

Our Signal

TO COUNTY NEWS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE
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jects, it were boldness to enter upon them at present; but if, upon the opinion of experts, it be proved that the means will fit the bill, then it is the duty of the council to daily no longer but to complete the labor as early a date as good work will allow. The C. O. R. will likely become a matter of moment in Goderich during the coming year, and it behooves every one of us to give some attention to that scheme, too. I have a very vivid recollection of the building of the W. G. & B. R. extension north from Guelph, of the "tin-tin line" from Toronto up to Teeswater, and the L. H. & B. R. from London to Wingham. I also know something about the reaper in which these roads were brought from place to place by the old-timers, and I hope to see a similar spirit of enterprise exhibited by the members of the citizens' committee and the railway committee of the town council before many moons have passed and waned.

—And now, having made reference to some of the things that might have been, and drawn attention to some that ought to be, I look forward to a happy and prosperous year. For myself, all I want is that the efforts of one and all will be directed toward the betterment of the condition of the town in which we live, and with all such I can strike hand, and wish Godspeed in the good work. I have no grudge to go to the mill, no fat to fry, no axe to grind, or no hay to mow in this case, and am a free and independent advocate of the necessity of progressive effort at the present time, if the county town of Huron is to continue to lead the procession. Now, you all know my aims and my place, and I want you all to join with me in endeavoring to make 1888 a red-letter year in the history of the town. And here's my hand, "with charity to all, and malice toward none."

ANAL.

—But while I have rested, the great big world and the folk who live on it have waged along fast and, in some cases, furiously. Christmas and the nominations have passed and gone, and New Year's and the elections followed suit at race-horse speed. Old Father Time cut down 1887 at 12 o'clock last Saturday, and 1888 bounded upon the scene on or about the same hour. Speaking about the nominations, it has occurred to me that by this time the public generally will be convinced that some of the faults that I found against this council of 1887 early in the season, and which I continued to allude to at different times, were not, after all, the outcome of a disordered imagination, so far as I was concerned. I always pay my taxes on time, as a decent, law-abiding resident should, and I and my neighbors are much concerned about the manner in which our taxes are spent. These are the reasons that have impelled me to warn the taxpayers that our money was being frittered away in a most careless manner, that the so-called waterworks schemes was an *ad hoc* system that could always be seen in the distance, but never assumed tangible shape, and that even in the matter of the agricultural park and building, nearly two thirds had been paid. It was therefore highly satisfactory to me to have my statements backed by the Editor of THE SIGNAL on the municipal hustings on nomination day, and to have some of the crooked paths of the local administration made straight in full view of the free and intelligent electors. The only regret I felt was that more time was not afforded to the discussion of the subject, for the more the doing of the council of 1887 is discussed, the more it will be seen that an unnecessary waste of the taxes of the town has been made. However, I'm not now going to cry over spilt milk, but I merely want to say that during the coming year I intend to give the council a fair show, that I will give them every encouragement to do good work; and then, if they drop into the old rut, I won't fail to give them the nod, as I did their predecessors.

—1888 promises to be pregnant of great things for Goderich, and if the town council puts its shoulder firmly under its share of the responsibility, I have an idea that the old town will come up gallily to quick music before the close of the year. With the experience of past years, and new blood on the board, the contemplated public improvements should either be pushed to a completion at once, or the schemes should be abandoned as impracticable. If the appropriations already made, are, as I firmly believe, insufficient for the

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Latest Political and General News from Ottawa.

The Meeting of Parliament—The Fisheries Question—Proposed Ocean Mail Service—Notes by the Way.

From our own Correspondent.
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Parliament having been called for the 31st, the usual seasonal activity is noticed. A few of the hundreds who submit for the entire year on their seasonal earnings are beginning to come in. The minister of finance has already got the Estimates in hand. Everyone says the session will be short. The business of the national legislature has grown so great, however, that three months would be a short sitting so that May Day will break on prorogation, yet about 100 to 200 exceptions the meeting of Parliament this year is the earliest since confederation.

THE CABINET.
It is evident the Government will meet the House unchanged in its personnel, the contemplated reconstruction of the Cabinet having been postponed until after the House meets. Mr. Fowell will be the new Minister of Trade and Commerce is generally believed, as he is the best fitted for the position. Who will be made Solicitor General is an open question. The name of Mr. Girouard, the member for Jacques Cartier, has been most frequently mentioned. The Ontario list presents such names as Dalton McCarthy and George A. Kirkpatrick.

