Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Dec. 25, 1874.

The Election.

The return of J. J. Mastin, Esq., M.P.P., for Huron, was received here on Tuesday night, and would be no doubt published in the issue of Parliament, but as the telegraph lines were all down, we have to wait for the details until next week. Mr. Mastin is a Reformer of the old school, and will be a good representative of the people of Huron. He is one of the young men who have made a good record in the Reform ranks, and we feel sure that his record will be still better in the future. We understand that he will be opposed by Col. A. M. Ross, of Goderich, who has been in the field for some time. We have no doubt that the Reform party will be fully represented at the polls on the day of nomination, and that the result will be the return of a good Reformer.

A Visit to our Patrons.

SEASONABLE HINTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

At this season the business places put on their best appearance, and have on hand a variety of new goods for the festive season. We visited the Saturday Conservatory with a somewhat similar object in view, namely, to look at the various articles in their stocks and wish them a merry Christmas.

Mr. Dunlop has a good deal to do at this time of the year, but it is never too busy for men in his business to make any special arrangement for customers. He is equal to any occasion, however, and should Father Time favor him with an order for clothing young "1875" it would be faithfully executed.

Mr. Butler has purchased jacks for the million, and a peep into his assortment of toys gives one something of the amusement of pleasure which school boys feel in visiting the Zoological Gardens.

Mr. T. J. Montgomery has a fine collection of books for presentation, chromos and ornaments suitable for gifts. Nothing is more generally appropriate for a gift than a well bound interesting book, and there may be found at this store.

Mr. Saunders, at the variety store, has made great preparations for Christmas. His collection of toys is large and the designs are all the way from extremely pretty to extremely funny. He has a fine assortment of jewelry and watches, at low figures.

Messrs. E. & J. Downing have been increasing their business steadily, and at the present time their ordered business is very large. They keep a well selected stock of ready made goods always on hand.

Mr. Wm. Campbell has a fine stock of "Gent's wear." There has always existed a difficulty in fitting ladies feet with ready made goods, only one width having been made, but it is now the custom to make three different widths of ladies' wear and two of gents' wear, so that the narrow, stout and ordinary shaped feet can be well fitted. Mr. Campbell is purchasing these grades, made after the American fashion.

Mr. A. Adams has a thorough Glasgow grocery, and everything about the store looks wholesome and attractive. His Glasgow cured hams are very popular, and a more acceptable gift than one of these hams could not be well imagined.

Mr. J. B. Somerville, of the Excelsior grocery store has a very choice stock of raisins and dried fruits, canned fruit, fresh and of good quality.

Mr. S. H. Old, who has announced to the public that he does not sell cheaper than any one else, has secured a reputation for keeping good stock. His 80 cent tea has given good satisfaction.

Mr. [illegible] is doing a large business, [illegible] quantities of everything [illegible] season, fruits, [illegible], sauces, oysters, etc. [illegible] he has in store in [illegible] goods and hardware [illegible] could particularly direct [illegible] attention to his stock of oysters which is daily being replenished from the headquarters of the Baltimore Oyster Company.

Mr. Wells has thoroughly established himself in the clothing business. By judicious selections from bankrupt stock he has been enabled to sell good articles at low figures. He devotes his attention to gentlemen's furnishing, boys' clothing, and making to order, and dealing than with the stronger sex he seldom has occasion to blush in the presence of the ladies.

Messrs. J. C. Detlor & Co., are widely known and will have a good run of business this week, as they have purchased a large stock of fine fruits. They have some rich specimens of fur goods on exhibition, one handsome set of mink being valued at $75.

Messrs. John Acheson & Co. are well supplied in dry goods, dry groceries, boots and shoes. Their business has been very good during the past year, particularly in dry goods, the business in groceries being confined to the staple articles. Some very pretty new designs in dress goods are exhibited.

Mr. W. R. Robertson is being well patronized, and every day sees a steady improvement in his business. We were shown a lot of buffalo robes just arrived from Fort Garry, which had been selected for him by a person who is well up in the business. They were a very fine lot. Some pretty designs in children's furs were also shown us, in mink, sable, &c. The grocery line is well stocked.

Mr. Geo. McKenzie, of the Lion store, has a well selected stock of general goods, and his stock of millinery and furs is very handsome. Mr. McKenzie has earned for himself a large trade, and holds a first place in his line of business.

Mr. A. Smith is well known to the public, and the number that can say they have worn clothes from Mr. Smith's establishment is large. He always keeps a large stock, and has never failed to please. The ready made department is very large, and the made to order business is ditto.

