New Advertisements

Medical—Y. M. C. A.
Lost—J. Reid.
Lost for Sale—Mrs. Gamble.
Notice—Mrs. Gamble.
Teacher Wanted—T. Wise.
Bank List—T. J. Hutchison.
Xmas Dry Goods—H. W. Ball.
Notice, 1874—S. Moore & Brother.
Manufactured Stoves—Childs & Augustus.
Ontario Notes—J. Smith.
Sheriff's Sale of Lands—Robt. Gibbons.
New Store—Robt. Bates & Bro., Bayfield.

Subscribers will confer a favour by calling us of any irregularity in the delivery of their papers.

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We shall be glad at all times to receive items of local news, reports of meetings, notices, or any incidents of interest either in the locality where it occurs or in the county at large. Such matter can be sent at the risk of our own messenger, if Printer's Copy is not ready when called for. The manner publication in any particular issue is should reach the office not later than Monday evening.

Grand Trunk Railway.

Tickets for sale, for all points in Canada and the U. S., at the Depot:

GODERICH TIME TABLE.

GOING EAST.

No. 1 Express, 7.05 a. m., for Toronto, London and Sarnia.
No. 7 Mixed, 10.00 a. m., for Stratford.
No. 3 Mail Express, 12.43 p. m., for Toronto, Hamilton and Detroit.
No. 9 Mixed, 3.30 p. m., for Stratford and intermediate.

GOING WEST.

MAILS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 8 Mixed, 9.45 a. m., from Stratford.
No. 2 Mail Express, 12.05 p. m., from Toronto and Detroit.
No. 10 Mixed, 7.20 p. m., from Stratford.
No. 4 Express, 10.00 p. m., from Buffalo.

BUILDERS.

TENDERS will be received up to Dec. 10th for erection of a first class dwelling house, stables, &c., on Victoria Road, Goderich. Plan, Specifications, &c., may be seen at the Signal Office.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Dec. 2, 1874.

A Post to be Rotted.

The trials of appeals against the prohibitory law have developed a feature in the character of the people as party men which, although natural in its origin, gives indication of the growth of a pernicious idea tending to the overthrow of the principles of the government of a free people and honest elections. In the vote in the future been made for the restriction of the liquor traffic, the laws that have passed to answer every demand of justice, until brought into their perfect success proves to be the laxity of the people in the performance of the portion of the work which falls to them in the administration of the law. It becomes their duty to act as prosecutors in all cases coming under the Liquor Act, and to act in such a capacity has been denounced by the general voice as detrimental to the character of any respectable man. This fact presents a peculiar anomaly of justice. An air of dignity attaches to the law and the officers connected with its working—Judges, Lawyers, &c.; those who administer justice are regarded with all the respect due to such important offices; but when we contemplate the popular estimate of the character of the informant in a liquor case, the person to whom the law is in the first place indebted, no such regard is paid him. This is a fact well known, and although in some cases there is every good reason for the holding of such an opinion, the success of the law suffers materially in the tendency of such a belief to hold good in every instance. In the application of the new election law, in regard to appeals against the improper placing of names on the list of voters, a growing feeling of dislike on the part of those whose conscientious duty it is to make such appeals is recognizable. An apathy on their part has in a degree been the origin of this belief, but the natural aversion of of every man to acting the part of informant, coupled with objections of a social nature, have given more reasonable aspect to it, which from merely appearing as a slight offence to the code of honor will grow to be considered the blackest in the calendar.

