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GODERICH. MAY 7. 1879

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

Your Vote and Influence are Respectfully Requested in Support of the HOWAT ADMISTRATION and for the following Gentlemen:

WEST HURON:
A. M. ROSS.

SOUTH HURON:
A. BISHOP.

EAST HURON:
T. GIBSON.

On the 5th of June the electors in the different Ridings should see that their ballots are MARKED FOR THESE MEN.

THE COMING CONTEST.

The election of members to serve in the Ontario Assembly will take place shortly, nominations on 29th of May, elections on 5th June. During the intervening time it behooves every elector in the province to make some enquiries as to the claims of the respective candidates who will seek election. In our own riding of West Huron, the nominees so far, and it is not likely there will be any others, are Col. Ross, of Goderich, and Mr. P. Kelly, of Blyth. Col. Ross has served the full parliamentary term of four years; he gave an independent support to the Mowat Administration, he proposed and supported several amendments to the School laws, some of which were adopted, unfortunately some of Mr. Ross' reforms did not meet with the approval of the House; he was the originator of the amendments to the Jury law whereby $1,000 were saved to the country and about $40,000 saved to the province. It is true he has been coerced for this by a few interested officials, but steadfast to the professions of a life time and the promises to his constituents he fought for this reform in committee and on the floor of the House, conscientiously endeavoring to carry out his own convictions and the well understood wishes of the people: his persistent efforts were rewarded with success. Col. Ross seeks re-election by his constituents. We would ask every elector in the riding to look up the record that gentleman has followed during the term of the recent parliament and we are sure they will, by a very large majority, return him again.

Some firebrands are seeking to import into this contest the animosities of religious difference, this we shall condemn as unworthy any party. The fitness of the candidates for the important position of a provincial law maker is the question at issue; we have nothing to do with their religious views—this we say in fairness to Mr. Kelly—nor have we anything to do with whether they are of Irish, Scotch or English origin. We are all Canadians and possess a glorious inheritance, civil and religious liberty; material resources of timber and mineral, soil and climate, with rail and water highways; educational facilities; form of civil government and financial prosperity unsurpassed by any country in the world. These blessings are fortunately our birthright; it is our bounden duty to keep intact and further develop them. As one of the means to this end we must elect men, as legislators, of sterling integrity; shrewd enough to detect faulty legislation, with ability and influence sufficient to eliminate it and breadth and strength of mind to originate sound laws, and energy and persistence of purpose to have them enacted. Mr. Ross' past career has shown him to be possessed of these qualifications.

THE EXODUS INTO THE CANADIAN EGYPT.

There should not be, and we believe there is not, any desire on the part of the press of Ontario to throw any obstacles in the way or by any means discourage emigration from this province to Manitoba. We should, however, be wanting in our duty did we not warn parties against going there before well on in May or even June. A letter written from Winnipeg dated 5th April mentions crossing the river on the ice at that place; this does not look as if the most of the seeding had already been done in that section as reported.

