

A Chat About Fordwich.

This village was first settled in the winter of 1854-55, Joel Rogers being the first to take up his residence in the place. There was no clearing, so Joel pitched his house near a stream, one of the branches of the Maitland River. He kept tavern for some time, dealing out forty rods to the new settlers in Fordwich Township. In the spring of 1855 Mr. Arthur Mitchell moved his family into the place, built himself a house, and applied to the Government for a Post Office, to be called Lizadel, which was granted. As there was a fine water privilege the Government selected the place for a town plot, sent in surveys and laid out the village, giving it the name of Fordwich. Joel Rogers purchased the water privilege, binding himself to have a grist mill in operation in two years. He failed to do this, and the Government gave him other two years. Still no mill was built. The Government then offered it for sale by public auction in Goderich, when Messrs Mitchell and Walker became the purchasers. Mr Mitchell got the water power into his own hands, and erected a Flour and Saw mill, but when ready to start a freshet took away the dam, throwing work back several months. After all being 'got ready the dam was taken away a second time, which made it up hill work for Mr Mitchell. The want of a flour mill was greatly felt by the new settlers, and other places began to spring up, owing to the delay in getting the mill working at the "Plot." Leechville and Wroxeter both got up mills, and, of course, took the start, which injured the progress of the Government village, and has kept it back for years. There is a prospect of its now being one of the finest villages in the County. It is improving gradually, but on a sure basis. Mr. Thos. Wilson purchased the mills a few years ago. He leased the saw mill, which was burned down; he replaced it with a new building, 30x50, at a cost of \$2,300 for building and machinery. The new mill commenced work in December 1872. Last summer, as Mr Wilson expected that the T. G. & B. B. would be completed and as he intended going into the grain business, he leased the flour mill to G. B. Crawford, late head miller in Messrs. Leech's mill, Gorrie. Up to this time the village has been principally known as the Town Plot, and sometimes as Lizadel, the P.O. name. In July last the name of the Post office was changed to the same as that of the village—Fordwich.

The building of T. G. & B. Road has made very slow progress from Mt. Forest to Wroxeter; it is over two years since the ratepayers of Minto voted a bonus for the road with the understanding that the road should be completed to Harrison during the winter of 1872-73. After being one year behind the time agreed upon, a regular train will leave Harrison for Minto this (Monday) morning, Dec. 1st. It is now nearly two years since this Township (Howick) passed a by-law granting a bonus to the road, the Company binding themselves to have the road running to Wroxeter in June 1873. Mr. W. G. McKenzie was awarded the contract from Mt Forest to Wroxeter some eighteen months ago, and that section—between Harrison and Wroxeter—is little more than half completed; while the section between Wroxeter and Teeswater, which was awarded to Mr. Thos. Robinson, of Harrison, less than one year since, has been finished for some time. If the work on the Mount Forest and Wroxeter section had been pushed forward as vigorously the trains might have been running over the whole length of the road.

Owing to the great length of our correspondent's letter, and the pressure on our space, we hold over nearly half of it until our next issue.

Erin Council.

The meeting of the municipal Council of the Township of Erin was held at the Town Hall, Erin Village, on the 24th of November, 1876, ten o'clock. Reeve in the chair, members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Currie, that leave be granted to bring in a by-law dividing the Township into electoral divisions for municipal purposes and appointing returning officers and for places for holding the elections and a place for holding the nomination.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Barbour, that the Council go into Committee of the whole on by-laws Nos. 8, 9, 10. Council went into Committee, Mr. Reid in the chair. The blanks were filled up, the Committee rose, and the Council resumed business. Moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Berry, that by-laws Nos. 8, 9, 10, be read a third time and passed.—Read and passed. Moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the Clerk be instructed to notify James Edwards, Lot 30, on the 2nd Con., to remove his fence off the road allowance forthwith.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Reid, that Michael Gully be refunded the sum of 40 cents, there being an error in his assessment.—Carried. The Benevolent Committee met and reported as follows:—Your Committee beg leave to report that the following indigents were paid the sum opposite their name, viz: Arthur Atchison, \$44; Wm. Cox, \$30; Jean Hall, \$23; Betsy McFarlane, \$29; Widow McLean, \$29; Thomas Price, \$33; Mrs. McArthur, \$26; Mrs. Collier, \$28; John McLeelan, \$15; Janet Brown, \$7; Widow Patterson, \$15; Hugh McLean, \$10; Margaret Thompson, \$10. Total, \$299. All of which is respectfully submitted.—D. McMillan, Chairman. Moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Barbour, that the report of the Benevolent Committee be received and adopted, and that the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Berry, that the following parties be refunded their taxes, viz: Mrs. Dhoil, Mrs. Frazer, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Booth, Donald McArthur and Arch. Thompson.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Barbour, that Duncan Sinclair be refunded his taxes, on account of his crop being totally destroyed by grasshoppers.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Berry, that the account of T. W. Cooper, F. L. B., amounting to \$31.10, be paid, and that the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the Clerk be instructed to get 300 copies of the minutes of this Township for 1873 printed in pamphlet form.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Barbour, seconded by Mr. Reid, that the Clerk be paid \$11.40 for postage and stationery, \$25 for the registration of births, marriages and deaths, and \$55 for salary, and the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Currie, that Mr. Burt, Treasurer, be paid his salary, \$60, and postage, etc., 27 cents, and that the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. The Commissioners for Roads and Bridges presented their bills for extra services as follows:—Reeve, \$6.70; Deputy Reeve, \$4.50; Mr. Currie, \$16; Mr. Reid \$15; and that the Reeve give his order for the same.—Carried. Mr. Berry was called to the chair, when Mr. Reid moved, seconded by Mr. Currie,

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that the thanks of this Council are due, and they are hereby tendered, to the Reeve for his kindness and courtesy in presiding over the deliberations of this Council for the present year.—Carried. The Reeve made a suitable reply. Moved Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Currie, that this Council do now rise. CHARLES FERGUSON, Tp. Clerk.

The annual Message of President Grant to the United States Congress is published. It is said to be the longest ever issued, and occupies six closely printed columns. We have neither space nor time to devote to it to-day, but will notice it in our next issue.

BIRTHS.

NEWMAN—At Dundalk, on the 23rd ult., the wife of Mr. Wm. Newman, of a son. TACKER—At Dundalk, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Thomas Tacker, of a son. TAYLOR—At Dundalk, on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Wm. B. Taylor, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

COOLEY—PITTON—At Guelph, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. Dr. Hoag, Mr. William Cooley to Miss Elizabeth Pitton, both of the Township of Beverley. STENDEL—CLEMENS—At Guelph, on the 2nd inst., Mr. August Stengel to Miss Veronica Clemens, both of the township of Waterloo.

DIED.

GORDON—On Sunday, 23rd ult., at 112 Parliament street, Toronto, Mary Ann, beloved wife of George Gordon, and only daughter of John McNeil, late of Guelph, aged 17 years, 2 months and 3 days. GORDON—On Tuesday, 2nd inst., at 112 Parliament street, Toronto, George Gordon, aged 24 years, 11 months and 17 days, husband of the above. The funeral will leave Toronto by the 11.55 train, on Thursday, 4th inst., for Guelph. MIDDLETON—At Salem, on the 28th ult., the Rev. James Middleton, aged 83 years and 8 months. WILSON—In Salem, on the 28th ult., Mrs. Wilson, relict of the late Robert Wilson of Pilkington. BITZEN—In Walkerton, on the 25th ult., Mrs. Bitzer, formerly of Salem.

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