THE FISHERIES QUESTION.
The Fisheries Commission will reassemble on the 7th, at Washington. A plain statement of the point at which the negotiation broke off last month will be of value. It seems that at the outset the American Commissioners submitted a protocol requesting the admission of full commercial rights to American vessels in Canada, and the placing of all American and Canadian vessels on an equal footing with the navigation of the harbors of both the Dominion and the States. This was met by the British representatives with a proposition to not only concede the unrestricted navigation but also to consent to permit Americans to enjoy the offshore fisheries, provided the Americans would approve a new treaty of reciprocity based upon the lines of the treaty of 1854. To this the American Commissioners demurred, contending that they had rights and should not be asked to sell them to enable the British Commissioners to study the situation further at Ottawa an adjournment took place. Of course the proceedings of the Commission being secret there is no authority for the above, but it is generally believed, and as a matter of fact Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Charles Tupper did confer together here and with the Government.

THE NUMBER OF VOTERS.
The return to the Government recently compiled shows that there are in Canada 993,914 voters, an increase over 1882 of 190,327. The increase was less in Quebec than in any other province. At the last general election in February 725,056 votes were polled, 70 per cent of the total number. The total Government vote is given as 370,342 and that of the Opposition at 354,714, but in this letter case the exact figures are for obvious reasons such as acclamations and plurality of candidates, very difficult to get at.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.
A new contract, calling for a very fast service to Europe, and a return in the carriage of the mails, is about to be awarded by the Government, the choice lying between the Allan Line and the Canadian Pacific. The second tender is from the Orient Steamship Company, but it is known that the C. P. R. and the Orient intend to work together. The Canadian Pacific offer very swift steamers, but the Allans have a greater cargo capacity and they also offer to improve their speed.

ELECTIONS AND VACANT SEATS.
Since the last general elections there have been 14 elections held, two of these were by acclamation. The following seats are now vacant—Dorchester Que., Ont., Carleton Ont., Russell Ont., and Queens, N. B., of these three were held by Conservatives last session, and two Kent and Russell, by Reformers. In Dorchester, polling on the 14th, sure in Queens on the 22nd. The writ for Russell will doubtless issue so that the election can be held this month. The Reform majority in Russell was 155 over Mr. Macintosh ex M.P. The Conservative majority in Dorchester was 476.

POLITICS AND LOVE.
The appointment of Mr. Bresse, shoe manufacturer, to the Quebec Legislative Council in the place of Hon. Mr. Gingras, resigned recalls a little romance. Some time ago Mr. Gingras, who has been a shipbuilder, fell in love with a pretty girl who perhaps did not fully reciprocate his honorable passion, but she expressed her willingness to marry Mr. Gingras on a certain condition—a monetary one—and the seat in the Council for the division of the Laurentides was offered for \$10,000 to any rich man who coveted the honor.—Mr. Gingras subsequently got the wife of his

COUNTY CURRENCY.

Pencilings and Scissoring from Exchanges.

Items from all over Huron County, clipped and condensed—Fifth and Final—The Pick of the Grain from our exchanges.

Thos Hall, Brussels, shipped two car loads of pork 60,000 pounds, last week to a buyer in Toronto.

The fine new establishment of Messrs Broadfoot & Box, at Seaford, is now about completed, and in a few days it will be running at full blast. It will be one of the best equipped and most complete furniture manufactories in Canada.

Part a window in Rattenburg St. Church, Clinton, was blown in during Wednesday night's gale, and when the cretaker went there in the morning he found a pile of snow deep enough to bury himself in.

James, son of Jas. Douglas, 16th con., Grey, arrived home from California, a few days ago, after an absence of about eight years, looking hale and hearty. He has prepared there and likes the country well, and intends going back in a short time.

Clinton *Nova Eva*: Rev. G. R. Turk, late of Atlanta, Ga., stopped off at Clinton station the other day, long enough to say, "How-do-you-do," to some friends. He has returned to Canada "for his own and his country's good," and it is possible that he will supply Galt Methodist appointment until next meeting of conference, when he expects to be sent to take charge of Dublin-St. church, Guelph.

Thos. Coad, of the 10th concession of East Wawanosh, who has been suffering with a sore foot for the past seven months, went to Toronto recently to see some of the doctors there, and the conclusion they came to was that the foot would have to be taken off as the bone was decayed. The operation was to be performed at his residence on Tuesday morning by Drs. McDonald, Young and Chisholm. Mr. Coad has the heartfelt sympathy of this community, as he is highly respected by all who know him.

John Stragg, of the 3rd con of Uxbridge, has purchased a very fine yearling Durham bull from Messrs H. & W. D. Smith, at a handsome price. This animal was sired by imported "Enterprise," and his grand sire was that noted prize bull imported "Earl of Mar." Mr. Stragg, as well as the neighborhood in which he resides, is to be congratulated on this purchase, as so good an animal cannot fail to have a highly beneficial effect upon the stock of that district. We hope Mr. Stragg will have the best of good fortune with him.