Mr. R Patterson, Town Agent, G.W.R., Paris, Ont, has been to Winnipeg on a business trip. He describes the inconveniencies and high charges as something frightful, he says: The trouble commences when you reach St. Vincent for there the St. Paul & Pacific Railway will not hand over any unpaid freight to the Canada Pacific until such time as they (the St. P. & P.) get their pay, which sometimes entails a delay of forty-eight hours; and had I not been in a position to "shackup," all the unpaid stock cars on my train would have been delayed not less than that time at St. Vincent, which is simply a station in the middle of a prairie, with no conveniences for either man or beast. The Canadian Pacific have no warehouses either at Emerson or St. Boniface, and emigrants' effects are simply "dumped" on the side of the track, and if it rains it rains on them if they are not at once removed. The baggage on arrival at St. Boniface, if not claimed, is taken into a large private warehouse, the only one on that side of the river, and if taken out the first thing next morning there is fifteen cents to pay on it. The Canadian Pacific Railroad is a very different affair from one of our eastern roads, and is hardly in a position to do the business required of it. But there is such a crane to get out to Manitoba early, and there was so much noise about it being closed that they are glad to accommodate as best they can, and with all the drawbacks allowed it is yet preferable to stand it rather than to drive 65 miles through the mud. The road from St. Boniface to Winnipeg is a sea of mud in places, and such mud! But that cannot be cured at present, so it must be endured. Getting the goods across the river was a terrible job, and fraught with danger from the 6th to the 12th of April, as they were scowed about 30 or 40 feet to the ice, then led or drawn to the other side of the ice, and then scowed ashore. This is the only way of getting across, and "somebody has blundered" that there has been no bridge built ere this—a not very great engineering task after all. One of my party told me he paid $13.50 for taking two horses a wagon, and what he could draw there on, across the river. The blame is not all on the Winnipegers' side as to charges, for Ontario men are quick to learn. The man who owned the scow I am told went from near Gorrie, Ontario, a few weeks previous, and seeing a good thing he invested $50 in a scow and went to work; and he it was who was making money getting goods across, although he did not make all profit, as his two horses dropped through the ice and were drowned the day I was there, only a few feet from where some 20 or 30 horses belonging to my party were standing, waiting to be taken ashore off the ice.

Trouble was to be encountered at Emerson and Pembina, as I myself experienced; and five cents for walking over a board 12 feet long and about 10 inches wide is rather like a "sweat mill." On remonstrating at Emerson, you were told "they own the ferry privileges there and have a right to exact it."

Mr. Patterson also says that May or June is quite early enough to go to Manitoba.

THE following from the Galt *Reformer* is sufficient evidence of the ruinous effect of the N. P. upon the milling business:—"We regret to learn on account of the dullness of trade Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch, of the Dumfries Foundry, were on Saturday last compelled to discharge some 28 of their workmen. This, too, notwithstanding the promise held out by N. P. advocates previous to the 17th of September last that Protection to the workingman meant "steady work and increased wages." Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch have kept their men working as long as possible, in the hope that business would revive in the spring, and that the usual orders would be received for the fitting up of flouring and other mills. There can be no doubt, however, that the duty on wheat and oats has deterred many from embarking in the milling business, who might feel inclined to do so under more favorable circumstances. Last season was a very brisk one for mill building, some 40 or 50 in all having been erected in Ontario, the majority of which were fitted out by the firm of Goldie & McCulloch, who have a wide reputation in this line. The almost complete cessation which has taken place in the building of mills, however, has had its natural effect on the manufacturers of mill machinery.

THE Brussels *Post* speaks in this fashion of the Conservative candidate in East Huron: The Conservative aspirant for East Huron is doing hard work these days. The "still hunt" canvass is his *forte*, and the button holing process is his chief mode of warfare. Early and late he has been at it, and yet he appears to gain no ground. The plaintive wailings of the aspirant is the music that falls upon the ears of the electors these days, and its continuity is beyond belief. Our beseeching political prophet is, however, meeting with rebuffs, even from quondam friends, and is correspondingly down in the mouth. We understand that our local Jeremiah is anxious to see the 5th of June over, so that he can once again settle down to the steady practice of his profession, which, he avers, has of late been greatly neglected.

THE Clinton *New Era* says of Mr. Ross' address:—It is couched in a modest and unassuming tone, and will carry the conviction to every sensible person that he is well qualified to again fill the position he aspires to. As we have previously stated, he is a well known and long tried man, and in every position which he has been called upon to occupy, he has fulfilled whatever duties devolved upon him in a perfect and satisfactory manner.

THIS is how the N. P. benefits the workingmen:—"The proprietor of an important industry in Waterloo, employing a large number of hands, has been compelled to reduce wages all around to the amount of 10 per cent. This is bad news for the poor people whose expenses have been increased by the iniquitous tariff."

AFFAIRS AT OTTAWA.

SCORE ONE FOR THE SENATE.