Mr. W. M. Savage is devoting most of his attention to furs and ladies' wear. Having the means for preparing his own furs making and altering goods he does business at a great advantage. While we were visiting his establishment a gentleman entered who said the cap he wore had been purchased from Mr. Savage twenty years ago. This fact speaks volumes.

The new millinery store lately opened out by J. Stewart is well provided with all that will fascinate the ladies. The agency for Cornwall's self-fitting dress charts is at this place. Some very pretty dress caps were offered for sale.

Messrs. Moore & Gordon have everything on hand for Christmas puddings, Christmas gifts, etc. The stock of groceries and dry goods is very fine, and no doubt large quantities of their goods will be called into requisition this week.

Mr. Daniel Gerdon exhibits some very nice furniture from the best manufactories. He has a large number of beautiful chromos handsomely framed.

Mr. John A. Ball's window attracts a great deal of notice, so neatly fitted up and ornamented with chromos. A large and handsome stock of furniture may be found here.

Mr. Eric McKay is well supplied with the most modern styles of furniture. Mr. McKay has been a long time in the business, and possesses a well-earned reputation.

Messrs. J. & J. Story have a lot of the New Empire coal stoves, a beautiful and very popular pattern, on hand suitable for Christmas presents. Their collection in the tinware line is large and varied.

Messrs. Whitely & Elliott exhibit some pretty designs in crockery, chinaware, glassware and pipes all of which make handsome and acceptable gifts. They have a large stock of fine groceries suitable to this and every season; tobacco to soothe the troubled mind and cigars fit for princes to smoke. Do not forget to visit them before Friday.

Miss M. Miller has a *recherche* stock of millinery and fancy goods. Many young ladies have purchased goods at her store to adorn themselves and friends to whom a pair of gloves would be very acceptable, and no better place for selecting patterns can be found than at the Toronto House. Its store rooms have been crowded to inspect her stock, which is tastefully arranged, and makes a fine display.

Messrs. Proudfoot & Pennington have their new store on Kast street, filled with a choice stock of raisins and currants, and are selling at a reduced rate. They are selling the finest assortment of general groceries in Goderich, actually.

Messrs. Crofts & Johnston have had very busy this week. Their stock must be complete in every respect, to judge from with reception rooms fitted up, cutting room, tailoring department, fitting room, dressing room and [illegible]. Their stock is fresh and seasonable, and well worthy the attention of all. A visit to the establishment will repay the visitor.

Messrs. Kerr & McKenzie might be visited by outer families before going to the outlets of the young folks of the family. Pocket knives, razors, etc., of every description, suitable to make a boy happy by his father secure one or more to be sold here. The stock of shelf and heavy hardware kept on hand by this firm is unexcelled for variety and quality.

Mr. Geo. H. Parsons has everything in the hardware line. The display of silver plated ware is very pretty and attractive. Many articles may be found here suitable for presents.

Report of Christmas Examination 1874.

GODERICH CENTRAL AND WARD SCHOOLS.

The Christmas Examination of the several Ward Schools closed last week, and on Monday evening the prizes were distributed to the successful pupils in the Odd Fellow's Hall, which was crowded to the doors, fully 800 people being present. A lengthy programme was gone through by a number of the scholars and others, which we would be pleased to give at length, but space will not permit. Each one executed his or her part well, and to the enjoyment of those present.

The Inspector, Mr. J. R. Miller read the following report.

ST. ANDREW'S WARD.

Miss Taylor, Principal; Miss Robertson, Assistant.

None Promoted—Honor Roll—Proficiency, 1 Ann Morrison, 2 Rose McGuire, 3 Bella Reed. Reading, 1 Bella Reed, 2 Reb. Noble, 3 Kate McKay. Spelling, 1 Mary Swanson, 2 Ann Morrison, 3 Maggie Murray. Writing, 1 Thos. McGuire, 2 Ann Morrison, 3 Mar. McGuire. Tables, 1 J. McCallum, 2 W. McKinnon, 3 T. McGuire, 4 K. McKay, 5 A. Morrison, 6 M. Murray. Arithmetic, 1 Ann Morrison, 2 Kate McKay, 3 L. Elliott. Geography, 1 W. McKinnon, 2 J. McCallum, 3 W. Burk.

ST. DAVID'S WARD.

Miss McMahon, Principal; Miss McKay, Assistant.

