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Guelph, 3rd January, 1868. Ind

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Guelph 13th December, 1867. 41m

NOTICE.
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Guelph, 6th January, 1868.

RE-OPENING.
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Guelph, 6th January, 1868. dw1

JOSEPH HOBSON,
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Guelph, Jan. 2nd, 1868.

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Evening Mercury.
OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
SATURDAY EV'NG, JAN. 11, 1868.

Cattle Fairs.
Elevs. 1st Tuesday of every month.
New Hamburg, 1st Tuesday of each month.
Guelph, 1st Wednesday of every month.
Berlin, 1st Thursday of every month.
Elmira, 2nd Monday of every month.
Crosshill, 2nd Monday of every month.
Waterloo, 2nd Tuesday of every month.

PERSONAL.—We are pleased to learn that Mr. John Grant, of Wyoming, for many years a faithful and popular public servant in the Post office, Express and Telegraph offices in Berlin, under the late Mr. Davidson, has been appointed Agent of the American and Canadian Express Company at Guelph, in place of Mr. M. Ryan.—Berlin Telegraph.

MISSIONARY SERMONS.—In the Primitive Methodist Church, Guelph, missionary sermons will be preached to-morrow, (Sabbath) by the Rev. Mr. Rowe, of Toronto. Service will begin at half past ten a. m., and at six o'clock p. m. The annual missionary meeting will also be held in the church on Monday evening next, at half past seven, and will be addressed by the Rev. gentleman above mentioned and others.

S. S. CONVENTION.—The *Champion* says:—There will be a Sabbath School Convention in Milton, on the 21st and 22nd inst., and no pains will be spared by the Committee to make it an interesting and profitable occasion. Besides the clergymen, and at least two delegates from each school in the County, the following gentlemen are expected to be present: The Revs. A. Sutherland, Dr. Ormiston, Senator Atkins, and P. W. Dayfoot, Esq., of Hamilton. The committee have undertaken to bespeak the hospitality of the town to the delegates, and we feel confident that they have not miscalculated the hospitable feelings of the good people of this place.

Municipal Elections.
PEEL.—We did not give the names of all the members returned to the Council for this township, when we spoke of it previously. They are as follow: Reeve, Mr. Cross; Deputy Reeve, Messrs. Sutherland and McManus. Councillors, Messrs. Cunningham and Rudd.

BEVERLY.—Reeve Mr. John Clement; Deputy Reeve, Messrs. Wm Nesbet and John Malcolm. Councillors, Messrs. Fergusson and Smith.

MINTO.—For Deputy Reeve, Wm Boyd 233, Miles Bateman 19, Robt Caldwell 17, & H. Dohme 158. For Councillors, Richard Head 181, Wm Hughes 313, Thos. Lemon 215, James Moore 80, James J. Wm Hays 127, Geo Redpath 63, Alex Dow 5, James Brown 4.

WEST ELAMBOURNE.—Dr. Miller was elected Reeve by a majority of 89 over Mr. Wm Tans; Mr. M. Peberles, Deputy Reeve, by a majority of 131 over Mr. R. Nicklin. Councillors elected: Messrs. F. W. Hore, John I. Platt and Jas. Morden.

MILTON.—Reeve, Mr. Dewar. Mr. R. Matheson secured the only seat as Councillor for which there was a contest.

WELLESLEY.—The election in this township on Monday last resulted in the return of Dr. Vardon as Reeve, over Mr. Hastings by the small majority of 14. Mr. Walter was re-elected Deputy Reeve; Messrs. Thomas Freeman, Gregory Starr and Wm Hawk, councillors. This is the only municipality in the Riding in which a contest took place.

GARAFRAXA.—We have before given the names of the successful candidates. The following are the figures: For Reeve, Dobbin 421, Dye 104; for Deputy Reeve, Hunter 414, Cull 143; for Councillors, Piper 421, Suple 421, McLellan 387, Black 138, Milne 125, Couse 83.