There is no good reason for the existance of such a state of affairs. To arrest the tendencies of popular feeling by appealing to the moral sense is one of certain great difficulties, and this is one of them. We have evidence of the growth of this feeling within the past few months, and a number of incidents have transpired to show the diffidence of some to take any part in the pressing of appeals against voters lists. And this feeling will grow after the occurrence of the first incident, notwithstanding the unreasonableness and injustice. It is very well for persons to have an aversion for the law, and particularly in cases where they are called upon to act the part of appellants against parties who have not directly offended them. All very well in a neighborly sense, but such feelings should not be permitted to exist and grow to the defeating of the ends of justice. The offender is the one on whom the public should look coldly, in such minor offences of the law, and the informant be regarded in the light of a justice loving person. We are indebted, as citizens of a well-governed country, to the much stigmatized informant for the success of our laws. They have earned their reputation by the working of the law against minor offences, and by this fact have shown themselves the most successful agents of justice, inasmuch as their efforts gives to the citizen the knowledge of the law and teaches them the rudimentary lessons. The law, to some, demands the existence of conscientious men who will do their duty without fear or favor, and who in the practice of such duties will reflect a dignity upon the character of the commonly styled "informer." To permit such a feeling to grow in the testing of the rights and privileges of voters as exists in the practice of the liquor law, would be a lamentable thing, since in the application of the latter law means can be adopted to make the trial thoroughly criminal thereby relieving the witness from the stigma of informer, while to the former case no remedy appears. Good sense, however, will make friends and aid in the assisting of evidence, and every one should bear in mind that he is entitled to vote, as the law is clear enough on that point, in permitting his name to appear, and in exercising the proper functions of a person in worthy of their confidence, it would be much better in the feeling if they would have their names placed by appealing in favor of their name put on the list. Each voter should be active in the first place by a spontaneous discharge of duty, and with the exception of those two cases mentioned in that connection. However, whomever such candidate may be there is no doubt from the strong Liberal complexion of the riding, he will be returned by a large majority. For the Western proposed division the name of the Hon. M. C. Cameron has been spoken of on one side, and on the other that of one of our most respectable Roman Catholic fellow citizens, a successful King street merchant, and an old true and well tried member of our party; one who through good and ill report, has always identified himself with the Reform cause. Should the gentleman decide to accept the candidature his return may be considered as certain. In connection with the proposed Eastern Riding no names have as yet been suggested on either side. For the House of Commons Mr. O'Donohoe will again contest this Riding and there is reason to believe that he will this time be returned by a larger majority than he was last winter.—Thus far there is no candidate in opposition to him. Sir John reached the Conservative nomination but declined to accept it. The name of Mr. Samuel Platt, a well known wealthy and popular resident of the riding is now proposed but it is very doubtful that he will accept the nomination.

There was, as you will have observed from our city dailies, a mass meeting held in the St. Lawrence Hall on Thursday evening for the ostensible purpose of protesting against the commutation of the death sentence that has been passed on Lepine, but we think more truly for the purpose of affording our fire-eating citizens an opportunity to rid themselves of a large accumulation of superfluous gas and judging from the nature of the motions and speeches made on the occasion, we would say the object of the meeting was fully attained. Were of our representative citizens were present we think it was much to their credit that such was the case, for we most certainly fail to discover how any good is likely to be accomplished by such a course. We cannot help considering it a most unwarrantable attempt to excite public feeling.

The charges which have been made against Rykert are causing some considerable interest, and are now undergoing an investigation by a committee of the House appointed for that purpose, but as the evidence has not yet been completed we are unable to express any definite opinion in regard thereto. Although the evidence may fall in bring home to Rykert the charges made, to their full extent, still there is no doubt that the evidence already given places him in a very unenviable position, as we consider the course which Rykert pursued with regard to the Kiely Bill one utterly inconsistent with his position as a member of the House. The fact that Rykert did bring himself into personal contact with the Kiely's and their Solicitor, that consultation took place between them as to the most effectual mode of defeating Patterson's Bill, and that he received some $100 in consideration of the services rendered by him is beyond doubt. In answer to this Rykert set up that he was simply acting in his professional capacity, that it was for services rendered outside of the House he received compensation, that there was no agreement that he was to be paid for such services and that it was only long after the action taken by him that the money was paid. Still Kiely's Solicitor swears that he went to Rykert and asked him if he would assist in defeating this Bill of Patterson's, and even the Solicitor seems to have thought that what he was asking of Rykert was something which his position would forbid him to undertake, as he states that at the time he asked him whether he could consistently with his position as a member undertake to act. On Rykert's saying that he did not think it inconsistent, the Solicitor at once says "consider yourself retained." Is this capable of any but the one meaning? No one knows better than a lawyer what is meant by a retainer. Retained for what? To act outside the House, and as Rykert alleges, before the city council? This could not be, as it was only after this and at a subsequent consultation that Rykert gave it as his opinion that the city Council was, as he termed it, the place "to fight the matter out." At the time "he was to consider himself retained," the matter was before the House, and it could only be in regard to the proceedings there that he could have supposed himself called upon to act. If such be the case, then how utterly inconsistent must this man's position have been, not only a member but the chairman of that very committee before whom the matter was brought up, and whilst acting as such actually retained and pledged to one of the parties to act in their interests. Apart from this fact the course taken by him was one directly at variance with his position as member of the House, and of the duties cast upon him as such, we cannot understand how anyone with any feeling of delicacy or with any respect for his own personal character, could reconcile himself to such a course of action. It seems to be not the only case; the evidence goes to show that in the insurance cases he, under similar circumstances, received some hundred dollars. Whatever may be the issue