After Mr. McCarthy's Bill to repeal the Marine Electric Company Act had passed through the House on a straight party division, Sir John refusing even to allow it to go before the Railway Committee, the Senate has thrown out the Bill by the narrow majority of two. Mr MacKenzie fought Mr. McCarty's little projects at every stage. One he succeeded in killing in the Railway Committee, and the other the Senate killed for him.

WIMBLEDON TEAM.

The Wimbledon Team sails for Liverpool on the 21st of June. Capt. Boyd, of the 54th Battalion, has been chosen second officer in command of the Canadian team. The Speaker of the House of Commons, as announced before will take commad.

PROROGATION.

It appears to be understood that prorogation will take place on Tuesday next.

AMENDING THE MILITIA.

Hon. Mr. Masson has given notice of some amendments to the Militia Act. It provides that the next enrollment of militia under sec. 16 of the Act 31 Vic., cap. 40, shall be completed on or before the 28th day of Ecbuary, 1881, and on or before the like day in every fifth year thereafter, except in case of war or other emergency, when volunteers are called out to aid the civil power; the municipality in which their services are required shall pay them the rates authorized to be paid for actual service, and one dollar per day for each horse, togeather with an allowance of one dollar to each officer, and fifty cents to each non-commissioned officer and man in lieu of subsistence, and fifty cents per diem in lieu of forage for each horse. The municipality is also to provide the men with proper lodging, and also with stabling for their horses.

A LATE SEASON.—The present spring is one of the latest, if not the latest on record. At a corresponding date last year the plum, cherry, apple and peach trees were in full bloom. This year the leaves have scarcely begun to open.

COULDN'T STAND THE MUD.—A correspondent from Ayr writes that Mr. S. Gordon is already back from Manitoba, having started for that place on the 1st. He got disgusted, he said, with the mud. He was on his way out into the country with his comrades when he met a wagon making back towards Winnipeg again and he changed his seat, never halting until he reached his "ain fireside again."

A DONATION.—The members of the Leeburn Temperance Lodge wish to express their sincere thanks to Col. Ross, M. P. P., for his liberal donation of $10 to aid in building their new hall.—This acknowledgment has long been withheld from the public press by the fact that a like donation was promised from the Conservative association which will be duly acknowledged when received.—H. HORTON, Sec.

FEARFUL EXPLOSION.

About 9:30 o'clock a. m., Monday, 5th inst., a car of dynamite consigned to Port Colborne for use in the harbor works there, exploded in the "Grand Trunk yard, Stratford. Fully one hundred cars were damaged more or less, and fifty are a total wreck, their contents being scattered over a space of several acres. The cars were reduced to matchwood: Where the exploded car was standing a hole 10 feet deep and 20 feet in diameter was cut into the ground. The freight shed was wrecked as were fully fifty houses in the vicinity. Two men were killed outright, Pigeon and Dolan, and burned and shattered out of all resemblance to human forms. The loss is roughly estimated at a million dollars, but will probably exceed that amount. The shock was felt all over the town and smashed glass in almost every window in the town.