17 Promoted—Honor Roll—General Proficiency, 1 B. Halcrow, 2 Ann Mair, 3 Clara Emerton, Reading, 1 A. Mair, 2 B. Halcrow, 3 G. Stewart. Spelling, 1 M Robertson, 2 B. Halcrow, 3 Eliz. Hall and A. Mair. Writing, 1 Stanley Hays, 2 B. Halcrow, 3 Harry Reed. Tables, 1 C. Emerton, 2 B. Halcrow, 3 Mary Street. Arithmetic, 1 J. Wright, 2 A. Mair, 3 Clara Emerton, 4 W. Spect. Geography, 1 W. Wyatt, 2 B. Halcrow, 3 Harry Reed.

Promoted 80 per cent, in order of merit—B. Halcrow, A. Mair, C. Emerton, J. Wright, W. Wyatt, Lizzie Ball, Margt. Robertson, Stanley Hays, Liz. Bennett, Mary Street, Sarah Butts, W. Spect, Harry Reed.

Promoted 75 per cent, in order of merit—Mark Whiteley, M. A. Brooks, W. Abram, M Crawford—Total 17.

ST. PATRICK'S WARD.

Miss Longworth, Principal; Miss Hardy, Assistant.

17 Promoted—Honor Roll—General Proficiency, 1 Mary Buchanan, 2 Jane Morrison, 3 Ed. Campaigne. Reading, 1 Edith Whitely, 2 Margt. Hyslop, 3 Jane Morrison. Spelling, 1 Margt. Hyslop, 2 R. Bates, 3 W. Noble. Writing, 1 Jane Morrison, 2 Margt. Hyslop, 3 Mary Buchanan. Tables, 1 R. Shannon, 2 M. Buchanan, 3 J. Arthur. Arithmetic, 1 E. Campaign, 2 R. Shannon, 3 H. Morris, 4 A. Dickson. Geography, 1 M. Buchanan, 2 J. Acheson, 3 E. Campaigne.

Promoted 80 per cent, in order of merit—M. Buchanan, Jane Morrison, E. Campaigne, J. Acheson, A. Dickson, M. Hyslop, R. Bates, W. Noble, J. Breckenridge, E. Mann, R. Shannon, J. Arthur, H. Morris.

Promoted 75 per cent, in order of merit—Sarah Bell, Ada Martin, Maggie Watson, Annie Preston.

CENTRAL SCHOOL.

SEVENTH DIVISION.

Miss Adams, Teacher.

No. on Roll 72; Present on day of Examination 70; Promoted 39—Honor Roll—Reading, 1 Maggie Baxter, 2 A. Sieveright, 3 Sarah Hyslop. Spelling, 1 H. McPherson, 2 Bella McDonald, 3 Ella Peck. Writing, 1 J. McCallough, 2 A. Sieveright, 3 Minnie Worden. Arithmetic, 1 Sarah Hyslop, 2 E. Martyn, 3 T. Ball and A. Donaldson. Geography, 1 Mary Thompson, 2 S. Hyslop, 3 M. Cook. General Proficiency, 1 S. Hyslop, 2 A. Donaldson, 3 M. Baxter.

Promoted 75 per cent, in order of merit—S. Hyslop, A. Donaldson, M. Baxter, H. McPherson, E. Martyn, E. Peck, B. McDonald, J. Swaffield, A. Sieveright, Ida Howland, M. Stotts, W. Baxter, A. McKinnon, M. Cook, L. Sharman, R. Swaffield, A. Sale, J. Addison, J. Watson, A. Tolsma.

Promoted 70 per cent, in order of merit—A. McDonald, Fanny Ball, J. Strachan, Geo. Bates, A. Hunter, J. Murray, M. Thompson, A. Bingham, C. Crabb, Geo. Sharman.—Total 30.

SIXTH DIVISION.

Miss Kirkbride, Teacher.

No. on Roll 52; Present on day of Examination 50; Promoted 39—Honor Roll—Reading, 1 J. Graham, 2 E. Walker, 3 L. Pretty. Spelling, 1 F. Mellish, 2 L. Pretty, 3 M. Weatherald. Writing, 1 G. McQuire, 2 M. Graham, 3 J. Carter. Arithmetic, 1 L. Pretty, 2 W. Marlton, 3 F. Craig and J. Bell. Geography, 1 G. McQuire, 2 J. Elliott, 3 J. Graham, and M. Watson. General Proficiency, 1 L. Pretty, 2 W. Marlton, 3 J. Bell.

