouse		P. Adamson
Capt. Dancy		T. Hood
E. Martin, skip	21.	J. H. Finlay, skip 29.
	No. 2. RINK.	
Ed. Robertson		W. G. Smith
S. Ward		H. H. Smith
R. Gibbons		A. Dickson
H. Horton, skip	19.	A. M. Ross, skip 28.

DUNGANNON.

A NEW PROPRIETOR.—Mr. Warnakett, the new tenant of the Prince of Wales hotel, has got things straightened up and by all appearences is determined to keep a good house, which will be an advantage to the public.

NOT PLEASED.—An article which appeared in your issue about two weeks ago, signed "Quarterly Official Board of the Dungannon Council," has occasioned considerable comment in this vicinity on account of the extreme uncharitableness expressed therein towards a rev. gentleman of this village.—COM.

[With reference to the last item we might here state that we have received a communication bearing upon the matter which we think it better to withhold. A controversy would ensue, if we give it space in our column, which would be more unpleasant than entertaining, and injurious to the cause of christianity.—ED.]

EXETER AND VICINITY.

PRECOCIOUS.—Mrs. Edward Strathy, of this town, picked a full bloomed pansy in her garden on Saturday, 19th Feb.

LICENSE FEES.—The council has placed a fee of $100 on the first billiard table; $75 on the second; and $50 on the third. Transient traders have to pay a fee of $3 per day.

CATTLE SHIPPED.—Mr. J. Willis loaded twenty-one head of cattle, at the station on Monday of last week, for Montreal. One steer weighed 2,000 lbs.

FIRE.—A few nights ago Mr. Frank Wright's house in Exeter North caught fire from a defective stove pipe, but through the prompt action of the fire company the fire was soon controlled.

INCENDIARISM.—On Tuesday morning of last week a quantity of straw and some boxes were found piled against the rear of Isaac Carling's frame storehouse, and partially burned. The design of incendiarism was evident, and the escape from an extensive fire was providential.—*Times*.

SEAFORTH.

ACCIDENT.—On the 24th ult., a fireman on the Grand Trunk named Chas. Phipps, met with an accident which nearly cost him his life. While filling the boiler of his engine with water, the large unwieldy hose became disconnected and fell upon the poor fellow's head, felling him instantly and leaving a frightful gash in his head, but fortunately not fracturing his skull. Dr. Burgess attended to the case, which is progressing favorably.

KENNEDY.—This Scotch vocalist will revisit Seaforth on Monday, 27th March.

OUR HOTELS.—It is rumoured that our hotel-keepers don't intend to take out any licenses, with the exception of Mr. Davidson of the Commercial, who is willing to pay the $200. It is expected that the council will have some trouble in the matter.

COLBORNE.

SAD AFFLICTION.—Mr. Ferdinand J. Weiss has the sympathy of his neighbors in the affliction which has befallen him by the death, from inflammatory croup, of his son Oscar, aged 11 years and a little daughter aged 5 years, on the 17th and 18th Feb. Both children were buried on the 20th of Feb.

BRUSSELS AND VICINITY.

The following is a statement of the shipments of produce from Brussels station during the month of February past:—Wheat, 20,000 bush.; peas, 6,000 bush; barley, 4,000; dressed hogs, 53 tons.

A man named Walker, who has been around town during the past week or two, and who represented himself to be a horse-buyer of pretensions, suddenly left Brussels on Wednesday afternoon, without settling with his landlord for his board or sundry small sums of money which he had borrowed.

Mr. F. C. Rogers has disposed of his stock of hardware and business to Mr. Drew, of Strathroy, who takes possession on the first of April.

On Saturday the 19th, a number of the teachers of the different schools in Brussels and Grey, paid a visit to Mr. Archd. Dewar, Public School Inspector, at his residence, Seaforth, and presented him with an address and a valuable wolf skin robe.—*Post*.

BLYTH.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.—Religious meetings have been conducted in the Methodist Church for the past five weeks with great success. Rev. Mr. Milligan conducted the meetings for the first two weeks, and latterly the pastor, Rev. Mr. Phelps, has officiated.

FIRE.—On Thursday last, the workshop of Mr. David Rodgerson took fire from a spark which fell from the stove pipe, but the fire being noticed in time it was