NELSON.—In this township the Council for 1868 is comprised as follows:—Reeve, W. J. S. Kerr; Deputy Reeve, Henry Foster. Councillors, D. McLaren, T. Hunter, R. B. Ireland.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—We have been requested to republish the following as the programme for the week of prayer, which began on Monday.

Saturday, January 11.—Prayer for the Christian Church; for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity and love; and for grace equal to the duties and dangers of the times.

Sunday, January 12.—Sermons. Subject; Christian Charity.—1 Cor. 13.

LOCAL FENIAN ALARM.—The Stratford Herald says:—On Wednesday last a rumor gained credence in town that the Fenians were intending to make an attack on Stratford. The report did not lose any of its interest on the following days, for the military were exceedingly vigilant, and the guards at night were doubled on their headquarters, and patrols placed on the streets. On inquiry, we learn that the true cause of the alarm was as follows:—A person residing on the other side (whose name we withhold), recently sent a letter to Mr. Jervis, in which he stated that seven persons had left for Canada, to carry out schemes of explosion and incendiarism, and that Stratford would be surely visited. We believe the party who sent the letter is entirely trustworthy, but may have heard so much of "Fenian blow" that he allowed his imagination to run loose. At any rate the bayonets of the military were never better polished, or the "breach" leaders in better working order than they are at present.

Came out All Right.
Every person has his own sorrows and trials in life, and the Pauline men have theirs. At least one Pauline man has had his. Thereby hangs a tale. A young gentleman belonging to that township some time in July last, ordered a suit of clothes from a Wyndham street merchant, and paid for them, saying he would call and take them away on the day on which he was told they would be ready. The clothes were finished "with neatness and despatch;" wedding haste was necessary for they constituted a wedding suit. But the owner came not, weeks passed, months fled and still he came not. At last the apparel was exposed for sale, the name of the young man being put some place upon each article, so that the merchant would know if he disposed of goods to any one that somebody else had paid for. But the suit remained unsold during the three weeks it was exposed, which was certainly most fortunate, as the owner called for it on Wednesday last, and it was required to do duty on Friday. He told his little episode, which though brief comprehended much. He had ordered the clothes for his wedding with a girl whom he had loved for eleven years with all the affection of a spoon, but when just on the eve of matrimony she gave him the slip and he was left lamenting. Alas, how false and yet how fair! It was enough to make one cry, it was. What were gay clothes and things to him now? Sackcloth and ashes were much more suitable to his condition. Thus the new suit lay folded up in the store, and was finally brought to light as a temptation for somebody else to get into the conjugal harness. Byron says:—

"But time at last sets all things even,
And if we only wait the hour,
There never yet was human power,
That could evade, if unforgiven,
The patient sinner, and vigil long,
Of him who treasures up a wrong."

The gentleman of whom we speak kept vigil, but not very long, he searched within for a new sweetheart, and rejected the faithless one on Friday by marrying her who had been successor in his affections. That was sweet revenge—wasn't it? Wonder how the old one feels over it. Hence his claim for the clothes, which the young gentleman had expressed his determination never to remove until he had found somebody else to marry him. His night of sorrow was short, and a bright morning it is to be supposed has risen on it, and we trust it will be long before the sunshine of the newly wedded pair is darkened by a cloud of domestic discord.