Promoted 75 per cent, in order of merit—L. Pretty, W. Marlton, J. Bell, F. Rutson, A. Campbell, F. Mellish, M. Watson, F. Craig, A. Reid, G. McQuire, N. Hosker, J. Stotts, J. Dever, M. Young, E. Walker, L. Dickson, J. Lickfold, M. Thompson, M. Weatherald E. McQueen, J. Graham, A. Ferguson, M. Graham, G. Cattle, T. McCaw, M. Cassidy, L. Cattle, E. Hosker, M. Robinson, J. Elliott, W. Neibergall, N. J. Thompson.

Promoted 70 per cent, in order of merit—C. Murray, J. Brown, G. Narn, J. Halliday, M. Wright, J. Carter, M. Breckenridge.

FIFTH DIVISION.

Miss Donogh, Teacher.

No. on Roll 47; Present on day of Examination 44; Promoted 41—Honor Roll—Reading, 1 J. Williams, 2 H. McLean, 3 E. Andrews. Spelling, 1 M Snowdon, 2 W. C. Adams. Writing, 1 J. Kerr, 2 L. Cook, 3 H. Johnson. Arithmetic, 1 W. Ellard, 2 J. McCormack, 3 L. Adams, 4 M. Brophy, 5 E. Gibson, 6 M. Snowdon. Geography, 1 A. Currie, 2 A. Grierson, 3 W. Trainer. Grammar, 1 E. Todd, 2 A. Smeath, 3 R. Dyer. General Proficiency, 1 C. Edwards, 2 R. Dyer, 3 A. Currie, L. Cooke and M. Robinson.

Promoted 75 per cent, in order of merit—C. Edwards, R. Dyer, L. Cooke, A. Currie, M. Robinson, M. Snowdon, J. Williams, M. McCann, M. Brophy, H. Johnson, L. Adams, J. Kerr, M. McKay, A. Smeathe, C. Adams, W. Edwards, W. Trainer, E. Gibson, W. Rutledge, E. Todd, E. Andrews, N. Grietson, T. Gardiner, M. Elliott, J. McKay, J. McCormack, M. Dier, J. Mann, W. Stewart, F. Elliott, H. McLean, W. Black, A. Moore, M. Wilson, J. Gooding, W. Gilmore.

Promoted 70 per cent, in order of merit—J. Kerr, L. McCoy, H. McCoy, D. McDonald, M. Whitely, C Gooding.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Miss Dixon, Teacher.

No. on Roll 49; Present on day of Examination 43; Promoted 19—Honor Roll—Reading, 1 H Sinclair, 2 W Worden, 3 Mary Hotsell. Spelling, 1 A Howland, H. Colliden, 2 L. Best, 3 C Miller and W Robertson. Writing, 1 L. Best, 2 B. Best, 3 H Sinclair. Arithmetic, 1 C Miller, 2 H. Logan, 3 F. Lickfold and S Forrester. Geography, 1 H Colliden, 2 C Miller, 3 C Miller. A Book and Obedient Drummer, 1 C Miller, 2 W Ferguson and H Morrow. Composition, 1 H Colliden, 2 W. Miller. General Proficiency, 1 C Miller, 2 H. Colliden, 3 W Miller.

Promoted 75 per cent, in order of merit—C Miller, H Colliden, W Miller, L Best, A Rust, H Morrow, A Wilkinson, A Howland, F Lickfold.

Promoted 70 per cent in order of merit—W Robertson, H Thompson, M Howell, B Ralph, H Logan, A Ferguson, S Gordon, W Williams, J Cook.

THIRD DIVISION.

Miss Trainer, Teacher.

No. on Roll 50; Present on day of Examination 48; Promoted 32—Honor Roll—Reading, 1 M Hair, 2 H Hilliard, 3 A Colliden. Spelling, 1 A Colliden and M Mair. 2 L. Black, 3 H Hilliard. Writing, 1 S Hyslop, 2 A Colliden, 3 A Trainer. Arithmetic, 1 A Colliden and M. Miller, 2 H Hilliard, 3 A McKenzie. Geography, 1 R Donogh and H Hilliard, 2 A Fletcher and M Mair. Grammar, 1 A Colliden, 2 H Hilliard, 3 M Miller and T. Bell. Composition, 1 A Colliden, 2 M. Mair, 3 M Reid. General Proficiency, 1 A Colliden, 2 H Hilliard, 3 M Miller.

Promoted 70 per cent in order of merit—A. Colliden, H. Hilliard, M. Miller, M. Mair, E. Miller, A. Fletcher, E. Cassaday, A. Trainer, A. Weatherald, A. Reid, T. Bell, M. Weatherald, J. Breckenridge, A. McKenzie, L. Black, E. Henning, T. Dickson.

