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WHAT'S UP?

What Are Happening Around Us.

Arranging the Situation—Some of the Killed and Wounded—A Big Chief from Wawanosh—Colborne's Contest—The Race in Goderich Township—Forewarned by the Town Clerk.

The smoke in connection with the various municipal contests has cleared away, and once more I am able to take a look around, and see what has been the result. Away up in West Wawanosh I find there will be two new men—Messrs Johnston and Lockhart instead of old Charles Girvin, the municipal warhorse of that township, and his sturdy deputy Charles Durin. Girvin who had filled every office in the public gift, from fenceviewer to Warden, retired loaded with honors and reminiscences, of past conquests, but Durin, who aspired to fill the old reeve's shoes, was tomahawked and scalped by the redoubtable warrior "Steelmans," and the county council that knew him in the past has closed its portals to him. Lockhart, the deputy, was elected by acclamation.

In Colborne Joe Beck, the old reeve, was elected by acclamation, and the fact that no opposition was brought out against the little tanner when, through illness, he was not in a position to canvass the township, speaks volumes for his personal popularity. Joe is one of the boys where boys are, and a man in the presence of men, every time. He is a good-hearted, genial, generous, whole-souled fellow, and if he hadn't been born a Tory would have been satisfactory even to me; but I'm not going to find fault with him for that on this occasion. As I said before, he is personally popular, and in addition to that he is a whooping Society man from all over. He is a great Mogul from Salford, High Tycoon of This, Amerer of That, Git-up-and-git of the other, and a score of other titles that I don't just remember now. But no matter where you find him, except on politics, he's all-wool-and-a-yard-wide, and don't you forget it. A little bird has told me that when the next big elections come around I'm to watch carefully and see Joe capture the Tory convention in great shape; but maybe I've got a pointer on the wrong track. If I have, there's no harm done, and if I'm right, then I have only this to say, that the Lib-Con. of West Haron might go farther and fare worse. Be that as it may, however, Joe Beck, is a terror on the occasion line at municipal elections, and somehow manages to get there with both feet every time. The old deputy, James Gledhill, was this year unhorsed by Archie Malloy, a neighbor of his from Benmillar. This contest seemed to hinge on the temperance vote, but somehow the anti candidate bobbed up serenely when the ballots were counted.

In Goderich township, Cox the old reeve, again lifted Gabe Elliott's top-knot, by a large majority. And in the triangular contest between "Tontine" Beacom, ex-deputy Whitely and Leithwaite, "Tontine" trotted under the wire with a neck ahead. One of the peculiarities of the contest in this township was the fact that A. M. Polley's councillor, "Fifer Jack," who had dropped the flag on his competitors in previous municipal races, was shut out on this occasion, and didn't get a place. A. M. P. I am told, is going to fit this colt for next year's trot, and if he does, there will be some flying. A race for the Deputy stakes between him and "Tontine" would be a great feature next election in Goderich township.

But you've all seen the results over the county, and I'll take up another line of thought that I think will be in the interest of the readers of THE SIGNAL. I see that the agricultural park and buildings up to date has cost us \$6,850.81, or within a shoving of \$7,000. Now, I think one of the first things that should be done by our new council ought to be to devise some ways and means of making that plot of ground and the buildings a remunerative investment to the town. I've been talking to some of the neighbors about the matter, and we came to the conclusion that the most beneficial effort that could be made would be to establish a monthly cattle fair in town, to be held on the grounds, and be the means of bringing buyers and sellers of stock to Goderich once every month. At Listowel, Harriston, Palmerston, Guelph and other points on

THE W. G. & B. R., a succession of monthly cattle fairs have been held for years, and I fail to see why a similar scheme could not be worked on the line from Stratford to Goderich. At the present time the farmers in this section have plenty of good stock to place on sale, but the local buyers are limited to two or three, and the result is that competition is not as keen for live weight, although butchers' meat is dearer in Goderich than at any point outside of the cities. It is the duty of the council to devise some means by which the grounds can be so utilized that the town will get some benefit for the outlay, and no time should be lost in taking up the scheme which I have briefly outlined. \$7,000 is too large an outlay for a three days' show in this town, and an effort ought to be made to make the grounds and buildings a magnet to draw trade to the business men who pay the bulk of the taxes.