Toronto Correspondence.

Toronto, 26th Nov., 1874.

The approaching city Parliamentary elections are now engaging the special attention of our citizens. It is generally understood that the measure for the redistribution of seats, which will be undertaken in our Local Assembly, which ministers intend introducing this session, will embrace the division of our city into three electoral ridings, having the same or nearly the same boundaries as those now existing for the election of members to the Commons. And not doubting that the measure will meet with the approval of the Legislature and having regard to such probable division we may now discuss our standard bearers, or otherwise preparing for the impending struggle. The names of probable candidates on both sides of politics are being canvassed. Notwithstanding the denials of the Opposition press it still remains in circulation and is pretty generally believed, that the Hon. Wm. McDougall will be the Conservative candidate for the Centre Riding. Indeed, it is further rumored that he is to retire from the leadership of the Opposition in the Assembly, and that Sir John A. Macdonald's present visit to the city—for he has been here during the past fortnight, has had this change for its object. It is not yet known who is to be the Ministerial candidate in this division, but the names of both the Attorney General and the Provincial Treasurer have been mentioned in that connection. However, whomever such candidate may be there is no doubt from the strong Liberal complexion of the riding, he will be returned by a large majority. For the Western proposed division the name of the Hon. M. C. Cameron has been spoken of on one side, and on the other that of one of our most respectable Roman Catholic fellow citizens, a successful King street merchant, and an old true and well tried member of our party; one who through good and ill report, has always identified himself with the Reform cause. Should the gentleman decide to accept the candidature his return may be considered as certain. In connection with the proposed Eastern Riding no names have as yet been suggested on either side. For the House of Commons Mr. O'Donohoe will again contest this Riding and there is reason to believe that he will this time be returned by a larger majority than he was last winter.—Thus far there is no candidate in opposition to him. Sir John reached the Conservative nomination but declined to accept it. The name of Mr. Samuel Platt, a well known wealthy and popular resident of the riding is now proposed but it is very doubtful that he will accept the nomination.

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DANA.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The London Times has expressed itself in favor of the commutation of Lepine's sentence, which must be taken as a strong opinion on the question. The Imperial Government evidently considered this an Imperial question from the fact that it attempted to saddle the Home Government with the responsibility of it.

Hon. M. C. Cameron devotes very little of his time to his country. Last Thursday evening, he put in an appearance at the House about eleven o'clock A. Noble patriot.

Mr. E. Hurtans, the late Conservative member for L'Assomption, has been unseated but not disqualified.

Mr. John O'Donohoe M. P. for East Toronto has been unseated with costs but not disqualified. The *Mail* very properly remarked that "it was decidedly not to press the charge of personal bribery."

The Clergymen of Toronto held a meeting in Shaftsbury Hall on the 16th at which they unanimously resolved "that a deputation wait upon the Police Commissioners to urge upon them not to grant a greater number of tavern licenses for 1875 than one hundred." At the present time there are no less than three hundred and five licenses in force in Toronto.

