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PENED THIS DAY,

Wellington County Council.

The Council met at 10 octoor, which was read a letter from Mr.

John Debbin, in which it was stated that the contractors of the Fergus and Dougs against his wishes, and had taken therefrom the greater part of the greater part of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the Council of the working day a fine of the greater part of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the formatic of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the formatic of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the formatic of the greater part of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the formatic of the greater part of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the formatic of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the formatic of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the formatic of the greater part of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the formatic of gravel, but he would ask the formatic of the price usually allowed for gravel, but he would ask the formatic of the price usually allowed for gravel particles.

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DEED THIS DAY,

Wellington County County.

The Council adjourned dill 10, a. m. to morrow.

FINDAY Pec. 4th.

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Mr. Whitelaw presented the report of the Committee on Assessment, which was as follows:

ASSESSMENT REPORT.

The Committee on Assessment beg leave to report: That they have examined into the matter relative to an error made in the number of acres assessed against the township of Peel in the equalization in-June last, and find that township has been overcharged, owing a to the fact that the greatest part of the non-resident lands of that township have been put down in the general roll, and also in the non-resident roll, thus making it appear that the number of acres is greater than they actually are.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the number of acres charged against said township this year be the same as in 1867, namely, 74, 455, which will entitle that township to an abatement of their County rate of this year of \$187.45, such sum to be allowed by the County Treasurer when the County rate of that township is paid to him.

Your Committee have also taken into consideration the matter referred to them in regard to the amendment of the Assessment Act by the Legislative Assembly of Contario, now in session, and would recommend the following amendments to be made to said Act, viz: In lieu of column four of subsection four of section twenty-one, state whether the party is a freeholder, householder, or tenant, by affixing the letter F, H or T as the case may be. To assess all the personal property of any person at its actual value instead of the rate or scale of assessment now in force. Your Committee would strongly recommend that said Act be amended by giving each Municipality to extend the time of sale by County Treasurer in respect to such land and taxes, and to reduce the period of sale of lands for taxes in arrear from five to three years, with power to each municipality to extend the time of sale beyond the period of three years by by-law passed for that purpose.

Your Committee would recommend that the amendments herein suggested

cerning the propriety of the County's keeping accounts with two Banks, and particularly of commencing to do so at this late period in the year, the mover withdrew the motion until to morrow. On motion of Mr. Stirton, seconded by Mr. Cassin a by-law to confirm by-law 157 of the township of Puslinch was read a third time and passed.

Legislature of Ontario.

TORONTO, Dec. 3.

Among the bills introduced and read a first time was one by Mr. Gow, to vest the estate of the late Alexander Wright, of Minto, in trustees, with certain powers. Hon. Mr. Wood gave notice that, on

Mr. James Innes, and one from Mr. E. Newton.

Moved by Mr. Whitelaw, seconded by Mr. Duffield, that the chairman of the Finance Committee introduce a by-law this day at 2 p. m., for the appointment of County Treasurer and Assistant, and all applications now received for said offices be taken into consideration in committee on said by-law.

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Some of the members opposed the resolution, thinking it better that an expression of opinion on the merits of the candidates should be obtained in open Council, as some sort of guide to the committee, but the motion finally carried, seventeen members voting for it.

Mr. Whitelaw presented the following report of the Committee on County Roads, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COUNTY ROADS COMMITTEE.

The committee on County Roads beg leave to report, that they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Superintendents of County Roads, and find them correct, and the following statement shows the total income and expenditure on each road:

Income. Expen. Revenue

Eramosa & Erin road 1728.00 | 608.96 | 1119.04 | Gl'ph & Elora to Junc.2300.00 | 1011.57 | 1288.43 | Dundas road | 1200.00 | 383.94 | 266.64 | Hillsb'g & Esq'sing... 595.00 | 538.46 | 56.54 Tt'l for South'n Div'n.5823.00 3092.98 2730.07

Mount Forest Road. 6698.00 6059.60 638.40 Elora & Saugeen 6683.80 4197.20 2486.60 Fergus & Douglas 421.00 66.63 354.37

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From our Correspondent.

The sons of St. Andrew celebrated the natal day of Scotland's patron. Saint by a dinner at Coyne's hotel, on Monday evening the 30th ult. The dinner was well attended by all nationalities, and passed off in a very pleasing manner. Mr. D. Spence, President, occupied the chair, Mr. W. Greer, the vice-chair. Dinner was served at seven o'clock, pm. The first was a splendid effort of the culinary art, and was in richness and effect one of the best yet produced in this region of country. After the usual formula of cloth removal, etc., a wee drapple of auld Reckie's best was indulged in, producing most hilarious effects on the company, for then the songs of Scotland were sung, yes, and England and Ireland were not lorgotten. The remembrances of the mother country were dwelt upon in response to the several toasts from the chair and vice-chair, the various subjects being handled in a very pleasing and masterly manner by the several speakers until the programme was more than exhausted. After which the timely strains of "Auld Lang Syne" brought the whole company to their feet in britherly embrace; then the loving simplicity exhibited beggars description. A thorough amalgamation of races took place, each man and mither's son indulging in the most elaborate compliments to his fellows. After a time all separated, regretting, no doubt, that St. Andrew requires only one celebration in his honor in the year.

At last the sleighing has fairly set in.

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# TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

London, December 3.—Mr. Gladstone has gone to Windsor Castle. There will be merely a formal meeting of Parliament on the 10th, and an adjournment to the 15th of February will then take place, in order to give time for the selection of a new Ministry.

The London Times comments with severity on Disraell's resignation, denounces what it terms his retreat as cowardly, and says it is unprecedented, except in the case of the resignation of the Earl of Ripon, who had become Premier, however, only during a recess.

The Post, Telegraph, News, and Standard appland the prompt action of the Premier as calculated to save the Queen from embarassment, and the party from needless mortification.

London, Dec. 3, 10 p.m.—Despatches from Paris report that the police, fearing that manifestations would be made in honour of Baudin, took every precaution to prevent the people from assembling at the tomb. A large number of people, however, gathered in the neighbournood of Mont Martre cemetery; the police dispersed the crowd, but they retired sullenity, and continued for some time to occupy the neighbouring streets. A few of the more obstinate persons were arrested, but there was no actual violence, At last account all was quiet in the vicinity. One of the French journals which appeared yesterday, with a black border, was immediately seized by the police. The prosecution of editors and publishers, for promoting the Baudin subscription, continue. The strike of the printers has ended.

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London, Dec. 3.—Hon. Reverdy Johnson, the American Minister, was entertained at a banquet last night given in his honour by the Chamber of Commerce of Birmingham. Mr. Bright was one of the guests Mr. Johnson in the course of his response to the usual complimentary toast, referred to the change in the Ministry, and exid he knew those who were likely to succeed to the Government, were anxious to continue the present policy in the negotiations between England and the United States. Mr. Bright said the presence of the American Minister is proof that the United States. Mr. Bright said the presence of the American Minister has forgiven rebels in America. He reviewed the policy of the British Government during the rebellion in the United States, and deplored its action in recognizing the rebels as belligerents. He rejoiced in the prospect of the speedy and amicable settlement of the difficulties between England and America.

Beaun, Dec. 3.—The King of Prussie

and America.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—The King of Prussia received the French ambassador to-day, and assured him of his friendship for