

It should be remembered these election times that high school trustees are now disqualified for being members of a municipal council, either as rovee, deputy or councillor. See Sec. 4, Chap. 36, Ontario Statutes of 1889.

The payment of an extra dividend of one per cent. by the C. P. R. has given great satisfaction to the shareholders in Britain, and a sharp rise in the stock has been announced in consequence.

The King of Italy on New Year's Day said to a Parliamentary deputation, who offered their congratulations: "There was a time when I would not have ventured to guarantee peace for a fortnight, but now peace is assured by the good understanding between Germany and Russia."

The Earl of Zetland, the new Viceroy of Ireland, in reply to addresses presented to him on Tuesday said he was rejoiced that the condition of Ireland was so far different from what it was when Lord Londonderry, the late Viceroy, was welcomed in Dublin in 1866. The happy results that had been achieved induced the Government to persevere. The Government, he said, was sanguine of further progress towards the prosperity, peace and contentment which all desired.

Dr. Bourinot, Clerk of the House of Commons, was surprised on New Year's Day by getting an official intimation that he had been made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. As Clerk of the Commons he is a most efficient officer and is quite an authority on all questions of Parliamentary practice. In addition to this his services to Canada as a writer, especially in connection with Canadian ideas, his able work on constitutional questions and the aid which he has rendered to science and art in the Dominion by the enthusiasm he has displayed as Secretary of the Royal Society, have doubtless led to his being made the recipient of this honor.

The Galt Reporter seems to take a malignant pleasure in decrying the financial position of Guelph. In last week's issue, it reverts to the old story about our railway debt, and as good as tells us that we have no sinking fund for it or for any other debenture debt except a trifling one which is mentioned. We may tell the Reporter that we have a sinking fund for all our debenture debts, which is bearing good interest, and which cannot be touched or disposed of in any way by the Council. As we have already stated over and over again, we are quite able to pay our own debts and manage our own affairs without the officious interference of the Reporter, which studiously seeks on every occasion to prejudice Guelph in the eyes of the people.

The Globe of this morning states that Mr. Joseph Hickson, General Manager of the G. T. R., has been knighted. The honor is well deserved, as he is one of the most successful railway men on the Continent. He came to Canada to act as treasurer for the G. T. R., which position he occupied for several years. On the retirement of Mr. Brydges as General Manager, he was appointed to that position and has discharged the onerous and responsible duties with satisfaction to the directors and shareholders and to the advantage of Canada. Since he assumed control of the Grand Trunk the system has been immensely enlarged by the absorption of the Great Western, the Midland, the Northern and Northwestern, and other smaller lines, besides the construction of the Chicago and G. T. Railway, thus giving direct communication between this great inland city and the West. The management of the G. T. R. has been so successful that the Hicksian system has been adopted by other lines in Canada.

When the Hicksian system was completed it will be the greatest advantage of Canada.

Mr. Parnell has instructed his counsel, to obtain for him as early as possible the citation to appear and defend himself in the suit for divorce brought by Miss O'Shea against his wife, in which Mr. Parnell is named as co-respondent. Mr. Parnell desires to settle the issue as quickly as possible.

It is reported that Mr. Parnell, at a meeting of the Irish party to be held just before the opening of Parliament, will fully deny O'Shea's charges.

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In answering letters from correspondents it was understood that in no case will we hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by them.—Ed. Mercury.

The \$18,000 Bylaw.

To the Editor of the Mercury. Sir,—On Monday next the property owners will be called upon to vote a third time in one year upon a bylaw which with the time has been twice rejected by them. This course pursued by the Council is quite unprecedented in any other place, and is an insult to the intelligence of the electors, but it cannot be wondered at when the composition of the Council on this question is considered.

A new statement of the liabilities of the Guelph Junction B. Co. was presented to the Council on Dec. 9, in which their liabilities are stated at \$22,539.84. I do not know how their books are kept, but the public never got two statements alike. When the vote was taken before \$18,000 was all that would be required, and now it is \$22,539.84. The Railway Committee very coolly propose to take a part of the earnings of the road, amounting to \$9,094.55, to make up the difference. Now it was most distinctly understood by the people that the earnings of the road should be applied to the interest of the \$178,000 debentures issued for its construction. The effect of this diversion of the funds will be, as the Chairman of Finance explained, that as this revenue has been included in the estimates for the year there will be a corresponding deficiency this year, notwithstanding the heavy increase of 25 cents on the dollar.

As a meeting of the Board of Trade on the 29th Oct. the Registrar of the County and ex Mayor Macdonald appeared as special advocates of this new scheme. The Registrar said that the sale of the road by a very decided majority passed the bylaw, and it was set aside by the Courts upon a legal technicality. He must know that it was quashed because the Clerk on the advice of somebody undertook to tinker and amend the voters' list illegally, and only escaped the censure of the Judge on the ground that he did so ignorantly. On the second occasion the Directors used all their personal influence to carry the bylaw, driving up voters to the polls and standing at the entrance to the polls but not holding voters as they came in. The election was nothing to do with the defeat as the Registrar alleges.

