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FRIDAY, JAN. 25TH, 1884.

THE DISMISSAL REDRESED

The ground taken by THE SIGNAL regarding the illegal dismissal of Col. Ross by the partizan majority of the late County Council, at the December meeting, has been sustained.

The by-law appointing Dr. Holmes treasurer then passed, was repealed on Wednesday, and the whole irregular proceedings of the December meeting attempt to snatch an office in an illegal manner was overturned.

It was thus admitted that Col. A. M. Ross was the legal and only treasurer of Huron up to Wednesday, January, 23, 1884.

The action of those who opposed and condemned the conduct of the Tory majority of 1883 was approved of.

The Tory members who were returned for 1884 swallowed the bitter pill, without much trouble.

Col Ross was permitted to retire like an honorable man.

Then W. J. R. Holmes, to save further political bickering in the Council, was appointed treasurer.

The new Reform members are deserving of any credit which may attach to this "compromise."

A vote on the Wardenship would have given Mr. Gibson at least a majority of 6.

Col. Ross would also have been permitted to honorably retire on at least as strong a vote.

W. J. R. Holmes, his successor, would likely have secured a majority on a vote, but a very small one. He had been so long in the field, and so incessant in canvass, that he had got to be regarded by the independent members as having a sort of squatter right to the office.

But the Liberals have won on the question of principle and law.

Col. Ross has been vindicated. His persecutors had to eat their own words regarding the power of the moribund council and the Warden's committee of 1883.

The late Warden's committee made a most lamentable exhibition of the ignorance of its Tory majority. The only lawyer on it seemed to know less municipal law than the lay members of the minority.

Every legal point raised by THE SIGNAL regarding Col. Ross's alleged dismissal was solid and sound, and time has shown that the whole attempt was injust, unfair [illegible] impotent as impudent.

If the Tories had possessed their souls in patience they might have had a majority in the present County Council, as the Reformers [illegible] been as apt [illegible] the County Council [illegible] Conservatives [illegible] independent.

The Liberals have a working majority on the leading committees. Last year the Tories did not permit one Reformer to be on that committee, and elected their Warden.

However, neither party have anything to boast of so far as their strength in the council is concerned.

MR. R. W. MEREDITH, in private life and in the court room, is fast getting a reputation for a blazing temper which goes off at half-cock. He was formerly looked upon as an apostle of political sweetness and light. Continued defeat seems to have soured his sunny disposition.

WHO WERE THE PARTIZANS?

With unblushing impudence the Tory papers are now charging the Reformers with introducing party feeling into municipal affairs. In this county, especially, the cry has been iterated and reiterated with parrot-like repetition that "the Grits ran the municipal elections on party lines." Terrible Grits! Innocent Tories!!

Did the Reformers of Huron attempt to illegally dismiss the County Treasurer because he was a Tory?

Did the Reformers meet in caucus and so attempt to run the political machine in the party interest as to disgust a number of their supporters?

Did the Reformers last year pack the selecting committee of the Huron County Council so full that there was not room for one of their opponents on it?

Did the Reformers prevail upon a partizan majority in the Warden's committee to act in the face of legal advice by accepting the securities of a candidate for an office that had been declared not vacant by their own legal adviser?

Did the Reformers of Huron elect a warden of their own peculiar stripe for 1881, 1882 and 1883, in the face of a tacit agreement that that honors should be divided?

Did a Reform paper make use of the following suggestive sentence a week before the December meeting of the County Council, regarding the new Treasurer:—"The *political* complexion of the *next* county council will no doubt affect the choice."

Reverse the parties, and you have the true partizans.

All over the Province the Tories for years past, have been trying to run the County Councils on party lines. The *Mail* let the cat out of the bag when it, said during the West Middlesex election: "Mr. Cameron secured the Wardenship of Middlesex last January by the *treachery* of two Conservative reeves."

What the Tories have been practising secretly for the past five years, the Reformers of Huron openly and above board took up, when the issue was forced upon then by a partizan majority.

THE WARDENSHIP.