The casualties, as far as can be learned up to 12 m., are: G. Hawkins, car dealer, had a splinter driven into his head, and both his eyes destroyed, besides being badly cut about the head—his condition is critical. Joseph Humphrey, very badly cut about the head, not considered dangerous; Alfred Lamb, cut about the face; Andrew Porter, freight clerk, also cut about the face; James Dryedale, bruises in face and neck; James Miller, call boy, was found under a car, covered in *debris*, but no injuries; W. Simcox, foreman car repairer, crawled under a car and narrowly escaped. In the adjoining houses of Brophy, Connolly, Wells and West several children were cut with breaking glass. Mrs. Wells baby is not expected to live. John O'Donoghue, commercial traveller for a Toronto House, was in the freight House, and was thrown down by the shock. Not hurt. Mr. Brotherhood, Assistant Superintendent, was in his office, a short distance away. The building was wrecked and he and his clerk covered in falling plaster, etc., neither hurt. Dolan, who was killed, was struck with a stick and disfigured. Pigeon's body was burned to a crisp; his head was blown a hundred yards, likewise his leg and arm and other parts of his body. Car wheels and rails were sent with terrific force in all directions, the latter burying themselves in the ground from 100 to 300 yards away. The dynamite which caused the explosion was in a car billed to Port Colborne, for use in the canal works. It was billed as rough blasting powder The 5:30 mixed train for the south was being made up, and this car was to go with it. Pigeon, who was killed, was switchman, and was standing by the car giving the signals to the engineman. The car was struck with a bump and it is supposed that one of the packages fell down and exploded. The noise was a dull shock. many parties in the vicinity saw a heavy cloud of white smoke, and the air was filled with *debris* of every kind, which looked like a gigantic hail storm. There is hardly a house in Stratford in which glass has not been broken. An inquest is to be held on the accident.

Town Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Present, F. Johnston, J. Detlor, Hutchison, Acheson, Dancy, Elliott, Seymour, Bingham, Gordon, J. Mitchell, Nicholson, Jordan, Garrow, Sloane, W. Mitchell.

Communication from G. N. McDonold relative to the sending of Donald Campbell a deaf mute to the Belleville Asylum. Referred to committee.

From Geo. McMahon calling attention to accumulation of water at foot of South street and asking for removal of same.

Mr. Acheson said the only action taken in this matter should be against Mr. McMahon.

Messrs. Dancy and Hutchison thought that grating and sand boxes put in drain would obviate the difficulty with Mr. McMahon.

Mr. Gordon said Mr. McMahon had informed him that the town had drained the water on to his property and that he had taken legal advice and had been assured that he could obtain damages from the corporation if the town did not comply with his request and make drain asked for.

Messrs. Garrow and Seymour thought that this was a matter for the board of public works.

Mr. Acheson said he would decidedly oppose this. If in order he would move that the whole council form themselves into a committee and view the premises and they would find that there was really no cause for grievance on the part of Mr. McMahon.

Mr. Hutchison thought the board of Public Works were the proper parties to settle this matter.

The Mayor said they had already reported adversely to the petition of Mr. McMahon,

Mr. Detlor thought that this communication should be referred to the board of Public Works.

Mr. Seymour moved, Mr. Elliott seconded, that this matter be referred back to the board of Public Works without power to act.—Referred,

Mr. Garrow said the town could neither legally increase nor decrease the flow of water upon any citizens land.

Mr. Detlor called attention to the improper ventilation of the Council Chamber.

Mr. Garrow moved, Mr. Detlor seconded, that the upper sash of windows of the room be made moveable.

Mr. McIntosh applied for relief in the matter of some cordwood which was held for unpaid taxes on lands not belonging to him.

Moved by Mr. Garrow, seconded by Mr. Jordan that the collector be authorized to return taxes as unpaid in order that they go as a charge on the land forming part of the Ontario Salt well property now occupied by Mr. McIntosh's wood. Carried.

From Street Inspector relating to the putting of buildings within the fire limits contrary to by-law regarding such matters. This had reference to Mr. George Acheson's new building. Mr. Hood was allowed to make a personal statement and Mr. G. Acheson was permitted to explain. Mr. Hood in explanation of this said that previous to Mr. Acheson commencing his buildings he called his attention to the provision of the by-law demanding a veneering of nine inches of brick outside of any frame building erected within the fire limits; now the frame was put up with a calculation for only four and a half inches out side of the wood work, that is wherever there was studding there was only 4½ inches of brick outside.

Mr. G. Acheson said there was a slight discrepancy of statement between that made by Mr. Hood and that which he would now make. Mr. Hood had told him of the by-law in question, but after seeing plans and specifications had expressed himself as satisfied that the bylaw would be complied with if building was put up in this way. Opinion of E. Sharman, builder, read stating that the building as being put up by Mr. Acheson was as much fire proof as a nice inch wall with bond timbers running laterally.