Promoted 65 per cent in order of merit 12—R. Donogh, L. Hyslop, M. Reid, M. Loutit, G. Bates, A. McKay, E. Martin. G. Myer, S. Black, I. McLeod, R. Campbell, E. Ward.

SECOND DIVISION.

Mr. Annis, Teacher.

No. on roll 57; present on day of examination 57; promoted 18—Honor Roll—Reading, 1 A. Harris, 2 J. Robertson, 3 A. Halliday and R. Horton. Spelling, 1 J. Gordon, R. Horton, L. Acheson, J. Robertson and A. Harris. Writing, 1 L. Acheson, 2 J. Best and R. Runciman equal. Arithmetic, 1 J. Robertson, 2 M. Hamilton, 3 W. Andrews. Geography, 1 J. Robertson, 2 W. Andrews, 3 J. Moir. Grammar, 1 R. Horton, 2 J. Robertson, 3 A. Harris. Composition, 1 J. Moir, 2 R. Runciman, 3 L. Somerville. Canadian History, 1 J. Gordon, 2 W. Andrews, 3 L. Campbell. Natural History, 1 J. Moir, and W. Potts, and L. Wilson equal. General Proficiency, 1 J. Robertson, 2 W. Andrews, 3 A. Harris.

Promoted 65 per cent in order of merit—J. Robertson, W. Andrews, A. Harris, R. Horton, J. Moir, E. Somerville, W. Potts, J. Gordon, L. Campbell, B. Ralph.

Promoted without credit 60 per cent—1 M. Ball, 2 L. Wilson, 3 Geo. Robinson, 4 A. Evans, 5 H. Marlton, J. Best, J. Walker, M. Johnson.

FIRST DIVISION.

Mr. Miller, Principal.

No. on Roll 36; Present on day of examination 32; Promoted 28—Honor Roll—Reading, 1 A. Potts, 2 J. Ferguson, 3 J. Mair. Spelling, 1 E. Schroeder, 2 A. Cowherd, J. Reale equal. Writing, 1 L Johnson, 2 G Thompson, 3 H. Murney. Arithmetic, 1 J. Reid, 2 A Cowherd, 3 J. Jenkins and C. Reynolds. Geography, 1 C Davis, 2 M Dever, 3 W McVicar. Grammar, 1 W. McVicar, 2 M. Dever, 3 C Davis. Composition, 1 C Reynolds, 2 L Trueman, 3 J Jenkins and J Ferguson. English History, 1 C Ross, C Reynolds, M Dever equal, 2 S McVicar. Physiology, 1 F Dever, W McVicar, C Reynolds, L McKeown equal. Gen. Prof., 1 J Reid, 2 C Reynolds, 3 C Davis.

Promoted 65; per cent in order of merit—1 J. Reid, 2 C. Reynolds, 3 C. Davis, 4 M. Dever, 5 A. Cowherd, 6 W. McVicar, 7 C. Ross, 8 L. McKeown, 9 A. Smith, 10 J. Hease, 11 L. Torrie, 12 J. Jenkins, 13 A. Gordon, 14 R. Logan, 15 L. Johnson, 16 W. Ross, 17 G. Thompson.

Promoted 60 per cent in order of merit—1 J. Ferguson, 2 C. Kerr, 3 C. Howell, 4 H. Murney, 5 G. Pasmore, 6 A. Stotts, 7 M. Smith, 8 L. Trueman, 9 F. Harrison, 10 E. Schroeder. Portland, Pridham and J. Mair partially examined.

Through the kindness of Mr Crabb, chairman of the Board, books to the value of $20 were placed at the disposal of examiners, to be awarded to deserving pupils. The work was a most difficult one to decide, especial y in the Senior class.

Class I.—1 Charles Reynolds, 2 vols. 2 Science.
2 Lucy Trueman, 3 " Scott's Works.
3 John Jenkins, Box of Instruments.
4 Jennie Ferguson, Chromos

Class II —1 James Moir. Poets.
2 R. Runciman, Philosophy of Mechanics.

Class III —1 Ann Colliden, Pilgrims Progress.
2 Maggie Mair, Motherwell Minstrels.

Class IV —1 H. Colliden, Forty days in the Desert.
2 Wm. Miller, Lays of Ancient Rome.

The number of scholars on the Rolls about 1900, and at the examinations 641—The prizes were then distributed to the successful scholars, by the chairman and teachers and after the general presentation, the special prizes for composition were awarded. Presentations were made by the classes to their various teachers as follows:—Mr. A. E. Annis a beautiful writing case and ink stand (this makes four presentations to Mr. Annis within the past four weeks); Mr. W. R. Miller, a butter cooler, Miss Dickson, a work box; and we understand Miss Trainer and Miss McMahon were presented with some appropriate articles. The several teachers replied in feeling and appropriate terms.