The election of Alex. Gibson, Reeve of Wroxeter, to the Wardenship by acclamation, was a graceful act. No man in the County Council had a better claim upon the position. A spiteful attempt made by some bitter Tories to put up Mr. Ratz, the popular Reform Reeve of Stephen, failed signally, as that gentlemen, when the whole thing was looked into by him, saw the dodge, and decided to wait. We are glad our Conservative friends have shown their anxiety to elect Mr. Ratz to the Wardenship. They may soon have a chance to vote for him. It is only right to say that Mr. Ratz was not approached until Mr. Pat. Kelly, of Blyth, had tried his chances and sickened of the prospect. Nobody named Mr. Rogers, of Brussels. We believe, Mr. Hardy was not one of those who connived at Mr. Gibson's defeat.

MR. Gibson is an old and experienced councillor. He has lived 25 years in the county, and was first elected deputy reeve of Howick in 1871. He was returned four years in succession for that place, and upon the incorporation of Wroxeter as a village, was elected Reeve by acclamation, and has been returned by acclamation every year since.

He did considerable stumping and other work in connection with the granting of bonuses to the T. G. & B. Railway, and has often been on deputations to that company and the Government in the interests of his Section.

His reputation for probity and honesty of purpose has almost gone into a proverb, and Sandy Gibson's word passing as good as coin of the realm any day. He is thoroughly posted on routine work of the County Council, and has served on the most important committees. He has also been Road Commissioner for a number of years.

We are pleased to see our old friend so well, more especially as THE SIGNAL had emboldened him a fortnight ago for the position. He is the man for the place, beyond a doubt.

CHAS. CLARKE, of Centre Wellington, was unanimously chosen Speaker of the Ontario Legislature on Wednesday.

ONLY PERSONAL SECURITY

We think the County Council made a great error in accepting only personal security only for the new treasurer. Of course, those who are backing him by their own personal security are just as good as the average backer; but when the late treasurer gave $20,000 of tangible security—$10,000 of a "guarantee bond," and $10,000 first mortgage—as well as another $20,000 of personal security, his successor should give at least the same amount of either guarantee bond or first mortgage. The council are deserving of censure for so hastily accepting mere personal security. $20,000 in a guarantee bond or a first mortgage is worth more than $100,000 of mere personal security.

THE SURPLUS

The supporters of the Dominion Government in parliament are boasting of the large surplus in the treasury. The receipts for the year have been in excess of what was estimated, while the expenditure has been less. There is a surplus of over seven millions of dollars, in addition to a million dollars realized from the sale of North-west lands. This is the largest surplus since confederation. But any government could boast of a surplus if it desired to. All that is necessary is to clap on taxes, and the revenue rolls in. It does not require great statesmanship to produce a surplus. As a matter of fact, the statesmanship is in keeping the receipts and the expenditure abreast. Seven millions of dollars of a surplus is simply seven millions of dollars more than was necessary taken from the pockets of the people, who are probably a a great deal more in need of it than is the Government.—[Toronto Telegram (formerly N. P.)

We are pleased to see our cotemporary coming to the light again. The extra taxation is something appalling. A division of that surplus among the counties, according to population, would mean at least $125,000 for Huron. Goderich's share of a $7,000,000 surplus is just $7,000, or one third of the annual cost of running the town for municipal purposes.

THE N. P. has evidently struck Wingham, as the Charity Committee of that town appears to be the most active instution in the place. The *Times* suggests an entertainment to raise funds for the poor, and magnanimously offers to do all the printing free of charge. The N. P. does not mean No Poor in Wingham.

M. C. CAMERON, M. P. for West Huron, has been putting a number of interesting questions to the Government since the opening of Parliament. He is now looked upon as one of the foremost men in the House. He will be able to get more information out of the Government on the North-west question than they have hitherto deigned to give.

MR. JAMES JOHNSTON, of West Wawanosh, is the man who wrote to Dr. Orton's agricultural committee saying that the market is better for vegetables, poultry, eggs, etc., since the N. P., as there "are a larger number of mechanics to eat them." Mr. Johnston's market town is Goderich, and he would do us a favor if he pointed out where the number of mechanics in town have been increased since the high tariff was imposed. It is just the other way.