Mr. Gordon said Mr. Acheson was not making a wall any more inflammable than that required by the town by-law; a nine inch brick wall with bond timbers was much the same as Mr. Acheson's.

Mr. Jordan said this was a very serious matter both as regards Mr. Acheson and as regards the welfare of the town. He would grant Mr. Acheson permission to go on, but would have it distinctly understood that this would not be taken as a precedent for future infractions of fire limits bylaw. He had been informed that many others would build if they thought they could evade the by-law as Mr. Acheson was doing; it was manifestly unfair to give one a privilege that all did not enjoy.

Mr. Garrow was prepared to allow Mr. Acheson to go on with his building, yet he thought the Inspector had only done his duty. He said that in view of the fact that the wall would be nine inches of brick, though interspersed with the studding, Mr. Acheson should be allowed to go on; he would therefore move, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that Mr. George Acheson be allowed to proceed with his building on Market Square and North Street providing the walls be of nine inches of brick including the studding.

Messrs. Nicholson, Hutchison, Detlor and Gordon thought the motion should be amended so that it say that four inches of brick be outside of any part of the studding. With this amendment Mr. Garrows motion was carried.

Petition from ratepayers requesting to be assessed for two thirds of the watering of the streets, same as last year. Referred to Public Works with power to act. By-law to be prepared in the meantime.

Mr. Bingham wished to know what mode the council were going to adopt in doing the street watering.

Mr. Elliott thought the old Fire King engine could be untilized for this purpose at a cost not exceeding $75.

Mr. Nicholson said, in the opinion of practical men this could not be done.

Mr. Elliott thought Mr. Nicholson was not competent to express an opinion.

Mr. Seymour agreed with Mr. Elliott, Messrs. Jordan and Nicholson thought Mr. Elliott's suggestion false economy.

Messrs. Sloane and Garrow thought the matter might safely be left in the hands of the board of Public Works.

Mr. Seymour did not think this was fair to that body; it is not likely they would stultify themselves, and they had already recommended the purchase of the Hamilton made watering waggon or cart.

Mr. Bingham said if the Council were going in for a temporary arrangement, the best way would be to buy Mr. Polley's watering apparatus.

Messrs. Johnston and Dancy thought that the pumps and pumping of the water were matters that deserved immediate consideration—Referred to board of Public Works.

Report of Finance Committee, W. Seymour, Chairman, read and adopted—The petition of W. Reed asking reduction of billiard licence cannot be granted. The increased grant asked for Band, in view of decreased assessment, cannot be recommended.

Report of Market Committee, F. W. Johnston Chairman—That there is no use in trying to collect fees or to attempt any improvement on the present market house. That a market be built at some point, not on the square, to be chosen by the ratepayers. That the old market house be taken down and some sheds be built for the sale of grain etc.

Mr. Johnston thought the system of a public Market was worthy of consideration and said some scheme should be devised that would bring buyers and sellers of produce together.

Mr. Bingham favored the idea of fitting up the old market, charging fees and renting stalls.

Mr. Sloane said Market fees like toll gate fees were relics of barbarism and that to tax sellers of produce in this way would militate against the best interests of the town.

Mr. Seymour favored the idea of beautifying the present Market house and said the Market committee might report as to the cost of repairs necessary.

Mr. Jordan moved, Mr. Acheson seconded, that the Market committee be requested to report as to the cost of renewing the old Market house and give their views on the whole question—Carried.

Mr. Jordan suggested the buying of the point lot formerly occupied by Polley's livery stable, removing the old Market house there, and at some time erecting a suitable building on this property.

Mr. Elliott strongly opposed this view.

In the Clock business, Mr. Hutchison as Chairman of the committee, said they wanted time, only give them time and in return they would give a clock,

Communication from Secretary of Goderich Foundry and Manufacturing Co., stating that understanding it was the intention of the special committee to recommend the submission of by-law granting bonus of $10,000 to the said Co., and while kindly thanking the council for their trouble in this matter, requesting that no further action be taken in it as the sum mentioned is totally inadequate to meet the requirements of the enlargement contemplated by the Company.