I have been informed that Messrs Holt and Knox were clerks in a friendly manner by our genial clerk that their respective qualifications would not entitle them to the positions of councillors, had they been elected at the recent municipal contest. I am sure the gentlemen interested must have been placed under deep and lasting obligation to the affable and urbane clerk for his kindness in thus giving them a pointer of such magnitude that it hindered them from running their heads against a stone fence. I was telling all about this kindly act to one of the neighbors, and he told me to ask the clerk if he would look at the assessment roll, and give a similar pointer to Dr. Whately and some of the other councillors, for, said he, what a sauce for the goose, should be sauce for the gander, and the clerk has no reason for acting meanly to the good-looking young doctor, after behaving so handsomely to the two Grits. Maybe, it'll be attended to when the declarations of qualification are being subscribed to.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.
A Word or Two About New Publications That Have Come to Hand.
"ONE MAID'S MISCHIEF."—We have received the Canadian copyright edition of this interesting and exciting novel from the publisher, Wm. Bryce, Toronto. It is by the well-known author, G. Manville Fenn, and the interest throughout is well sustained. Price 30 cents.
"WAY I JOINED THE NEW CRUSADE."—This is an interesting and instructive brochure, with a thorough digest of the scheme proposed by Henry George and others for the placing of taxes on land values only. Its author is Richard T. Lenoir, and its motto is "The Brotherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." Grip Publishing Company, Toronto.
"A HOUSE OF TEARS."—This weird story, by Edmund Downey, author of "In One Town," &c., &c., has reached our table from the Canadian publisher, Wm. Bryce, Toronto, and is on sale at all bookstores, price 25 cts.
"THE EPISTLES OF ARIEL."—The breezy epistles of Grip's well-read correspondent "Hugh Ariel," have been collected and issued in book form by Grip Publishing Company. They are racy in the extreme, and are warranted to give many hearty laughs.
"THE TWIN SOUL."—That psychological and realistic story "The Twin Soul," by Charles McKay, has reached us from the Canadian publisher, Wm. Bryce, Toronto. On sale at the bookstores, price 30 cents.
NEW VOLUME OF THE LIVING AGE.—The number of *Littell's Living Age* dated January 7th begins a new volume—the one hundred and seventy-sixth—of that standard weekly magazine. As periodical literature has been growing from year to year in extent and importance, the *Living Age* has gone on increasing in value. It is a necessity to the American reader who would keep pace with the best literary work of the time. The first number of the new year has the following table of contents:—The Life and Letters of Charles Darwin, *Contemporary Review*; The Magic Fan, by John Strange Winter, author of "Boodle's Baby," etc., *English Illustrated Magazine*; Mohammedanism in Africa, *Nineteenth Century*; Lord Macaulay and Madame d'Arbly, *National Review*; A Dramatic Effect, *Blackwood's Magazine*; The Future of the Negro, *Spectator*; Early English Navigators and their Nautical Instruments, *St. James' Gazette*; New Names for New States, *Spectator*; Old Silver, *St. James' Gazette*; with choice poetry and miscellany. This, the first weekly number of the new volume, is a good one with which to begin a subscription. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price \$3 is low; while for \$10.50 the publisher offers to send any one of the American \$4.00 monthlies, or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. *Littell & Co.*, Boston, are the publishers.

TORONTO LETTER.

About Men and Things in the Queen City.

The Majority Election—Some of the Causes That Led to Mayor Clarke's Success—Mr. Pattillo's Remarkable Encounter—A New Coon Came To Town.

