Blyth.

NEW CHAIR.—Great excitement was manifested on last Council meeting in regard to selecting a man who was qualified to fill the position of Village Clerk. Two gentlemen put in tenders, one for $50 and the other for $20. The $20 one was accepted, and Mr. F. Metcalf was duly installed as such. The vacancy was caused by Mr. Phillips' remove from this place.

SEVERE ACCIDENT. — While Mr. D. Campbell was working in J. Fraroy's bush on Wednesday last, and while in the act of felling a tree, a splinter larger than a cordwood stick fell, striking him on the head, inflicting a very severe wound.

Ethel.

SAW MILL BURNED.—Mr. J. M. Davies, near Ethel, had his saw mill entirely destroyed by fire on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at about 5 o'clock a.m. Loss $2,500; insurance, $1,000. Origin of the fire unknown. This is the second time mill has been burned within the last three years, but he nevertheless intends rebuilding again at an early date, as he has a large quantity of logs on hand which must be disposed of.

Stanley.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. Wm. Plunkett, who has taught the Varna school for several years, having retired from the position of teacher at the end of the year, was recently presented by his late pupils with a kindly-worded address, and a present in the shape of a handsome writing desk, as a parting mark of their appreciation of his services.

A GOOD HORSE SOLD.—Thomas and Jonah Nicholson, Sauble line, Stanley, sold their young Clydesdale stallion, "Joe the Banker," to Mr. Wells, of Missouri, son of the late Thos. Wells, of Stanley, for the sum of $400 cash. "Joe the Banker" was purchased from Mr. Armstrong, of Markham, and is rising three years old.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.—At the meeting of the Township Council held on Monday last, Mr. George Stewart was re-elected Clerk; John Reid, Treasurer; Joseph Higgins, Collector; Alex. Sparks, Assessor; Andrew Stinson, caretaker of hall; John Beattie and George Baird, Sr., Auditors. The following salaries are to be paid: Clerk, including registration fees, postage and stationery, $120; Assessor, $70; Collector, $70; Treasurer, $75; Caretaker, $10; Auditors, each $5; Returning Officers, including poll clerks, $6 each. These salaries are certainly moderate enough and cannot be complained of by any person. Indeed it is surprising that such really competent men can be induced to accept such onerous positions for such trifling remuneration.

The annual meeting of the Stanley Branch Agricultural Society, for the purpose of electing officers and directors and enrolling members, was held at Bayfield on Thursday of last week. The meeting was largely attended and an unusual interest seemed to be taken in the affairs of the society. The report showed the society to be in a good position financially, more money having been paid in premiums last year than in any previous year, while the working expenses were less. A good number enrolled themselves as members for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected: John Tough, President; Geo. Castle, Vice-President; James Armstrong, Secretary and Treasurer; Directors,—Messrs. Joseph Wild, Chas. McGregor, Wm. Townsend, Alex. Sparks, Alex. Grainger, Edmund Westlake, Richard Bailey, Richard Penhale and John Walker; Auditors,—W. O. Morrison and James Burns.

Ashfield.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met at Martin's Hotel, Dungannon, on Monday, the 17th of January, and made the usual declarations. The Reeve took the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and signed. A petition from John Boyle, praying for relief. Account of McGillicuddy Bros., for printing; account of James Bryan, do. Moved by Mr. Whitely, seconded Mr. McMurchy, that Wm. Kilpatrick be auditor. The Reeve appointed A. C. Hawkins. The Clerk and Treasurer were re-appointed. Moved by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. McMurchy, that the salaries of the township officers be as follows:—The Clerk $120; Treasurer $80; Assessor $85; Collector $85; Auditors $8 each; D. R. officers $6 each; selectors of jurors $4 each. Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Clare, that Dennis Sullivan be assessor, and James Brown be collector for the present year. Moved in amendment, by Mr. McMurchy, seconded by Mr. Whitley, that John McLennan be assessor, and James Brown collector for the present year. Amendment carried. By-laws confirming above were read and passed. Moved by Mr. McMurchy, seconded by Mr. Clare, that the Reeve purchase a safe for the use of the township, if he can get one at a reasonable price, and that he give a cheque for the same. The following accounts were paid:—M. Dalton, D. R. officer, $6; W. T. Gardner, do., $6; S. Hagen, do., $6; Robert McGrory, do., $6; D. McIntyre, do., $6; widow Griffin, exemption from taxes, $3.17; widow Chas. Carey, do., $7.10; Mr. Shepard, charity, $5; Montreal Telegraph Co. 32 cents; S Hagen, going to Goderich for ballot papers, $4; A. Dreany delivering ballot boxes and papers, $5; J. Matthewson, do., $2; A. L. Willson, municipal, forms, $3; Trustees of S. S. No. 9 for use of school house for nomination, $4; R. Harrison, salary, $80; Geo. Niebergall, lumber, $13.03; James Somerville, drawing plans, specifications and bonds for bridge on 9 con., E. D., $15. The Council adjournment to meet against at DeLong's Hotel, Port Albert, on the 17th of February.—JOHN COOKE, Clerk.