Messrs. Johnston and Hutchison said the formation of a hook and ladder company would be of great aid to our fire department.

Mr. Dancy said trucks, ladders, etc., were already on hand the difficulty was to get men, the only way to form the company was to make a grant paying them a certain sum.

Mr. Johnston said there were many patriotic young men thirsting for the glory of belonging to and taking an active part in an organization of this nature.—Referred to board of works to report upon.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Reader, a nice thing to have would be a finely executed photo of yourself from the establishment of R. R. Thompson. Enlarged premises, new accessories, the finest Studio in the country.

YE VERNAL MONTHS.—And now the gaudily colored waggons and gayly caparisoned steeds, driven by ye gipsies who delight in the greenness of all things under the sun, whether vegetable or animal, perambulate our streets,

SHADE TREES.—Many of our citizens have planted out shade trees, many would do so but are deterred by the ill usage those already out have received. A citizen lately returned from Michigan remarked, while there, the absence of fences around private residences in many towns in that State.—In lieu of fences, the grounds are simply surrounded with trees, adding very much to the beauty of the places. This is one of the many beneficial effects of prohibiting cattle from running at large.

DEATH OF MR. T. N. MOLESWORTH.—Many of the citizens of Goderich will remember a thorough gentleman at one time a resident of this place, Mr. T. N. Molesworth, now deceased. He died in Toronto at the age of 55. Deceased appeared in his usual health when he arose on Thursday morning of last week, but was seized not long after with a fit of apoplexy and died in about two hours. Mr. Molesworth was a native of County Armagh, Ireland, came to Canada about 30 years ago and settled in Goderich. He was an engineer and surveyor and pursued his profession here with success for some time. He was afterwards engineer of the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway, and was connected with the International Bridge scheme. Latterly and up to the time of his death he occupied the post of Government Engineer for the province of Ontario. The deceased was of a very respectable Irish family and uncle to Mr. Arthur Molesworth lately with Mr. Moorhouse, bookseller, of this place.

THE SOCIAL in Knox Church, Friday evening last, was a grand success socially and financially. Amongst those who contributed to the evening's entertainment were the Misses Macara, Hutchison and Runciman who took part in a very humorous and spirited dialogue, drawing forth hearty applause Another was also given by the Misses Seegmiller, Cameron and Macara who were equally successful. Messrs. Garrow and Dixon gave readings exhibiting much power and pathos in the rendition. The choir sang under the leadership of Mr. Gordon Sheriff and displayed their usual efficiency and the effects of thorough artistic culture. A duett by Miss Christina Mackay and A. Saunders was sung in a sweet and appropriate manner. A quartette by the Misses Kay and Mackay and Mr. Gordon Sheriff and Mr. Thomson was given in very pleasing style. The room was decorated very tastefully with evergreens, etc. Nearly $50 were realized, sufficient to clear of the indebtedness on the Sabbath School seats. This is very gratifying and much credit is due to Rev. Mr. Sieveright and others for this successful issue to their zealous efforts. Knox Church has, we believe, the finest Sabbath School rooms in the province, which fact will, no doubt, be as pleasing as attractive to the rising generation.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. A. Colbeck, working at McEwan's salt works, was injured a few days ago by a lot of salt tumbling down on him.

COUNTY COUNCIL.—It has been suggested that as the local elections occur the first week in June, it would be well to postpone the meeting of the County Council to a somewhat later date than usual. The suggestion is a good one and should receive due consideration from the Warden.

BATHS. The Maitland House, Saline Baths were opened for the season the beginning of this week. The proprietor, Mr. E. Hooker, has everything nicely arranged, and is deserving and will without doubt receive, liberal patronage.