Mr. Varley the celebrated evangelist and revivalist preached his farewell sermon in Toronto on Friday evening last, to a large audience in the Metropolitan Church. He will spend a few days in Hamilton and Galt before leaving Canada.

Huron and Quebec Railway.

Mr. Fowler appears to be prosecuting this great Railway enterprise with energy and determination, and the prospects bid fair to an early move and satisfactory results. The following, which we clip from the *Perth Expositor*, speaks for itself: "This object, so far as we are able to judge, is in a fair way of succeeding. The scheme, as at present proposed has been fully laid before the people of Huron who are prepared to give it their hearty support. On Saturday last Nov. 21st, a petition was signed by a number of the leading men of the city, requesting the Council to submit a by-law for $250,000, on condition that the road should run from the city of Ottawa through the town of Perth to the city of Toronto by the most practicable route, and that $200,000 of the same should be expended in station-buildings and freight-houses. The citizens of the capital seem very desirous that the undertaking should succeed, and we have no doubt the by-law, when submitted, will be carried by a large majority. On Saturday last the Council of the village of Richmond submitted a by-law, for $10,000, which is to be voted on on 21st day of December. This sum amounts to nearly one-fourth of the present assessment value of the whole village, and yet so anxious are the people for the road that we do not think there will be a vote against it in the village. A number of delegates from the municipalities interested in the county of Lanark and the county of Carleton by giving their share towards an object which, if carried out, will be of incalculable benefit to the whole country. Carried out as it will be, if the bonuses asked are granted, but if not, then, we will just make up our minds to remain on back pegs for a few years to come yet. We believe, however, that the intelligence of the ratepayers in this section will not allow them to throw cold water upon one of the best Railway schemes ever placed before the people of this Province. The voting on the Town by-law will take place on the 6th day of December. It will of course be carried unanimously, but we hope to see a large turn out, to show that the ratepayers are in earnest."

Town Council.

The Council met on Friday evening last in their new Chambers on the corner of East Street, the Mayor in the chair. Present Reeve and Deputy Reeve and Councillors Savage, Campbell, A. Watson, D. Watson, Evans, Sloan, Smaill, Passmore and McKay. The minutes of former meeting were read, approved of and signed.

The petition of Thos. Johnston praying for a sidewalk from Crabb's block to the East end of the Western Hotel on St. David's Street was referred to public works committee with power to act. The petition of Mrs. Hillars praying for a remission of taxes was granted.

The petition of John Porter praying for remuneration for board of a destitute woman he is giving board and lodging to was refused.

Petition of Thomas Healy for aid was refused.

Petition of Mrs. Ann Donogh for remission of taxes was granted.

Petition of the Sons of Temperance and F. Jordan and others praying the Council "to devise some measure to aid the town of the degrading exhibitions of drunkenness and disgusting language so often seen and heard, and generally to protect the young from the demoralizing effects of such language and conduct." It was moved by Mr. Garrow and resolved that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the chief of police in some of the cities, and endeavour to get a good man to act as night watchman or special policeman. Moved by Mr. Smaill, seconded by Mr. Evans, that Mr. Samuel Reid be appointed as night watchman, and that he be sworn in and enter upon his duties at once. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Smaill, seconded by Mr. Savage, that the chairman of the Fire Committee be requested to furnish an inventory of all the property of the Fire Department. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the large lamp in the council chamber be kept at $16, and also the side lamps at $2.50.

Moved by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Passmore, that the floor of the council chamber be painted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Smaill, that a committee consisting of Messrs. Campbell, Watson, Evans, Garrow and the mover be appointed to investigate the question of cash held in trust for the benefit of the Mechanics Institute or the Sons of Temperance. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Garrow, seconded by Mr. Smaill, that a committee be appointed to consider and report to the council at its next meeting upon the best means of managing, permanently, the new docks, and if legislation is necessary, to take, in the meantime, any preliminary steps such as advertising, which may be required. Referred to Harbor Committee.

By-law regarding the rules and regulations of the town was read first time and referred to the By-law Committee.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Smaill, that Peter Adamson be appointed arbitrator, on the part of the town, to examine and decide upon a right of way through Mr. Ransford's land—Carried.