Erin Township Council.
The Erin Township Council met on the 27th ult., the Reeve in the chair and all the members all present. Several acts and petitions were referred to the Finance Committee. The Reeve having presented to the Council the deed of the 23 acres of land which had been sold for taxes of Robert Brown's lot, and which he had procured by order of the Council from the person who had bought the same at Sheriff's sale. It was ordered that the said deed be handed over to Mr. Brown on payment of expenses, \$6, and that the Reeve be paid the re-purchase money, \$40. The following persons were refunded their dog-tax, viz: A. Berry, John McEachern, M. Crewson, and Wm. Rose. The Reeve was instructed to grant orders on the Treasurer to the road commissioners, the treasurer, and clerk, for amount of salary due each. Mr. McMillan was granted 75c, being money paid by him to Wm Hall, an indigent person. The Trustees of several School Sections being present, the Council duly considered the claims of the several Sections and have concluded that School Section No. 4 shall embrace the east half of the 6th concession, from Lot No. 1 to 7 inclusive; the whole of the 7th con., from Lots 1 to 7, inclusive; the whole of the 8th con. from Lots 1 to 7 inclusive; and the west half of the 9th concession from Lots 1 to 7 inclusive; School Section No. 15, being the number of the new section now formed, shall be composed of Lots 8 to 13 in the 7th con., the east halves of 14 and 15 in the 7th con., Lots 9 to 14 in the 8th con., the west half of Lot 15 in the 8th con., and the west halves of Lots 9 and 10 in the 9th con. School Sections Nos. 5 and 7 were changed so as to admit into Section No. 7 Lots 12 in the 4th, 5th and 6th con., and the easterly half of Lot 13 in the 4th con., and 13 in the 5th and 6th con. The west half of Lots 16, 17 and 18 in the 8th con. were taken from School Sec. No. 2 and added to Sec. No. 5. The petition of the ratepayers of School Sec. 2 was laid over until next meeting. The Trustees of School Sec. No. 14 were granted \$2.04 being taxes on an abscence lot in the said Section. The Reeve was ordered to pay \$36 88 to Wm Young, being back taxes against his lot (26 in 11th con.), which was paid by Cargill to the Co. Treasurer, and after that paid by the present owner, Wm Young. Mrs. Dohl was exempted from paying taxes, and the claim of Mal. McLachlan, for a sheep killed by dogs, \$4.50, was ordered to be paid. The Finance Committee presented the following report:—Your committee would recommend that the following indigent persons be paid: Mrs. Dohl, \$4; Betsy McFarlane \$4, and also that the further sum of \$5 be placed in the hands of Robert Campbell, who is to repair her shanty and furnish her wood; Wm Cox, \$5; Alexander Fraser, \$5; Arthur Atkinson, \$5; and T. Phin, to Dr. York for medicine and attendance on Wm Cox while sick; also 75c. to Dunean McMillan for plank to repair a bridge; also \$2.75 for Collector's receipts and Poll Book to Stewart & Co., 71c. to the Treasurer for postage; \$20 George Campbell for furnishing Betsy McFarlane with a stove and firewood for six years; \$3 to the Clerk for disbursements, and \$9 for stationery; \$12 to the Clerk for preparing minutes of Council for publication during the past year; do. for nomination day last year \$1.50, for declaration day, \$1.50, and for Voters Lists \$4.00. All of which is respectfully submitted. Report adopted. The Reeve was granted \$12 for extra services during the year. The Council resolved into committee of the whole on by-law for remunerating township officers, and on the Council resuming, the by-law was read a third time and passed. Council adjourned.

The contract of the Legislative printing of Ontario has been awarded to the Leader establishment.

The singular vulgarity of exhibiting Mr. Lincoln's wardrobe has been prohibited in Providence, R. I.

Ontario Legislature.
Toronto Jan. 10th.
A large number of petitions were presented against granting a charter to the Licensed Victuallers Association, also a petition, from certain inhabitants in Guelph praying for the incorporation of the Board of Trade there.

The petition against the return of Mr. Gibbons, of Huron, was after some discussion allowed to lie over.

Hon. J. S. Macdonald brought up the report of the select committee appointed to strike the standing committees of the house. The committee recommended that the following committee be struck.