From our own Correspondent.
TORONTO, Jan. 10, 1888.
Now that the dust of the election has settled (the "coal dust" as the defeated candidate termed it) in his speech on the night of the election, it is interesting to consider the causes which led to the victory of Alderman Rogers, and the marked success of Mr. E. F. Clarke. Immediately upon the announcement of Mayor Howland's proposed resignation, Mr. Clarke's friends put him in the field. I stated then that if "Ned," as he is familiarly termed by three-fourths of the city, ran, he would sweep Toronto, but I thought that on account of his position as member of the Legislature he might not allow his friends to press his candidature. As the conflict deepened, and the liquor influence made its presence felt in the canvass and at public meetings, Mr. Clarke's prospects were not so bright, and I came to the conclusion that the saloon would be too heavy a load for the ruddy giant of the *Sentinel* to carry in the majority race. But, like the deft politician that he is, Mr. Clarke openly disavowed any connection with the liquor men, and stood upon a sort of temperance platform which, if not acceptable to those of us who have strong prohibition sympathies, commended itself to many who were halting between two opinions on the matter. And with the liquor men of today "those who be not against us are our friends."

Of Mr. Rogers, it is fair to say that he made a strong candidate. It is frequently the lot of defeated men to be contemned by their former friends, and some have blamed Mr. Rogers when their own unpopularity or their co-workers wrought the evil and lost the election. Mr. Rogers made a magnificent run under the circumstances. He spoke in a manly, honorable way of his business affairs, which had been cruelly assailed in a way that can only be described as slanderous; he had large views of the city's needs, and his actions in the council were an earnest of his fitness for the civic chair. Mr. Rogers is, today, regarded in Toronto as an honest, able and public-spirited man.

Briefly summed up, the causes of Mr. Clarke's remarkable victory were as follows: First, his immense personal popularity. His acquaintance in the city was of the widest. He went to school in Toronto with many of our most active business men; and he made friends there. He was a leading figure during the printers' strike, and the eyes of the workmen have not been off him since. He is the most prominent man in the Orange Order in Toronto, and truly that society flourishes here in all its gaudy grades. And, again, he had the undivided support of the liquor men and their friends, who, by the way, are not few or unimportant in a city the size of Toronto. He might repudiate them, but they would not repudiate him. Toronto has a big Conservative majority, and that the party "Shibboleth" was uttered in the ear where it would do the most good, won a decidedly remarkable victory for the genial young man who never forgets a friend, and treats a political opponent as a man and a brother. Defeat's candidature did not materially affect the candidates. Let me add, that had Clarke been championed by the temperance people as a successor of Howland, which at one time was spoken of, he would have had at least the majority of "Toronto's William," and perhaps a thousand more.

The following, from a city paper, will give an accurate idea of the noble character which, from a close personal acquaintance of over fifteen years, I knew "Ned" Clarke to be possessed of:—
The citizens of Toronto not having a personal acquaintance with Mr. Edward F. Clarke, Mayor-elect, will perhaps be able to judge the character of the man by a little circumstance which occurred on the evening of election day. Mr. Clarke was, along with friends, at his committee-room on King-street when returns came in which showed without doubt that he had been elected. An enthusiastic friend and supporter stepped up to shake hands and congratulate the newly-made mayor. Mr. Clarke

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Latest Political and General News from Ottawa.

What the Fisheries Question is—The Governor General—The Ottawa Duke—The Sixth Division Case.