Goderich Township.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met to-day, January 17th, 1881, Holmesville, at 11 o'clock a.m. The members qualified according to Statute. Minutes of last meeting read and passed. Pathmasters, fence-viewers and poundkeepers were appointed; these will be specially notified. Moved by Jos. Whitely, seconded by Jas. Peacock, that the Reeve be appointed road commissioner for Nos. 4 and 6 sub-divisions; James Peacock, do for No. 1, S. D.; Jos. Whitely, do for No. 2, S. D.; J. Cox, do for No. 3, S. D., and John Beacom, do for No. 5, S. D.—Carried. Moved by John Cox, seconded by Jos. Whitely, that the cost of the municipal election for the present year, amount $60.50, be paid—Carried. J. Holland and Chas. Dianey were refunded $1 dog tax each, they having no dogs. The No. of lot 23, 16th con. and S pt. of same having been placed in a wrong school section, the school taxes on the same were ordered to be refunded to the proper trustees. Moved by J. Cox, seconded by J. Whitely, that the salaries of the several township officers be as follows for the current year, Clerk $100, and that he perform all the duties pertaining to the office for said sum, except delivering ballot boxes, selecting jurors, registering births, marriages and deaths, serving notices of appeal, and making returns of school census to the school trustees; assessor $55; collector $60; treasurer $70, auditors $4 each—Carried. Council appointed J. R. Holmes auditor. Reeve appointed John Connelly second auditor.—Moved by Jos. Whitely, seconded by J. Peacock, that Wm. Wakefield be assessor. Moved in amendment by John Beacom, that J. L. Courtice be assessor, the amendment not being seconded the motion was carried. The Council adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in March at 10 o'clock a.m., sharp. JAMES PATTON, Clerk.

Turnberry.

Charles Manser caught a large wildcat one night last week, while working for Mr. Douglas.

ACCIDENT.—Miss Lizzie A. Magee, a former resident of Turnberry, who went to Michigan to teach school last fall, while walking home on the ice one evening slipped and fell, dislocating her ankle, medical aid was procured, but despite what could be done, the joint inflamed, followed by lockjaw, and although two doctors were in attendance little hopes are entertained of her recovery.

How to treat Frost Bites.

If any part of the body gets frozen, the very worst thing to do is to apply heat directly. Keep away from the fire. Use snow if you can get it, or if not use the coldest possible water. Last winter our little boy of five years froze his feet while out coasting at considerable distance from the house. He cried all the way home, and seemed pretty bad. I brought a big pailful of snow and put his feet into it, rubbing them with the snow. I was alarmed to see him keep his feet in the snow so long, but he could not bear them out of it. It was half an hour before he would take them out, and then the pain was all gone, and when I had wiped them dry and rubbed them a little, he was entirely comfortable, put on his stocking and shoes, and went to play. He never afterwards had any trouble with his feet on account of this freezing. His sister got her feet extremely cold, and put them at once to the fire. Her case at first was not as bad as her brother's, but the result was much worse. Her feet were very tender all winter, and she suffered from chilblains. Her toes had a swollen purple look, and she had to take a larger size of shoes.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 19.—Mr. M. Eberts, engineer of the Canada Pacific railway staff, was killed near the suspension bridge on the Yale-Savona railway yesterday, by falling over a precipice. He was a native of Chatham, Ont., and leaves a wife and child in Victoria.