COMMITTEE ON STRAYING QUARANS.—Hon. Mr. Wood, Messrs. Barber, Beatty, Boulton, Carnegie, Clarke, Clements, Cook, Corby, Coyne, Ferris, Finlayson, Fraser, Gow, Greely, Luton, Matchette, McGill, McKim, McLeod, Oliver, Paxton, Read, Rykert, Secord, Sinclair, Smith (Kent), Smith (Leeds), Strange, Springer, Swinarton, Wallis, Wigle and Wilson—34.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.—Hon. Attorney-General McDonald, Hon. Messrs. Cameron, Carling, Wood and Richards; Messrs. Beatty, Christie, Cockburn, Coyne, Craig (Glenary), Cumberland, Currie, Ferguson, Fraser, Gow, Graham (Hastings), Hays, Lyons, McCall, (Norfolk), McDonough, McKellar, McLeod, McMurrich, Perry, Rykert, Scott, (Ottawa), Shaw, Sinclair, Smith (Frontenac), Trow and Williams (Hamilton)—31.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.—Hon. Messrs. Macdonald, Carling, and Cameron; Messrs. Blake, Boyd, Coyne, Craig (Russell), Cumberland, Evans, Eyr, Galbraith, Gibbons, Hooper, Lauder, Lount, Lyon, Montie, McDougall, Oliver, Parson, Rykert, Scott (Grey), Scott (Ottawa), Smith (Frontenac), Smith (Middlesex), Williams (Durham)—28.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.—Hon. Messrs. Macdonald, Cameron, Richards, Messrs. Baxter, Blake, Boyd, Christie, Colquhoun, Crosby, Evans, Ferguson, Fitzsimmons, John Graham (York), Hays, Cooper, Monteith, McCall (Elgin), McKellar, McMurrich, Pardee, Paxton, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith (Frontenac), Smith (Leeds and Grenville), Springer, Supple and Tett.—29.

Mr. Ferguson introduced a Bill amending the Act imposing a tax on dogs and for the protection of sheep in Upper Canada.

Mr. McLeod introduced a Bill to amend an Act relating to the municipal institutions of Upper Canada.

Mr. McLeod also introduced a Bill to amend an Act respecting assessment of property.

Mr. Blake introduced a Bill intitled an Act respecting the disqualification of members of the Legislative Assembly.

A number of questions were put to the Government, but elicited little information of importance. The Government stated, in reply to Mr. McLeod, that they did not propose to proceed with the establishment of asylums for the deaf and dumb, until the division of indebtedness between Ontario and Quebec had been ascertained.

In reply to Mr. Lauder, the Premier intimated his opinion that the Province of Ontario had no claim on the books in the Parliamentary Library of the late Province of Canada, which he seemed to think went as a matter of course with the buildings, but that it would have a claim for compensation for giving up its share of the Library.

Mr. Lauder inquired of the Government whether or not it is their intention to continue the present system of Crown Land Agencies in the counties of Huron Grey and Bruce.

Hon. Mr. Richards replied that the agencies would probably be continued until after the present session closed. Then the Government would probably reorganize the whole system of the Crown Lands Department and decide upon the officers to be continued and those to be dispensed with.

A variety of addresses were moved, but only one was carried—an address by Mr. Blake for a return as to Registrars' fees. The others were withdrawn after discussion, and after the Government in most cases had given verbally the information sought.

Mr. McLeod stated that no new timber licenses had been issued since the 1st July last, but that old timber licenses had been renewed.

Mr. Boyd gave the Premier an opportunity of stating that in his opinion, the Ottawa boom and slides belong to the Dominion Government; also that the Government had no means of obtaining a return of fees paid to Magistrates in sheep killing cases, which, Mr. Boyd stated, had in some instances, been very exorbitant.

Mr. Blake having moved an address for correspondence as to the moneys payable by Canada to Ontario, the Premier stated there was no such correspondence. The arrangements between the two Governments, it appeared, had been made verbally. The House was informed that, except one sum of \$40,000, drawn by the Ontario Government for current expenses, the Dominion Government had managed the finances of Ontario up to the 1st of January, making all necessary payments on its account; but that from the 1st of January the Ontario Government had assumed the control of its own funds.