The report of the Street Inspector, giving a statement of expenditure upon public works from 1st January last to date, making in all $3341.04, which includes two large tanks and a drain at the foot of Harbor hill, was received and filed.

The Finance report presenting the following accounts to be paid:—Assessors and Clerk for selecting jurors $15; G. M. Trueman $4; E. Hooker $18; H. Dodd $66 25; Jas. Thomson $33; J. Calbeck $62.90; J. Whitely $3. Thos. Hood $8.20; D. Ferguson $31.70—Read and adopted.

Mr. Passmore's report regarding the erection of the late collector and the sale of debentures, was received and filed.

The tender of Sibley Manufacturing Co., of Seneca Falls, N. Y., to supply 300 feet of rubber hose and couplings, was accepted and the communication of said Co. received and filed.

The Public Works committee reported that the petition of John McKenzie with reference to a sidewalk on Hamilton street, was refused. The report of the sewer on Toronto street, St. John, as finished in a satisfactory manner at a cost of $600.56, and also the extension of the sewer leading down to the harbour, 15 rods, at a cost of $97.—Adopted.

A number of accounts were received and referred to the Finance committee.

The Council was adjourned to meet on the first Monday of December.

On Saturday Samuel Reid was sworn in as night watchman and he entered on duty that evening.

LOCAL NEWS.

H. W. Ball is giving Decided Bargains this week in dry goods for cash only.

R. & J. Dowding are selling their stock of ready made boots and shoes, rubbers, &c.

Lecture.—Rev. Mr. Ansell will lecture in the Presbyterian church on Thursday evening next on "Peculiarities of Character."

Xmas.—W. M. Savage has a splendid new stock of furs and gentlemen's furnishings, and his prices are exceedingly reasonable.

County Council.—The Council meets here to-day and their deliberations will be brought to a close on Saturday. A full report will appear in our next issue.

Christmas Gifts.—Read the advertisement of T. J. Hutchison. He offers books for Christmas gifts at special rates.

Personal.—Messrs. John Ogilvie and Wm. Pringle, of Montreal, visited the town on Saturday night and remained until Monday.

Meeting.—The regular monthly meeting of the Goderich Horse Company will take place at the Town Clerk's office this evening.

Local.—M. C. Cameron, Esq., has left a contract in the person of Mr. W. H. Macallum, of Toronto, a gentleman of great experience and ability.

Veterinary.—Mr. George Lessen V. S. has rented a stable opposite the Colborne Hotel for the convenience of sick animals and those requiring surgical aid.—Farmers and others take note.

Saw Mill Sold.—Mr. John Morrish of Colborne, sold his Steam Saw Mill and three acres of land at Mr. Morrish's corner, on Thursday last, to Mr. Geo. Nelbergall of this town for $2,500.

Temperance.—Mr. H. W. Ball left town on Monday last to attend the convention of the Sons of Temperance at Cobourg a full account of which will appear in our next issue.

New Store.—Mr. Henry Trull, late of Whitby, has opened out a stock of groceries, provisions, &c., in the store lately occupied by Mr. Henry Smith. The stock is really a fine one.

Land Sale.—Messrs. F. Jordan and C. W. Doty have purchased the property belonging to Mr. Seagniller on St. Patrick and Waterloo Streets. Mr. Doty is going to build a residence on one of the lots next spring.

We have received a copy of the *Forest Express* an independent journal published every Saturday by James H. Moore. Forest is a small village but East Lambton is a good field and we trust the *Express* may always be on time.

Social.—The ladies of Goderich will give a social in Knox Church next Friday evening for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. We hope to see a large attendance as the object is well worthy of the warmest support.

Crofts & Johnston are now prepared to give entire satisfaction to the public generally. They have secured the services of one of the best cutters in the country and are in a position to do work fully up to city styles. See adv.

Wind and Weather.—The highest velocity that the wind reached the past week was 35 miles per hour. About eight inches of snow fell during that period.