A vote of thanks was moved and presented to the chairman, and the school struck up in splendid time and voice, "God save the Queen".

St. Joseph's Convent.

The closing entertainment given on Monday evening last under the management of the good ladies in charge, by the pupils of this Institution, here, was successful and brilliant beyond the most sanguine expectations. Owing to the limited capacity of the Convent, the entertainment was given in the vestry in rear of the church. It was very tastefully decorated with evergreen festoons at the head of the room was erected a stage over which was the word "Welcome" in festoon letters. This room though forty feet long, was crowded to its utmost capacity with the parents and friends of the pupils before the entertainment began; and many who afterwards sought admission were obliged either to stand outside or go away. It was not expected that so many would be present or arrangements would have been made to accomodate them in a larger room.

We would be pleased to give a full report of the programme and its rendition, but our limited space precludes a lengthy mention, suffice it to say that every piece was executed by the respective persons to whom it was assigned with a taste and finish that would have done credit to the most distinguished institution of the kind in Canada.

Even the parents who ought to know the capacity of their children best, were astonished at the talent they displayed on this occasion. Many a good parents heart was, we are sure, filled with emotions of legitimate pride over the progress of their children, so evident on this occasion.

If all had not been done so remarkably well, we would attempt to particularise, but to do this would only be to repeat the programme again, with the respective names associated with each piece.

It is little over a year since this institution was completed and opened at a cost of nearly six thousand dollars. It is very evident that it will prove a great boon to this section of the country, besides a great saving of expense to parents in the education of their children at home, where otherwise they would be obliged to send them abroad at a very great expense and in many cases, a very great inconvenience.

It desires so be patronised and we wish it every success.

ACCIDENT.—During the progress of the fire on Saturday night Col. A. M. Ross, who was assisting to quench the flames, fell and sprained his right ankle. He is confined to the house, and will likely be so for a week to come.

TEMPERANCE ENTERTAINMENT.—A grand musical and literary entertainment will be given by the temperance organisations of the town on Tuesday evening, the 29th inst., when an interesting programme will be rendered. The entertainment will be opened with an overture by the string band, after which a Christmas carol will be sung by a select choir. Then will follow a select reading from Dickens by Mr Garrow; song "the Slaveship," by Mr. M. Young; select reading by Mr. Wm. Dickson; music by Silver Cornet Band, which have kindly offered their services; four scenes of charade entitled the "Drunkard's Career," interlinded by songs and music by the band. Doors will be open at 6.30, entertainment to commence sharp at 7.30. Tickets, 15 cts., family tickets, admitting five persons, 50 cents.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH—CHRISTMAS DAY—The ceremonies in this church here, will be unusually impressive and attractive on Christmas day. There will be two grand High Masses, one at 5 o'clock in the morning, and the other at half past 10 o'clock. At both masses the full choir will render, in their most brilliant and efficient style, those two celebrated productions of the greatest masters known to the musical world—Lambillotte's Mass with Mozart's Gloria. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon Vespers will be chanted, with a full choir of Mozart's Magnificat. Father O Shea the Parish Priest, whose fame as a speaker has long sinbe gone abroad, will preach a sermon both at Mass and Vespers.

MAGISTRATES' COURT.—On Monday Thos. Whaley, of Clinton, was brought up before the Reeve for an assault upon Mr. Geo. Walters, and the evidence against him being conclusive, he was fined $5 and costs, which was at once paid. An information was also laid against him for having threatened to do bodily harm, and he was therefore required to find two sureties of $250 each, and give a bond of $500 himself to keep the peace, which failing to do he was committed to Goderich jail. This case is another illustration of the evil effects of indulging in intoxicating drinks. The family is respectable and comfortably circumstanced, but their lives are jeopardized when the head of it is in liquor. On Monday he entered his home intoxicated, and at once commenced the destruction of everything in it, succeeding to a very great extent, and also nearly taking the life of his own infant.—*New Era.*

FIRE AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—Shortly after midnight on Saturday the alarm was sounded. A gentleman who lives near to the church noticed smoke issuing from the building, and on making inspection found it full of smoke. He immediately gave the alarm, a crowd soon gathered and the fire engine was quickly on the spot. The church was so full of dense smoke that no entrance could be obtained until a current of air had free circulation, which being secured the fire was soon controlled. The church was securely closed, and the ever thickening smoke had the effect of preventing the spread of the fire. If there had been a free passage of air the flames would have had too much headway to be quenched easily after assistance arrived. The damage done is considerable, the beautifully finished walls being completely spoiled. A hole is burned through the floor above the furnace, but the fire did not do so much damage as the smoke. The beautiful chancel is sadly disfigured, and as the rector says "the stars are totally eclipsed." The church is insured for $5,000, and the loss is between $1,000 and $2,000. The fire originated, it is supposed, from a spark falling on some kindling wood piled near the furnace.