Wm McDougall, Grey, was convicted of arson before A. Hunter, J.P., last week, and committed for trial. The arson was the burning of a stack of hay and an unused dwelling. The fire was put out before the house was consumed. It does not seem that the burning of the stack was a case of arson, but for the purpose of seeing the blaze or causing an excitement, of which he is very fond. He should be placed in an asylum where he can be properly treated, for on other things he is quite sensible.

The Brockville Standard says—Last week we referred to the fact of Dr. Dillabough being in the Brockville jail as a common vagrant. The doctor was afflicted with paralysis, which was the cause of his being in the jail. He was committed to the Brockville jail the 12th of February last, and at the expiration of his three months' imprisonment he procured a pass from the mayor to convey him to his brother in Arapahoe. In a few days he returned, and on June 1st he was again incarcerated upon a six months' committal for vagrancy. His period of imprisonment expired on Wednesday, Nov. 30th. The county council made a grant of \$20 to convey him to his brother's home in Hamilton. But he was so much worse that it was considered inadvisable to move him. He continued to grow worse and since Wednesday morning he apparently had not recognized anyone, or realized what was passing around him, and he slipped into a comatose state. His death occurred in the jail on Friday at 3:45 p.m. An inquest was held; the jury brought in a verdict of death from natural causes. The late James Dillabough, M.D., was a graduate of McGill college, and for a few years enjoyed a fair practice in Clinton. When he was incapacitated for further service by the incurable paralysis, it appears that all his friends deserted him, and refused to render him any assistance.

GENERAL NOTES.

Sir Hector Langevin has just concluded his thirtieth year of public life.

The Government has advised the British authorities that there is a steady demand in Canada for agricultural laborers and domestic servants.

At a New Year's reception yesterday the Governor General had several hundred callers.

Sir Charles Tupper will leave Winnipeg for Washington on the 5th.

Sir John Macdonald having elected to sit for Kingston it will be made the occasion for a demonstration there.

The Grand Trunk, Canada Southern, and London Port Stanley railways will ask parliament to confirm their agreement.

A company is asking power to construct a tunnel under the Detroit river from Windsor for railway purposes.

Sir Thos. Edmonde M.P., lectured here last night on Irish affairs.

By misrepresenting what Mr. Chamberlain said of Erasmus Wiman, the Ottawa Herald has got into serious trouble. The fact is that the Herald man never saw Mr. Chamberlain at all.

ASHFIELD.

The Zion Sabbath school tea meeting was a decided success in every particular. Mr. Stephenson occupied the chair in an efficient manner. The program consisted of readings, recitations, addresses, vocal and instrumental music. The choir rendered some beautiful selections for the occasion. The proceeds amounted to \$37.

The entertainment and Christmas tree in connection with S. S. No. 5, was an efficient success. The program was filled with an appreciative audience. The program was lengthy and very attractive. The choir gave splendid selections for the occasion. Rev. Mr. Moss was chairman, and filled the position very efficiently. Messrs. Cameron, McKenzie, McDougall, Hackett, and Miss Hunter, gave spirited recitations and readings.

The pupils of S. S. No. 5, presented their teacher, R. E. Brown, with an address and a beautiful sofa chair, as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his services. The address was read by Miss Mary Webster, and was replied to by the teacher in a suitable manner.

The examination of S. S. No. 5, took place on the 24th of Dec. There was a large attendance of visitors and teachers from adjoining sections, who expressed themselves well pleased with the deportment and efficiency of the pupils. The pupils were examined by Messrs. McKenzie, Cameron, Hackett, and Miss Hunter. The teacher, E. Brown, is engaged for the ensuing year.

DUNLOP.

Miss Jackson, of Bay City, Mich., was the guest of Mrs. A. Allan at New Years.

Our architect's shooting was not favorable. Two day's steady tramping with the musket has resulted in his being put in the hands of the sick committee for repair.

PERSONAL.—Mrs. A. A. Williams spent the New Years with Mr. Chas. Spence in Goderich township.

The coming court on the school question will be held in Goderich on the 10th inst. All in favor of the new section should attend. Those who, at the eleventh hour signed against its establishment, will be ready we hope to hold up their views why Dunlop should not have it, and be ready to debate with those in favor of it. Rise early and be in time, is the watchword.

Goderich Township.

Isaac Salkeld, has a heavy draught coil, rising 2 years old which brought down the scales Saturday last at 1,450. He thinks the coil weighs well, and so do we. He has also a yearling (twelve months old) thoroughbred shorthorn bull that tips the beam at 855 lbs.

DEPT.—One of the most trustworthy municipal officers of the county of Huron departed this life on Dec. 31st; in the person of William McConnell, clerk and treasurer of Tuckersmith. Deceased was well and favorably known to the public men of Huron, and was universally esteemed.

DUNGANNON.

A concert was held in the Methodist church on Monday 2nd inst., for the benefit of the Sabbath school.