M. E. Church.—Their first social of the season will be given by the ladies of this church, on the evening of Tuesday next. A large number of tickets have been disposed of and those desiring a *front seat* must be there early. The doors are open at six. The programme is choice, and the price is only 25 cents.

Entrance Examination.—We are requested to call attention to the High School entrance examination on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. All pupils desiring to enter the High School next half year must pass this examination.

School Opening.—The handsome new school at Exeter will be opened this evening. The programme embraces speeches by J. G. Hodgins, M. A. D. of Toronto, J. R. Miller and H. J. Strang, of Goderich, and others. The Exeter band will be present also. A full report will appear in our issue of next week.

New Grocery.—Messrs. Pennington and Proudfoot are about opening out a store on East Street, next door to Mr. Mann's paint shop, where they intend to keep first class groceries for family use. Their stock is just arriving and they will be ready to serve the public in a few days. Give them a call.

Thoughts on High Things.—We have seen a copy of the sermons of the late Dr. George, entitled "thoughts on high things." Parties who would like to obtain a copy of this work will find it with Mr. Macdonald at the Light House who is the Agent for this locality. The work is well worth reading and we heartily recommend it to all.

Appointment.—Mr. William McBride, an undergraduate of the University of Toronto of excellent standing, and a teacher of considerable experience, has been appointed assistant master in our High School in place of the present officient assistant, Mr. F. Micheil, who has been appointed head master of the Perth High School.

County Judge's Criminal Court.—Francis Allen was brought before Judge Toms on Monday last for trial on a charge of arson. Mr. Lewis, County Attorney, appeared for the Crown. Mr. Sinclair appeared for the private prosecutor and Mr. Campaign appeared for prisoner. After a careful investigation, the Judge sentenced the prisoner to three years in the penitentiary.

Soiree.—The teachers of Knox church Sabbath School have decided to hold their annual soiree on Monday evening, the 28th inst. The Rev. Mr. Cochrane of Brantford, who enjoys a widespread reputation as a lecturer, has kindly promised to be present and deliver his lecture on "George Whitfield." Further particulars in due time.

The Roaring Game.—The Goderich Curling Club met at the Colborne Hotel on Saturday evening last, for the purpose of deciding who is to represent the Club at the grand International Bonspiel to be held in Hamilton the first week in January. It was decided to notify the Hamiltonians that Goderich will send two rinks there with Messrs. Hutchinson and Finlay as skips. The other members of the rinks to be decided on hereafter. It was also decided that the membership fee for joining the club be $3 hereafter.

Veterinary College.—Classes for junior students commence on 7th January next in the Ontario Vet. College of Toronto. This College has become one of the reliable institutions of Canada for those desiring a thorough knowledge of veterinary subjects. It stands second to no college of this description on this continent and is considered equal to the best European Colleges.—See advertisement.

Are You Sick? If so you should read the advertisement of J. Bond, Druggist, and call on him at once as his stock of medicines are fresh and large, embracing all the valuable remedies in the Pharmacopœa. Bonds Pulmonic Syrup is working wonders in all cases of colds and affections of the throat and lungs, and his Tonic Bitters are the best of the "good Samaritan" in all cases of general debility of the system.

Heavy Loss.—We are informed that the valuable horse known as "King of the Dominion," belonging to Mr. J. Forster, of Colborne, died the other day of inflammation of the bowels.

Christmas Concert and Festival.—We learn that the members of Knox church Sabbath School will hold a grand concert and festival in that church on Christmas evening. Each of the scholars will be present at the concert and an able committee will supply refreshments. The proceeds are intended for the building of a Hall for the Teachers. All the neighboring Sabbath Schools and the public generally are cordially invited to be present. Single tickets 25 cents, Double tickets 75 cents.

The Christmas Arrangements.—The Regular semi-annual meeting of the Huron Association will be held in the Central School, Clinton on Saturday Dec. 12th, 1874, to commence at 9 o'clock a. m. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Gundry, Rev. Mr. Gun, Rev. Mr. Simpson, Rev. Mr. Sanderson,