HURON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The Semi-Annual meeting of the Association was held, according to notice in Clinton on Saturday the 12th inst. The attendance during the day was very good, and interest was kept up until the close of the meeting.

Owing to a change in the Railway time, the President Mr. H. I. Strang, B. A. did not arrive until the afternoon Session, and the chair was occupied by Mr. I. Turnbull B. A. ExPresident, in his able manner. After the reading of the minutes and other routine business, Mr. R. Orr, illustrated his method of teaching reading with a class, which was well received. A short discussion ensued after which the meeting adjourned until half-past one. In the afternoon Mr. Strang took up his subject "Difficulties in Analysis and Parsing" which he handled in a very able manner. A very intereresting discussion then took place on this topic and Mr. Strang was requested to continue the subject at the next meeting of the County Association.

The proceedings of the afternoon were enlivened by some choice music beautifully rendered by the Misses McTavish and Rattenbury. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to these ladies for their kindness in furnishing music. The Association is also deeply indebted to Mr. Doherty, dealer in Musical instruments, for the use of one of his superior Organs for the occasion.

The Association then adjourned to meet again in June 1875, in Clinton.

COLBORNE.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Municipal Council of Colborne met in the Town Hall on December 12th 1874 Reeve in the chair. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A petition was laid before the Council asking aid for Wm. Shields whose buildings had been burnt during the summer. It was moved and seconded that his taxes be remitted for the present year and that he receive the sum of $25 in cash.—Carried. A communication was received from R, Johnston, requesting that the taxes on his saw-mill be remitted for the present year, said mill being burnt during the summer. Moved by A. Malloy, seconded by D. Fisher, that his request be granted.—Carried. A petition was received from C. Bowerman on behalf of the Teachers' Institute, requesting the Council to grant a certain sum of money in aid of a public library. Petition to be filed. A communication was received from Jacob Spence, Secretary of the Prohibitory League, requesting the co-operation of the Council in petitioning Parliament for the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic. Petition to be filed. The following accounts were ordered to be paid:—Account of W. Cunningham, $1.37; Jacob Wilson, $6; *Star* office, $1; Wm. Downs, $1.75; John Snyder, $4; SIGNAL office, $61.65, T. J. Moorhouse for stationery for Council, $4.20; for Clerk, $3.73; Clerk for postage $7.89; Wm. Holland, $3.75; Job Brown, $8; W. J. Harris, $5; Joshua Allan, $7.50; A. Green, $5; Morrish & Fisher, $1.68; Nicholas Morrish, $36.18; Wm. Green, $5 66; John Robertson, $2.00; J. Robertson, $6 00; Henry Dodd, $9.00 William Blake, $6.75 James Symington, $21 00; A. Young $9.30 James Dustoe, $4.00; F. W. McDonogh & T. Dark, $1.00.

Moved by H. J. Nott, seconded by J. Buchanan, that By-law No. 29 be read a third time and passed, and that the Reeve be empowered to execute the deed as soon as Mr. Gall's release and all other necessary documents are obtained.—Carried. By-law No 30, redividing the Township into electoral divisions for municipal purposes was read. Moved and seconded that said By-law be passed, and that the clerk be ordered to have 50 copies printed and distributed before the election.—Carried. Moved and seconded that the nomination for Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Councillors be held in the Town Hall on the last Monday in December at the hour of 12 o'clock and that in case a poll be demanded, an election be held on the first Monday in January in the several subdivisions as shown by By-law No 30. and that Mr. Robertson be Returning Officer for subdivision No 1. Polling place at Andrew Headle's shop, Benmiller village. That Arch. Sands be Returning officer for Subdivision No 2. polling place at Martin's Hall, Maitlandville. That John A McDonagh be Returning Officer for subdivision No 3, polling place at the Town Hall, Smith's Hill. That James O. Stuart be Returning Officer for Subdivision No 4, polling place at Joseph Haley's house, Lake Road, and that a by law be passed for the same.—Carried. The Collector's time for collection of taxes was extended to the next meeting of Council. The Council then adjourned.