It looks as if Chinese cheap labour was to be employed in the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway, as fifteen hundred Chinamen, are due to arrive in British Columbia in April and an equal number in June.

It appears that the split in the Maccabees' ranks has not been entirely healed. The Buffalo division held a meeting last week and elected a set of Grand Officers. The section that met last week in Port Huron, however, and which embraces all or nearly all the Canadian Tents, is by far the stronger body of the two.

Ancient Nazareth is now the site of an orphanage under the supervision of the Education Society of England. It has been open four years, and there are in it now 36 girls, of ages varying from 4 to 15. Here, whether of Greek of Latin, Moslem or Jewish parentage, they are all taught to love the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. They have a beautiful home, built by the generosity of English travellers.

In Adelaide township a few nights ago, a large number of people called at the residence of Mr. John Hannah, who was about to remove to Petrolia, to surprise him and celebrate the occasion. Two of the young men became rivals for the attention of a young lady. She treated them both equally, and affairs went on all right until one of the young men began to sing a song. In the midst of his singing he noticed that the young lady was chatting with his rival. He suddenly stopped, grew deathly pale, and rushing across the room seized a chair and broke it over the head of his rival. A free fight ensued, in the course of which the furniture was nearly all broken to pieces. In endeavoring to restore order and eject the rioters, the host, Mr. Hannah, had his leg broken.

The speech made by Sir John Macdonald on the Railway contract partook largely of an appeal to his followers to stand by him and so prevent Mr. Blake and his fellow-Reformers from getting the reins of government in their hands. He is in a bad fix, and doubtless trusts to his usual good luck to get him out of it. The contract is to go through, and the Opposition be provided with a splendid cry for the next elections. The Conservatives whose seats are safe will vote for it; so will those whose seats are as good as gone already; but there may be defections on the part of those who are trying to save themselves from the wrath to come. As for Sir John, he probably consoles himself with the thought that he will be out of the way when the crash comes and somebody else will have to stand it. At present he may be said to be between the devil and the deep sea.—[Ex.

DISTRICT NEWS.

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MRS. John Livingstone, wife of John Livingstone, of Listowel, the brother of the famous African explorer, died last week, at that place.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—On Wednesday evening as a young son of Mr. Bailey, of Exeter, was returning from school, he with a number of other little fellows sprang on a passing sleigh. Among so many he lost his seat and fell under one of the runners, which passed over his foot tearing the sole completely of his foot. Had his leg been caught, it would no doubt have been broken.

NORTH HURON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—A meeting of the above Society was held on Thursday last at the Royal Hotel, Wingham. Following are the names of the officers appointed for the ensuing: President, Mr. Chas. Henderson; Vice President, Mr. Alex. Young; Sec-Treas., Mr. John Anderson. Directors, Messrs. W. T. Bray, and Geo. McKay, for Wingham; John Farrow, and Mulvay for Turnberry; Riley for Wawanosh; Isbister and Walton for Morris.

HIGHWAY ROBBING.—Thos. Webb, Wm. Webb and another whose name we have not ascertained waylaid a farmer on the road between Harriston and Palmerston in the early part of last week, and robbed him of $97. The two Webbs were arrested at a house of ill-fame in Wingham by Chief Davidson at ten o'clock on Sunday morning and brought to the Royal Hotel where they were searched. $84 were only found on their persons. The other highwayman was arrested at Clifford. He was somewhat richer than the two footpads arrested in Wingham. He was the possessor of $60 and a new suit of clothes. The Webbs left Wingham soon after their arrest in charge of two Harriston constables.

Quite a sensation was caused in the township of Grey, a few days ago, by the sudden and unexpected disappearance for Uncle Sam's dominions of one Thomas Blake, a farmer over 80 years of age, who was considered by all to be in good circumstances, and honest and upright in all his dealings. It now transpires that he had been buying largely from various storekeepers during the summer on credit, and also stock and implements at auction sales during the fall, which he sold at a discount for cash, amounting in all to a good many hundred dollars. It is also rumored that shortly before he took his departure, he mortgaged his farm heavily. By these means he took a large sum of money with him, leaving comparatively nothing from which any amount could be realized' thus leaving all his creditors and backers to pay the piper.