A LIVE BRAKE.—A young man named Videan, riding on a waggon with a wood rack, tried to stop the waggon by fixing his feet in the rack and putting his head between the spokes of the wheel. His efforts had the desired effect, but it is not likely he will voluntarily repeat the proceedure, although not seriously injured.

THE SHOW GOES ON.—At Saunders' Variety Store, and orders for picture framing are coming in fast. The people all go there to have their pictures framed because he does them at half the price charged by other dealers—Chromos at your own prices, for Cash. "The cheapest house under the sun."

NEW FIRM.—The advertisement in to days issue from J. A. Reid & Co. is one calculated to attract attention. Mr. Reid is well and favorably known in town and we have no doubt will not only retain the trade formerly done by the Messrs. Crofts but very considerably add thereto. Drop into the establishment and take a look through the new goods. It will pay you.

A BEGINNING.—There is still plenty of room in Goderich for the planting of shade trees. There is scarcely a street where additions could not be made with advantage. During the past week or two some few gaps on Victoria and other streets have been filled in and the improved appearance is quite observable. If a little trouble were taken in ornamentation Goderich could be made decidedly the prettiest town in the province.

PARTICULAR.—A Winnipeg paper says a man from Ontario, a fresh arrival, went into the Ontario Bank and asked to have $2 placed in the Savings Bank to his credit. Before making the deposits, however, he desired to know accurately the interest for a year, and requested that he should be credited each month with the interest due. It is not recorded what the teller said, but his politeness was no doubt taxed.

ASSESSMENT.—Most towns this year show by their assessment returns a shrinkage in values. Goderich is no exception to the rule. Below are the returns of this and last year: 1879, real property, $1,042,485; personal, $70,300; taxable income, $25,100. 1878, real property, $1,054,295; personal, $84,250; taxable income, $35,350. Total for this year $1,137,885; last year, $1,173,895. Shrinkage, $36,010.

WATERWORKS.—Wingham has not yet decided whether to purchase a steamer or put down waterworks. The Mayor accompanied by three Aldermen recently paid a visit to London and inspected the waterworks of that city. London officials "did the honors" in a becoming manner and sent the Wingham delegation home happy. If our neighbor is much longer in coming to a decision the town may go up in smoke ere any protection is devised.

AN AGED MINISTER.—On Easter Sunday in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Ryerson stated that it was the fifty-fourth anniversary of his entrance upon the work of the ministry. His first sermon was preached in Grimsby in the year 1825. What a scene of hard work and conflict has the Doctor's life been! Though a devoted attache of the Methodist Church, he has belonged essentially to the public, and in their service he has grown venerable. Dr. Ryerson has become a prominent figure in Canadian history.

SICK OF LAW.—Mr. S. E. Moyer, who last summer went into a speculation of buying a $400 note from the "Barnes Excelsior Fanning Mill Company," said note being against a person named DeLong, in the county of Huron, has just returned from Goderich, where he had sued the note and failed to get a verdict. He paid $375 for the note a year ago, spent some $50 in prosecuting Markle and others for selling forged paper, and now has about $300 to pay for costs of suing the same—a clear loss of over $700. He don't think he will have much to do with law or lawyers for the remainder of his natural life.—*News.*

THE Coffee and Cake social in Temperance Hall on Monday evening was a success in every way except in attendance. A good programme was carried out and abundant refreshments provided by the ladies. Stereoscopic views and authors cards were to be seen and the meeting partook somewhat of the nature of a conversazione. Instrumental music was rendered, by Miss Annie Smith and Mr. Sutton, which was heartily applauded. Songs and chorus were given by the Misses Cooke, Mr. Gordon Sheriff and Mr. Alex. Saunders. Readings and Recitations were given by Messrs. Macdonald and Munro. All those who took part in carrying out the programme deserve the thanks of the community for their efforts in providing intellectual amusement for our citizens.