THE "Almanac Man," as Mr. Crighton, M.P.P. for East Grey is familiarly called, is evidently no admirer of J. J. Hawkins. At any rate we heartily approve of these words of his suggested by the latest phase of the Bothwell steal: "But no matter by whom enacted, a law under which it is possible that a candidate who has the majority of votes can be deprived of his rights, even for a single session, by the blundering of Deputy Returning officers or others, needs amendment, and we hope the session now opening will see a change made."

THIS is how the Toronto *World*, Ind., regards the nomination of the Reform candidate in South Oxford:—"Mr. James Noxon, the widely-known manufacturer of Ingersoll, has received the liberal nomination for South Oxford, Hon. Adam Crooks' constituency. Mr. Noxon could have been a legislator long before this, but he has always hitherto declined nomination on the ground of business calls. Now that he has consented to throw himself into the active political arena, the liberal party is to be congratulated. Mr Noxon belongs to a class of men whose presence is always welcome in political assemblies."

DR. DOWLING, the Reform candidate for South Renfrew was re-elected last night, the majority swelling from 100 in February to 346 on Friday. This is as it should be. The Toronto *Globe* (Ind.) feels constrained to remark in this connection: "The course of events in provincial matters continues favorable to the Mowat Ministry. Dr. Dowling, a supporter of the Government, who was unseated on the ground of bribery by agents was re-elected for South Renfrew yesterday by a majority of 346. The current of public sentiment is apparently unanimously strongly in favour of Mr Mowat and his colleagues—thanks to the wrong headed and abusive course of the *Mail* the futility of the Opposition policy in regard to the boundary award, and the shameless system of bribery illustrated by the Wentworth case."

OUR Tory contemporaries seem to be laboring under the impression that it is not Weeks, but Rowland, who is on trial for perjury. The part Mr. Rowland took in the transaction does not affect the question of Week's guilt in accepting $100 for the purpose of bribing votes, and then swearing falsely in denial. The defence could cut the examination short by producing Week's foolish declaration. Why don't they do it?

DR. SAMPSON is making a plucky fight in East Kent. The Tories gerrymandered the constituency so as to give a majority of 250 in favor of their candidate, but the Reform candidate pulled it down to 157. The Doctor is now again contesting the constituency and has hopes of winning it. Among those helping him is D McGillicuddy, of this town, who last month stumped the neighboring riding of West Middlesex in that glorious campaign.

THE Bothwell case is one which draws a unanimous comment from the independent press. The Toronto evening *Telegram* puts it in brief as follows;—"Sir John Macdonald is not so hard pressed for supporters that he needs Mr. Hawkins' vote, and the better class of Conservatives do not hesitate to say that Mr Mills has been treated with marked unfairness. He has been cheated out of his seat for one session, and it looks as if he were about to be cheated out of it for another."

F. W. JOHNSTON's gall constrained him to rise and object to the congratulatory resolutions tendered Col. Ross upon his long and faithful services as County Treasurer. Capt. Kaine, ardent Conservative that he was, felt constrained to set the young man for Goderich right, and, in an apologetic mood, Mr. Johnston again rose and swallowed his hasty and envious objections. Amusement and disgust, at this small exhibition of spleen, seemed to divide the spectators. The resolution was made unanimous.

PRESS ECHOES.

A Tory Slander.

THE story started in the *Farmer's Advocate* and reproduced in the London *Free Press*, that foot rot is prevalent among the sheep at the Agricultural College, has been promptly and emphatically contradicted by Prof. Brown. The statement is false in every particular and it shows to what lengths these two papers will go in their attempt to injure the College and the Government.—[Guelph Mercury.

Hon. David Mills.

The restoration of Mr. Mills to his seat for Bothwell is an accession of strength to an opposition much in need of reinforcement. It is also a triumph of justice; for Mr. Mills had evidently been jockeyed out of the seat, though it is not necessary to ascribe to the Prince of Darkness in person the machinations by which the work of evil was affected; the activity of the local imps on both sides is quite sufficient to account for any exploits of this kind. Mr. Mills possesses not only more than the average measure of political knowledge, but a larger measure than many possess of that rarer quality, political courage.—[Bystander in the Week.