THE SOUTH HURON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the members of the South Huron Agricultural Society, was held at Turner's Hotel, Brucefield, on Wednesday. The financial statement of the Riding Society, which was read by the Secretary, showed that the year had been commenced with a balance of $124 in the treasury, and closed with a balance of 98 cents. The following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year: James Pickard, President; Hugh Love, Sr., first Vice; W. Wilson, second Vice; Dr. Coleman, representative to the Agricultural and Arts Association. Directors—Gabriel Elliott, Goderich towship; Thomas Simpson, Stanley; John Willis, Usborne; Thos. Russell, Exeter; Leanford Hunter, Usborne; Wm. Bell and George Sproat, Tuckersmith; Dr. Coleman, Seaforth; George E. Jackson and W. C. Carters were appointed auditors. This closed the business of the meeting, which, after tendering votes of thanks to the retiring President and directors adjourned.

SURGICAL OPERATION.—On Wednesday last a very critical surgical operation was performed at Turner's Hotel, Brucefield, on a gentleman named Smith, from Dungannon, by Drs. Stewart & Hurlburt, assisted by Drs. Coleman and Vercoe, of Seaforth. Mr Smith had been afflicted for several years with sciatica, and had tried many remedies, from the best he only received temporary relief. The operation consisted of making an incision in the thigh sufficiently deep to reach the sciatic nerve, thus enabling the operation to take hold of the nerve, and by pulling, loosen it from its surroundings. The patient was placed under the influence of chloroform, and the operation was successfully and skilfully performed, and he is now doing well, and hopes are entertained that a complete cure will be the result. This is a comparatively new operation. It has been performed successfully and with the best results in several instances in the Old Country, and in one instance in this, and we hope the present will be equally successfully with the others.

THE EAST RIDING SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the members of the East Riding Agricultural Society was held at Brussels on Wednesday of last week. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted, showing the receipts to be for the past year $1,248; disbursements, $1,99; balance on hand, $49. The following officers were elected: W. G. Hingston, President; D. McLauchlan, of Grey, first Vice-President; Wm. Grieve, of McKillop, second Vice-President. Directors—John Moffatt, Wroxeter; W. H. McCracken, Brussels; George Moffatt, Turnberry: B. Gibson and A. Malcolm, Howick; R. Broadfoot and Alex. Forsyth, Morris; R. Govenlock, of McKillop, was appointed a delegate to the Agricultural Council. R. Gibson, Howick, and Thos. Strachan, Grey, delegates Arts Association. D. Stewart, of Brussels; to be a member of Industrial Exhibition at Toronto. Auditors—F. S. Scott, Brussels, and Alex. Gibson, Wroxeter. A vote of thanks was tendered W. G. Hingston, President, for past services. At a meeting of Directors held at the close of the annual meeting D. Stewart, of Brussels, was appointed Secretary and Treasurer at a salary of $50. The directors will meet at Brussels on Thursday, 3rd February, at 11 a. m., to decide when the next show will be held. The Directors of Grey Branch will meet for business on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 1 p. m.

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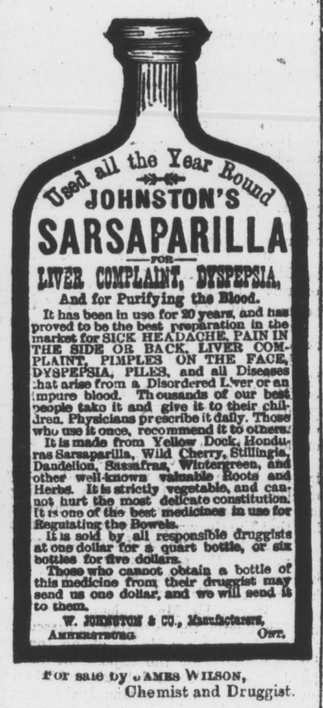

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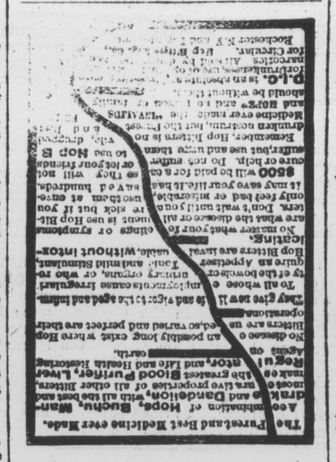

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