The council for 1888 is composed of two of the late board, Messrs Lockhart and Todd and three newly elected viz: Messrs Jas. Johnston, reeve, and Alex Stewart and John Bowers, councillors.

There was a more lively interest taken in the recent election, than has been for some time as a large number of votes was polled in the different polling places.

What might have turned out to be a serious accident took place on Monday the 26th, but fortunately no one was

GRAVE ROBBERY.

As Mr. Wm. Stothers and his wife and child were going home from the anniversary in the Presbyterian church, his horse, a gentle animal, took fright on a short distance, and upset the cutter with the occupants, the amount of injury being that the cutter was somewhat out of ordinary shape. The occupants have abundant reason to be thankful for their escape.

A meeting of the directors of the W. Wawanosh and Ashfield Agricultural Society, was held on Tuesday in the Court room. Chas. Girvin, President, was in the chair. Annual meeting will be held in the same place on 17th inst.

A lecture was given Tuesday evening of last week in the Methodist church by Rev. Mr. Rogers, portraying a sermon on Ingerholm by Rev. Dr. Talmage, on which occasion there was a good display of audience, the audience was apparently well entertained. The proceeds were for the benefit of the church.

We are sorry to have to state that another of our settlers is gone to her long home. Mrs. Wm. Stothers, relict of the late Wm. Stothers, died on Monday morning after a week's illness, aged 73 years. She was highly respected by all who knew her. A good fond mother leaves behind her a large family, all grown up, and among whom is Mrs. McKay wife of Dr. McKay, of this village, and at whose residence she departed this life. The sympathy of the community in this and surrounding locality is extended to the surviving relatives and friends. The funeral took place on Wednesday 4th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m., to Dungannon cemetery.

THE RAILWAY QUESTION.

The railway question is occupying the attention of the public here, and along the line from Wingham to Port Albert, a distance of about 20 miles. Hopes are entertained, that before long, an extension of the C. P. R., will contribute to the life and business prosperity of our town. Our geographical position is almost on a *midway* line from Wingham to Port Albert, and a railway through this locality, must open up a trade with as fine an agricultural section of country as can be found in Western Ontario. Our resources were now great, but with railway facilities at our command, all branches of trade would be greatly stimulated. Our timber, of which there is a large quantity and of superior quality, would find an outlet, and the value of real estate would doubt be considerably increased. All along the line the people are able and willing to exert themselves in every legitimate way in order to secure advantages so much needed. The physical features of the country from Wingham to Port Albert offer no great obstruction to the building of a railway, and all parties are agreed that it is a cheap line to build. Port Albert and Lake Huron is the terminus of the proposed line, and we are proud to be able to claim that in taking a survey of the port, one is forcibly struck with the fact that nature has done quite enough in fashioning the surroundings to awaken our interest, and to impress us in this, that no other port on Lake Huron would afford as good a shelter to the shipping interests, as double the expenses. We also claim this for the port from official statements. The business men are fully alive to their interests, and a nice trade is done in the village. The mill, filled up with the very best machinery, a modern improvement, is the main building, and we can say, is not second to any other country mill in this county.

In view of the fact that railway facilities through this locality would be of great benefit to a large population, a meeting was held in the town hall, Dec. 26, for the purpose of appointing a working committee. The attendance was large and influential. Quite a number of gentlemen from Port Albert were present. Capt. Mallough was called to the chair, and W. Lane acted as secretary.

A number of gentlemen addressed the meeting, and dwelt on the benefits to be derived from the railway, and the best means to employ in order to secure it.

Moved by B. J. Crawford, seconded by W. Mallough, that the following gentlemen be appointed, to act as a working committee, with power to add any name they think necessary: Messrs J. M. Lean, W. Stewart, Dr. Case, J. Elliot, T. Dasher, J. M. Roberts, J. Brown, G. Durbin, D. Girvin, G. Harris, J. Whittier, B. Girvin, Wm. Estlin, J. Craig, W. Lane, J. Kilpatrick, J. Ward, J. Mallough, B. J. Crawford, J. Martin, G. J. Anderson.

Moved by Capt. Mallough, seconded by H. Girvin, that J. M. Roberts be chairman of the committee.

Moved by J. M. Roberts, seconded by J. Ward, that W. Lane, be secretary of the committee.

Moved by B. J. Crawford, seconded by H. Girvin, that J. Ward be treasurer.

Moved by H. Girvin, seconded by J. McLean, that the chairman and Dr. Case go to Wingham at an early date, to interview interested parties, and that a meeting be called by the chairman, and a report of their work at Wingham be laid before the committee. Delegates from Port Albert will accompany Messrs J. M. Roberts and Dr. Case to Wingham. A vote of thanks was tendered to our Port Albert friends. J. Mahaffy responded briefly.

The meeting adjourned.

Grave robbers have stolen the body of Stephen Rollin, which was buried about a month, from the cemetery at Shannonville, Ont.

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