J. A. McDONAGH,
Township Clerk.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

COUNCIL MEETING. Council met at Holmesville, December 7th, 1874, pursuant to adjournment; members all present. Minutes of last meeting were read and passed. By-law No. 8 read and passed. By-law No. 9 read and passed. Account of John Ingin laid over until clerk communicate with clerk of Goderich Town. Moved by Mr. McKee seconded by Mr. Elliott, that $60 be paid to Jacob Stokes one of the executors of the late Thos. B. Stokes clerk, for seven months salary, being payment in full. Carried. Widow Hastings was exempted from paying taxes present year. Moved by Mr. Cox seconded by Mr. McKee, that the place of nomination of candidates for Reeve, Dep'y Reeve, and three Councillors be Holmesville, at the house of Edward Kelly on the 28th inst., the hour 12 o'clock noon. Carried. Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Ford, that the following persons be appointed returning officers for the year 1875, and the following the polling places viz.; division No. 1, George McKee, polling place union school house S. Section No. 6; 2nd George Sturdy, frame house near Robinsons Hotel; 3rd Thomas Woods, school house No. 8 S. Section; 4th James Richardson, his own house; 5th John Rudd, house of E. Kelly, Holmesville. Carried. Moved by Mr. McKee seconded by Mr. Cox, that the following accounts be paid. Edward Kelly, house for court of appeal on voter's lists and constable $4; Mrs. Whitely, gravel for Base line $5; Collin Clarke, gravel for H. R. $30; James Anderson, gravel for 6 con. $4.55; Jas Elliott, gravel for 4 con. $4; Saml. Cox, repairing centre road $3; John Rathwell, gravel for Bayfield con. $17.50; Henry Steep, Culvert 10th con. $2 50; Robt. Harvy, repairing bridge Bayfield, con. $1.50; John Elliott, repairing culvert 12th con. $4; Chas. McLeod, repairing culvert Bayfield con. $3; Robt Elliott, part pay serving notices on voters' lists $30; John Deaves, filling gravel pit 12th con. $11.50; Henry Murphy, work on 16th con. $6; Jos. Foster, work done on 9th con. $30.50; John Ross, use of house for council $19.50.—Carried. Moved and seconded by same, that the following persons be paid the following sums. Reeve, for services as such $35; Dep'y Reeve, $50; John Cox Esq. Councillor, $50 George McKee Esq. $50; Gab'l Elliott Esq. $50; Clerk five months salary $54.15; Jacob Miller, indigence, $25; Robt. Lee, indigence $65; Mrs. Gibson taxes refund & $6.40, Joseph Grigg overcharge on assessment $2; Clerk's account for Registration of births, marriages, and deaths, railway debentures, voters' lists attending court of appeal, and other miscellaneous matters $31.35. Carried. It was then moved and seconded that this council do now adjourn.

JAMES PATTON, Clerk.

STEPHEN.

7 December 1874.

All members present minutes of two former meetings read and signed. A special meeting to be held on 16th inst., to consider the drainage matter. Also a special meeting on forenoon of nomination day being 28th inst. J. Istreace to have road allowance in rear of his place. Petition for Prohibition signed. The special meeting for 16th was held and adjourned.

Township divided into 4 divisions for municipal purposes known as Division, 1, 2, 3, and 4. R. O. in same order, H. Houston C. Prouty and J. White. Places for polling same order, S. H. No. 1, S. H. S. S. No. 6 and S. H. No. 8.

A large number of orders were granted mostly for road work.

C. PROUTY. Tp. C.

Dr. Ferguron, Tory, is re-elected for North Leeds by a majority of 161.

Mr. Wallace, Tory, has been elected for South Norfolk over Stuart by a majority of 132.

The new market House at Waterloo, Ont., which has cost in its erection over $10,000, was formally opened on Thursday.

It is positively asserted that Prince Bismarck tendered his resignatian, which was refused. He afterwards conferred with the leaders of the National Party, regarding the future conduct of affairs in Parliament, and an understanding was arrived at.

The French Canadians of Boston have protested against the execution of Lepine, and a petition, numerously signed, was forwarded to the Governor General of Canada, asking an amnesty for all the Manitoba rebels.

S. E. Burwell, of Fingall, Ont., writes: Last autumn I was suffering from a severe cold which settled on my lungs and produced a distressing cough for which I gave trial to a number of Cough Medicines but without any benefit. I at last tried one bottle of Allen's Lung Balsam, which I am happy to be able to state gave almost immediate relief and performed a perfect cure in a short time.

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