The Canada Pacific.

It is clear from the references made to the Canada Pacific railway in the speech from the throne, that financial matters in connection with the company are not satisfactory. The government guarantee which secured to all investors in the sixty-five millions of stock three per cent. interest for a term of ten years, did not have the effect it was expected it would have. Possibly investors may have begun to conclude, that the company is not as strong as it professed to be, or it would not have to come to the Government with its hat in its hand to ask for assistance. But it is abundantly evident to us all all that the Government is tied up to the railway and that the country could not allow a national enterprise of this magnitude, to collapse for lack of funds. The bargain made by the contractors in the first place was an exceedingly good one for them, but the difficulty appears to be that they have not sufficient capital to go on with.—[Toronto Telegram.

Dominion Liquor Act Muddle.

It looks as if the Dominion Government was going on with its Liquor Act, despite the judgment of the Privy Council in the Hodge case. The licensed victuallers threw up the sponge immediately upon the decision being made known, plainly showing thereby that whoever else might have any doubt on the subject they had none. It will be a great nuisance to license-holders to be compelled to take out double licenses. Besides this, some persons will only be able to secure one license, as the Dominion commissioners will issue licenses to persons who will be unable to secure them at the hands of the Ontario commissioners, and vice versa. Sir John Macdonald seems to think that the judgment of the Privy Council in the Hodge case does not settle the question, so that the whole subject will have to be submitted to the Privy Council again in another case. We are all in the hands of the politicians.—[Toronto Telegram.

Railway Monopolies.

One notable exception there is with regard to railways. The government should ask for power to rule the railways instead of letting the railways rule the public. Such power parliament would surely grant, if asked for by a strong government like the present. The Canadian statesman who dares to beard the railway lion in his den, and subjugates him, will earn the gratitude of many generations.—[Toronto World.

Hawkin's Hoggishness.

If Mr. Hawkins succeeds in keeping Mr. Mills out of Parliament for another session, a great Tory victory will have been achieved, and the organs will rejoice accordingly. Respectable people may regard Mr. Hawkins' act and his appropriation of the $1,000 per session that rightfully belongs to another, as a base fraud and an imposition upon the public; but the Tory politicians can only see a glorious party success and a brilliant triumph for the cause in a piece of rascality that if perpetrated in civil life would land the imposter in a prison.—[Sarnia Observer.

Hon. G. W. Ross.

THE Toronto *Mail* is engaged in the discouraging task of spurring a dead horse. Day after day it publishes weary columns of abuse of the Minister of Education and of what it calls the School Book Scandal. There is very little originality about the *Mail's* falsehoods, They were repeated in much the same form last summer and were disbelieved. Very few even of its partizans will now take the trouble to read them. The people of Ontario have the fullest confidence in the Hon. G. W. Ross' integrity and ability. They realize that he has a difficult educational problem to deal with, but they are satisfied he will succeed. The *Mail* need not trouble itself to condemn him in advance. Mr. Ross has the confidence of the people and the more the *Mail* abuses him the stronger he will be in the Legislature and out of it.—[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

The Algoma Election.

A petition has been fyled against the return of Mr. Lyon, for Algoma, and among the other dreadful things charged in it, we are told, are "grave allegations against several members of the Ontario Government." It became fashionable in framing Tory petitions at the close of the last Dominion general elections to include in each one a general charge of undue influence on the part of the Ontario Government. Out of all the petitions that have come to trial since then, there was not the slightest attempt made in any instance to substantiate the "grave allegations" contained against the Ontario Government. They had no foundation. They were put in the indictment for political effect and having served their purpose were quietly dropped. It is no trouble to make "grave allegations;" they look big, on paper, and the "boys" are apt to be greatly impressed by their grandeur. But they don't alarm anybody, and are as harmless as the pots of red and blue fire that are used on the stage for theatrical effect.—[Sarnia Observer.

Auburn.