Ex-Mayor Macdonald, when he states as he did at that meeting that he has gone up and down on that road when he was only the one passenger, and that he would not be surprised if it was not better patronized the passenger trains would be taken off, could find no better argument than that the road is no benefit to the general public and that the freight business is all the road is used for, and that it is for the benefit of the wealthy manufacturers and merchants who promoted the building of the road, and who on the public platform when challenged respecting their intention to pay up the stock, declared their intention not to do so, and put forward their great wealth as a reason why they should not be suspected of not doing what was right.

As the road according to ex Mayor Macdonald is run for their benefit, let them come forward and pay up their stock like men and not try to shift upon the shoulders of the property owners that they have a right to pay themselves. When this is done I feel sure that the ratepayers will cheerfully vote the balance. If the bylaw is defeated, which I hope it may be, I trust that the new Council will have backbone enough to compel the payment of this unpaid stock. It is rumored that the petition signed by 400 people, whether owners or not, as the Council do not appear to have examined it, was obtained by paid agents going round to get signatures.

The total number of owners on the voters' list appears to be 1,342 as printed, so that 2/5 necessary to carry the bylaw will be 536, not 510 as stated in Council by some members.

Yours, etc. JUSTICE. Guelph, Jan. 2, 1890.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

PAUPERS SCHOOL NEAR LONDON BURNED.

Twenty-six Boys Suffocated.

London, Jan. 1.—The boys' section of the Paupers' school, in the district of Forest Gate, in connection with the Whitechapel and Poplar Unions, took fire last night while the inmates were in the school. Twenty-six boys were suffocated. Fifty-eight other boys were safely taken from the building amid terrible excitement. Two matrons of the institution escaped by sliding down the water pipes. Several boys escaped in the same way. The Superintendent of the school repeatedly rushed through the flames and brought out a number of inmates. There were 600 persons in the institution. The bodies of those who were suffocated were carried to the main hall of the building which was still profusely decorated with Christmas greens. The girls' department, in which were 250 girls, was not touched. The fire was caused by an overheated stove. It originated in the clothing room beneath the boys' dormitory. The smoke and flames issuing from the stove alarmed those sleeping on the top floor and they made their escape. The fire engines were promptly on the spot. The employees of an adjacent railway station rushed to the scene and rendered valuable assistance. The bodies of the boys who were unable to escape were terrible. The bodies of two boys were badly burned, but it is believed they were suffocated before they were burned. The ages of the dead range from seven to twelve years.

Palace Burned near Brussels.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 1.—The Royal Palace at Laeken, a suburb of this city, was burned to-day. Princess Clementine, the daughter of King Leopold, had a narrow escape from being burned to death. Her governess, however, was killed. All the Royal art collection had been destroyed. As soon as the fire was reported to the King and Queen they suspended their New Year's Day reception and hastened thither. They witnessed the total destruction of this magnificent palace, their usual summer residence. It is said the fire was caused by a defective stove in the officers' quarters. The loss is immense as to money value and as to destruction of art treasures that cannot be replaced.

Death of Dr. Livingstone's Son.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Dr. W. Oswell Livingstone, the only surviving son of the late Dr. Livingstone, the explorer, died last night at St. Albans. Almost with his dying breath he registered that he could not live to see Stanley again. He was born in Africa 39 years ago. He has been in failing health for nine years and has been unable to follow his profession.

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Keep out of debt and your out of danger, To credit stores a portion of your wages, Go where goods are good and sold for cash, And when New Year comes, you won't regret As no large bills are to be met Keep a clear head and a pure heart, Act like a man the better part, Be happy, and make others glad, Keep firmly shod and warmly clad, Attend to all the laws of health, And buy from Dowler to save your wealth. The present in the past we bury, And to the future now we hurry, Oh! Moral Man, go tell your wife, We're hoarse in the Dry Goods strife, Our sword is keen, our aim is strong, To out the price, it won't take long, The dollars fly in each direction, We'll soon be ready for inspection, There lies a giant pile of stuff, Price fifty cents, 'twas cheap enough, It now lies mangled, mutilated, scarce alive, We out it down to thirty-five, Oh! Christian, Hearken, Harken, You never have such values got, Now, wield the sword with might and main Our loss will be another's gain, What if on the cost we lose a little, We'll gather in the precious metal, Our customers will have their day, They don't have to pay for those who never pay Now here are blankets, we must have gone, Sleep, these have been knocked down before, Forward, March, another thrust, Slash down the prices for go they must, To gather shreds to our cuffs, We're making unprecedented cuffs, And now dear reader if you're not bored, If you can the time and nerve afford, To you we will reveal the news, Of slaughter 'mongst our'n, Oh, Dear, So now I'll bid you a Happy New Year.

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