STILL WALKING.—The *Detroit Daily Union* says: "It won't be the fault of this generation if the next are not walkists. Still another victim to misery appeared at Merrill Hall yesterday, and at 9 o'clock, P.M. began the feat of walking seventy-two consecutive hours, halting only five minutes for rest in each twenty four hours. His name is Hamilton, and he hails from Massachusetts. He is the same who advertised to do the same thing at Merrill Hall some weeks ago, but failed to come to time on account of the default of one of his backers. A space of about four yards wide is staked off on the west side of the hall, and covered with a coarse carpet. He does not care so much about his time in walking as he does for the accomplishment of the number of hours. His dress is a hard felt hat, white shirt, black velvet knee breeches, and high thick-soled gaiters with white stockings. This morning he moves along quite steadily, evidently not much tired for his walk all night. He is fashionable, and like Weston, has a trainer and a walking stick. The hall was well filled last night to witness the start, and from time to time many drop in.

It gives satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 93c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.
BY ATLANTIC CABLE.
Dublin, Jan. 10.—Facts which have come to the knowledge of the authorities here lead to the belief that the leader of the rising at Tallaght, last spring, was not killed as was reported. A man named Lennon, a prominent Fenian, was arrested here to-day on a charge of high treason, and it is confidently asserted that he is the person who organized and directed the insurrection on that occasion. His examination will soon take place, when the evidence in possession of the Government will be brought to light.

Mr. Piggott, the editor of the *Dublin Irishman*, has been examined and held for trial, for publishing certain alleged libels in his own paper, and writing seditious articles which appeared in the *Irish American*.

Belfast, Jan. 10.—The clerks in the office of the Magnetic Telegraph Company in this city, have been arrested and thrown into goal on the charge of belonging to the Fenian organization.

Florence, Jan. 10th.—The budget, which will be laid by the ministry before the Italian Parliament, calls for the adoption of the following measures to meet the liabilities and expenditures of the Government for the ensuing year:—First, the imposition of fresh taxes sufficient to produce the sum of one hundred and ninety million livres, in addition to the present revenue. Second, the authorization of a new loan for four hundred million livres.

American Despatches.
New York, Jan. 11.—The *Herald's* Alexandria, Egypt, special of January 9th, says very late advices from Col. Merewether, of the British expedition in Abyssinia, have been received here, conveying the rather important intelligence that bands of natives supposed to be soldiers were prowling around the English camp at Senafe. In consequence of this manifestation, orders were issued for all the European troops, temporarily stationed at Annesley Bay and the different points along the line of march from there to the interior, to advance to the front and join the head-quarters division at Senafe.

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—The U. S. Marshal seized the steamer *China* for alleged violation of the passenger law of Congress, on her last voyage from San Francisco to Hong Kong.

San Francisco, Jan. 10th.—During the past year there were foreign imports received at San Francisco to the value of \$15,000,000, on which \$7,600,000 were paid as duties. Of shipments there were \$40,500,000 in treasure and \$12,500,000 in merchandise.

New York, Jan. 11th.—Advices received by the *Parosia* state that a Madrid telegram says the Spanish Cortes was opened on 27th December by the Queen. In the speech from the throne Her Majesty said that the Spanish government had offered to France both moral and material co-operation in case it should be necessary to defend the lawful rights of the empire. The government had received an invitation to take part in the European Conference of the postal telegraphic system. During his recent travels in Europe, Mr. Washburne collected a large amount of valuable information on the subject, showing the operations of the system in England and Prussia, and tending to show the practicability of the project in this country.

The feeling in Congress and outside seems almost unanimous in favor of rejecting the St. Thomas treaty and substituting *Samiwa*. The Dominion commission is said to have made enquiry in regard to it.

Why did Jacob Weep?
Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept.—SCRIPTURE.
If Rachel was a pretty girl, and kept her mouth closed, we can't see that Jacob had much to cry about.—N. Y. Globe.

How do you know but that she slapped his face for him?—N. O. Delta.

Gentlemen, hold your tongues. The cause of Jacob's weeping was the refusal of Rachel to allow him to kiss her again.—Flag.

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