The funeral sermon of the late Saml. Sprung, who was buried on Sunday last, will be preached in the Methodist church by Rev. McCarswell, next Sunday morning.

Garbraid.

Charles Morris has traded his bay steed to James Bailey, of Goderich, for his trotting mare. A number of queries as to a trotting match with the mare and local nags are being made, but Charlie has no idea of running her on the track at present.

The new house of our friend George Patton looked rather lonely for winter evenings. George took a trip to Paris last week, and on Monday a bachelor friend here received a telegram to meet him at the station. He complied, and saw George step off the train with a lady whom he introduced as Mrs. Patton. When the bachelor friend recovered from his surprise, he added his good wishes to the many already received by the happy couple for prosperous sailing on the matrimonial sea.

What a Husband Should do

He should resolve, when intending to take a friend home to dinner, to send a message to that effect to his wife.

He should resolve, to walk with the baby at night alone, and not accompanied by a seething mass of profanity.

He should resolve to eat his dinner pleasantly, even if it is a little cold through his having kept it waiting half an hour.

He should resolve to give his wife a ten dollar bill occasionally, and insist that she spends it on herself as she pleases. Cut this one out.

He should resolve to kiss his wife occasionally and compliment her. A wife is never too old or too plain to appreciate such courtesies from her husband.

He should resolve, when in difficulty, to consult his wife about the matter, and in nine cases out of ten he will wonder that he allowed himself to be so troubled.

He should resolve to curtail his liquor and tobacco expenses one-half, and give the saved amount to his wife for certain little things which will add so much to her comfort and happiness.

He should resolve to speak pleasantly to his children when arriving home at night, and if he should indulge in half an hour's romp with them before they go to bed he and they will sleep the better for it.

Curing a Bad Memory.

Your memory is bad, perhaps. But I can tell you two secrets that will cure the worst memory. One is to read a subject when you are strongly interested. The other is not only to read, but think. When you have read a paragraph or a passage stop—close the book—and try to remember the ideas on that page, and not only recall them vaguely to your mind, but put them into words and speak them out. Faithfully follow these two rules and you will have the golden keys of knowledge. Besides inattentive reading, there are other things injurious to memory. One is the habit of skimming over newspapers, all in a confused jumble, never to be thought of again, thus cultivating a habit of careless reading hard to break. Another is the reading of trashy novels. Nothing is so fatal to reading with profit as the habit of running through story after story, and forgetting them as soon as read. I know a gray haired woman, a life long lover of books, who sadly declared that her mind had been ruined by such reading.

Toronto St. George's Society gave $1,076 in charity last year.

The remains of a man, supposed to be those of Michael Harrigan, brakeman, were found in the ruins of the switch house at the east end of the Grand Trunk yard, Belleville, which was burned Saturday morning.

It is a secret known but to few, yet of no small use in the conduct of life, that when you fall into a man's conversation, the first thing you should consider is, whether he has a greater inclination to hear you, or that you should hear him.

A man should be careful never to tell tales of himself to his disadvantage. People may be amused and laugh at the time, but they will be remembered and brought up against him upon some subsequent occasion.

A RARE DUKE.—The old Duke of Wellington carried his punctilliousness and sense of justice into every transaction. He was very desirous of purchasing a farm adjacent to his estate of Strathfieldsaye, and gave his agent orders to negotiate. A few days later he was congratulated by a friend upon having obtained a bargain as the owner of the farm was in difficulty. "What sort of a bargain?" asked the Iron Duke. "Well the property was valued at £5,000, but the man was glad to take £3,000.," "Is that so? asked Wellington. Turning to his agent and receiving an affirmative reply, he said quickly;" Then take the extra £3,000 to the last owner, and never speak to me of cheap land again."

A BIRD-CHARMER.—A veritable bird-charmer is in the person of a little girl, five years old, at Mount Blanchad, montana. The little girl was playing out in the door yard, among a bevy of snow birds, and when she spoke to them they would come and light upon her twittering with the utmost glee. On taking them in her hands and stroking them, the birds, instead of trying to get away from their fair captor, seemed to be highly pleased, and when let loose would fly away a short distance and immediately return to the little girl again. She then took the birds and threw them out of doors, but no sooner was the door opened than the birds flew back into the room and lit on the little girl's head and began to chirp.