SUGAR MAKING.—Contrary to the expectation of most people a few weeks ago, the present season has turned out an extremely favorable one for sugar making. On account of the new tariff and consequent increased price of sugars, farmers have put forth every exertion to make as large a quantity from the maple as possible. The backward season has therefore not been an unmitigated evil. Had the spring opened up early the season for sugar making would have been cut short, and many who are now rejoicing in the possession of hundreds of pounds of "sweetness," would have been obliged to lay in their stock from merchants and thus contribute to the inordinate profits of that sugar refining monopoly in Montreal. We notice that people in the Eastern Provinces complain that the sap obtained from the maples this spring is of inferior quantity, and the sugar does not possess that new flavor which generally characterizes it when first made. We have not heard of any such complaints in this district.

HOTELS.—To the many attractive features of our town there are now being added that of first class hotels. For prettiness of location the *Park Hotel*, Goderich, cannot be excelled It is situate on the point overlooking the Harbor, River and Lake and commands a superb view of the beautiful grounds and vast estate of Hy. Attrill Esq.—*En passant*, a meed of praise is due this gentleman for the vast outlay expended on his grounds, for although nature has done much, Mr. Attrill has materially improved upon her handiwork, so much so, that tourists who have seen the Ridgewood estate declare there is not a more desirable one or one with more cheerful surroundings upon the continent than it—As to the *Hotel* we have mentioned, Captain E. Marlton is the proprietor; since he has taken possession he has been remarkably energetic in reducing what was in a chaotic state down to a serviceable form. The new building is about 200 feet in length; The dining room is capacious and the arrangement for the culinary department in connection therewith is most thorough. Large and airy bed and sitting rooms, with a cheery outlook from each apartment, are to be found in the upper and lower flats. The old building will also be used for bed rooms, office and bar. The bar room will be removed to the eastern wing where it formerly was, thus being altogether out of the thoroughfare used by parties going to and from the Town Park adjoining. The *Park Hotel* will accommodate from 100 to 150 guests, has many attractions, and we predict will be a success under the able management of Captain Marlton,

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JAMES A. REID & CO.,

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We have pleasure in announcing to the people of Goderich and vicinity, an opening of a

GENERAL DRY GOODS STORE

in the premises lately occupied by B. CROFTS & SON, and have succeeded in purchasing for cash, at old tariff prices, a fine new stock of fresh goods which will be

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By adhering strictly to the cash principle of doing business, our Goods will be bought in the best markets for Cash, thereby enabling us to claim a good discount from Wholesale Houses, and manufacturers, which advantage will accrue to the purchaser in the way of

CHEAP GOODS,

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We believe the true foundation on which to build up a good business is the

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and our way of doing business will meet the views of the general public that we can safely depend on a very extended patronage.

MRS. NEWCOMBE

will still continue to take charge of the

Dress and Mantle Making Department.

and solicites the patronage of all her old customers and as many new ones as possible.

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I am selling

BUILDERS' AND FARMERS'

Hardware from

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Steel Shovels at 65 cents each.

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GREAT PROFIT TO BUYERS.

IMMENSE REDUCTION IN PRICES.

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My large stock I will sell everything

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Parties wanting

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Save Money by Buying Now

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ROOM PAPERS VERY LOW

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On Wednesday, 7th May, 1879,

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The whole of her household furniture, consisting of Drawing Room Suite, (in green and gold damask); Hair Cloth Sofa and Chairs; Cane Seat Chairs; Sideboards; extension and other Tables; Chandeliers; brussels and other Carpets; Rugs; Book Cases; Whatnots; Engravings; Bedsteads, Bureaus; Wash Stands; Mattresses; Blankets; Quilts; Pillows; China Ware; Glassware; Crockery; Cutlery; Lamps; hall parlor and kitchen Stoves and utensils; Rustic Chairs; Garden Tools; Flowers and Flower Stands; one beautiful Chickering Pianoforte Stool and Music Stands—with a number of ornaments and useful articles too numerous to mention also the valuable Law Library of the late Judge Brough, catalogues of which will be ready in a few days.

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