From our own Correspondent.
OTTAWA, Jan. 10, 1888.
The Fisheries Commission re-assembled yesterday at Washington. Many do not know that this fisheries business really means and an explanation in few words will be of value. In the first place the value of the product of Dominion fisheries is something over \$18,000,000, and our fish export trade totals about \$7,000,000. The number of boats employed is 2,300, and the number of fishermen 2,780. That the industry is of vast importance these figures show. By the treaty of 1818 the Americans were granted the privilege of fishing along with British subjects on the coast of Newfoundland, Labrador and the Magdalen Islands. In the seventh article the United States renounced forever any right to take, dry or cure fish within three marine miles of any of the coast, bays or harbors of British America not included in the limits mentioned above. In Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the Americans reserved to themselves only the privilege of landing for the purposes of shelter, wood and ware and for other purposes wharves. This treaty therefore protected what are called our inshore fisheries. Repeated misunderstandings led to negotiations which resulted in the reciprocity treaty of 1854 opening the fisheries of both countries on an equal footing, in consideration of certain commercial advantages granted to Canada by the United States. The latter power, however, abrogated the treaty in 1871, which accorded equal fishing privileges, without regard to the three mile limit. In part compensation the American market was opened free to Canadian fish and fish oil, and the Halifax Commission awarded \$5,000,000 additional compensation to Canada. The fisheries clauses of this treaty abrogated by the United States in 1883, and things relapsed into a system of duties and forfeits. This is the state of things at present, and provided no new arrangement is agreed upon by the Commission now sitting at Washington, it is thought they may at least define the bearings of the renunciation made by the United States in 1818. What the three mile limit really comprises seems to have been all along, the chief bone of contention.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.
As Lord Lansdowne was appointed Governor General 18th of August 1883, his term will expire this summer. It is the opinion here that all statements about his successor are premature. Lansdowne is the fifth who has held the office. He has a quiet life being seldom seen outside his official quarters except at the theatre or at church, for His Excellency attends both places. He spends nearly every evening, however, at Rideau Hall, a vic-regal etiquette precludes him from accepting invitations to private houses.

SOME PHASES OF SOCIAL LIFE.
Speaking of the theatre leads me to say that nowhere else in America can be found as fine a fashionable looking audience as in Ottawa. A profusion of bare shoulders, backs and other portious of the anatomy appear in all their charms, and the seats are invariably in full dress. The girls service dude, however, frequently appears alone, —he and his collar. He is arrayed in the very best his clothing tailor will give him credit for. These are two or three societies who pay nothing for their seats, the advertisement they give the tailor being considered cheaper than a newspaper advertisement. The place where the Ottawa dude works is known here as the House of Refuge—outsiders as the Government buildings. He never makes—well afford it, you know—and takes care of the favor of a married lady than of a maiden, however fair. His breakfasts at half-past nine and is compelled to work as late as four. More of him soon.

ELECTION MATTERS.
Election time has yet to be held in East Simcoe (Goderich) and Centre Wellington. The edition against Cassin (Liberal) in Listel has been dismissed on the sixth month ground. Mr. Waldie having been nominated for Halton Mr. John Turner may possibly be the Government candidate. Turner is known to be desirous of representing Halton, and claims to be a worthy man, as he lives in Oakville. Mr. Waldie's majority over David Henderson was 99. Mr. Prior will probably be elected in Victoria, B.C., to the Commons in place of Mr. Shakespeare, appointed premier. By the way, the election of Mr. Humphries to the B.C. Legislature brings to mind that his predecessor, Mr. Fishhouse, has gone to join the Mormons. The Ontario bye-elections in Dundas and Northumberland are fixed for Feb. 1st. In Dundas Mr. Chamberlain (Liberal) majority was 25, and in Northumberland Dr. Willoughby's (Conservative) was 51. Mr. Whitney will again oppose Dr. Chamberlain, but Mr. Charles takes the place of Mr. Ferris in Northumberland. The Conservatives of Carleton meet tomorrow to choose a candidate in place of Sir

THE BROOKVILLE RAILWAY.

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THE NEW SENATORS.
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DO YOU REMEMBER?
Dominion Analyst McFarlane is prosecuting his researches into the food and drink sold to us with vigor. He has just finished his exposure of the milk sold in the cities, and informed me that he is having samples of coffee, collected from the various roasters, sent to him.

POSTAGE IN NEWSPAPERS.
On the best authority I can state that the Post Master General has no idea of re-imposing postage on bona fide newspapers. He is trying to correct abuses though. For instance a prominent paper dealer in Toronto sends a sporting paper with the sole object of advertising his weapons through the mails free of postage. The law was not intended to be taken advantage of in this way, but it is, in a large number of cases.

OUR CANAL SYSTEM.
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DIVORCE CASES.
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John. Warden Dawson (Conservative) ex-Sheriff Powell (Lib-Con), and Mayor Stewart, of Ottawa, are the names most prominent. The fight will be to get control of the convention, as nomination means election.

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