MARRIED.

At Port Albert, on Friday, the 18th by the Rev. J. A. Turnbull, B.A., LL.B., George Leslie Currell, of Ashfield, to Maggie Mc Bride, of the same place.

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MINNESOTA

Dunlop.

C. Hawkins and wife, of are the guests of C. A. Mac

Chas. Spence, jr., of God ship, visited his old chum, liams last week.

Miss B. Finland, of Waw guest of Miss Tobin.

Miss Anne Cummings friends in Goderich.

Ashfield.

John McKenzie of the the proud papa of a 14 lb b

The farmers of S. S. No. 7 ized a Farmer's Club, whic the school house for the farming topics

A very successful tea meet at Blake's appointment a fe ago.

The sacrament of the Lo will take place in the Presbyt at Lanes on Sabbath next.

M. J. Doyle, railway en Salamanca to Rochester, N visiting at Valentine Allon fast.

We notice that three teachers in the north of th have left the profession, John McLean, of Amberle Lane, of Kintail, and J. D. Paramount. The two latter ed the mercantile business Lucknow, respectively, and to occupy the editorial chair town.

OBITUARY.—It is with no gree of regret that we are cal chronicle the demise of much esteemed pioneer o The subject of the following a native of County Cork, immigrated to America in the of the present century. Af ing for some time in more so tudes, he finally settled in A time when the township hel little promise of ease or imm forts to chose brave men and located in it. Indeed, when upon the many difficulties tha overcome, and the ma ships that must be endured thing like a home can be hew forest, too much credit can bestowed upon the hardy pio country. Mr. John Desmon parted this life on the first present year, was one of genial, kind-hearted old ge whom was allotted the long years, will be long remember field where he spent a great it, and where several mem family are settled. Withdr self from secular pursuits, a his time in earnest to the ser Master, his end was peace. concourse of sorrowing rel friends who attended his fu withstanding the inclemen weather, showed the esteem departed was held. Requim celebrated by Father Beaus occasion, and the remains robust but always friendly o entered in the Catholic ceme he rest in peace.

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Colborne.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The elect for the Tp. of Colborne township hall on Monday 1884. The following gent scribed the declaration of and office: William Youn Anthony Allen, Deputy Ree Gledhill, Joseph Beck and Hardy, councillors. The organized the Reeve in the utes of last meeting of old and amended by inserting th motion: "Moved and sec each councillor receive $25 service for the past year. Ca minutes were then signed by Moved by Joseph Beck, s A. Gledhill, that Raby solicitor on behalf of the co ried. The Reeve appointed chie as the other auditor. for the office of assessor w from Thomas Morrish, S. B John Buchannan and Tho Moved by A. Allan, s C. McHardy, that Thos. appointed assessor. Moved ment by Joseph Beck, secon A. Gledhill, that Thos. Gled pointed assessor. The Ree favor of the motion. Moved ed that the assessor be paid court of Revision, and bala when voters list is complete any unnecessary expense cau his neglect be paid out of Carried.

The question as to the lia council for hire of men enga side parties to shovel snow c lic road was brought up, wh cided that in case of obstruc road that the public are requ their complaint with the nea lor or pathmaster, otherwise will not be responsible for t Mr. Morrish applied to the pay for his horse, it having going through a snowdrift o road. A committee was app vestigate the matter, and rep meeting of council.

Moved by Joseph Beck, Allan that tenders be asked printing, for the year '84, te received not later than 1st. road.

The contract of placing on the large culvert at top hill will be let on Monday 2 10 o'clock a.m. The clerk ed to notify the auditors to day 1st Feb. to audit the books. The council then meet again on 1st. Feb. a.m.

Winnipeg commences the a bad way. Not only is tra but the city treasury is Efforts are being made to cutting down salaries, but it much of the costly work ex times of prosperity require be done over again. It with cities whose proud b rapid growth.