LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1881.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

This matter has again been brought before the notice of the House of Commons by the indefatigable member for North Perth. The municipalities in this vicinity are particularly interested in the Improvement Fund, and will no doubt feel grateful to Mr. Hesson for his persistent advocacy of their claims. The following discussion is reported to have taken place in the House on Monday:

Mr. Hesson moved for papers and correspondence in relation to the debt of $226,000 said to be due by the Dominion to certain townships in the Province of Ontario under the name of the land improvement fund. He explained that this was not the first time that he had brought the matter before the Government and the House. It appeared that this improvement fund was established in the 16th Vic., and concerned the proceeds of school lands. One million acres were set apart for the purpose a short time previous to 1859, and the prices fixed were $2.50 for school lands and $2 an acre for Crown lands. Settlement being found to be [illegible], and a more liberal policy being adopted the prices were reduced respectively to $2 and $1.50 per acre. The municipalities were to have the benefit of one-fourth of the proceeds of the school lands and one-fifth of the Crown lands until an order-in-council in a contrary sense was passed in 1861. He contended that this order-in-council did not apply to any receipts or proceeds from sales made prior to its passage; that it could not have a retroactive effect and that the municipalities interested in the fund could not possibly be deprived of the receipts rising after 1861 from sales made up to the date of the passage of the order-in-Council. He hoped that he would have the support of the leader of the Opposition, as he found that this hon. gentleman, when he represented South Bruce, made an effort to obtain for the municipalities concerned the establishment of their rights. On motion of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Blake) in 1869 in the Ontario Legislature, a committee was appointed, and it reported in favor of these claims. Under the British North America Act the responsibility of managing this fund as a trust fund fell on the Dominion Government. Arbitrators were appointed, and on the 25th November, 1870, they made their award. The interest on these funds should be added, as the municipalities are fairly entitled to this degree of justice. But the Government has charged no less than 20 per cent for the management and collection of these moneys, although 6 per cent. was chargeable under the regulations on the amount collected. He regretted that some effort had not been made by the Government to secure to these municipalities payment of their just dues. The money should be handed over to the Ontario Government which would pay the amounts due to the municipalities. While the late Government was in power an endeavor had been made to secure a settlement of this matter, and the Provincial Treasurer of Ontario represented in the correspondence that the Government had agreed to take it up after the general elections. The Government was paying 6 per cent. on the trust funds and consequently delay was not economy, while the municipalities were paying from 6 to 7, and even more for the money of which they had need. This matter was brought up a few days ago in the Ontario Legislature, and the responsibility for the delay was thrown upon the Dominion Administration. He trusted that the question would be settled without further postponement.

Sir Leonard Tilley said the Deputy Minister of Finance had placed in his hands a memorandum on the subject, the contents of which he would give. By the 7th clause the award of the arbitrators, $124,685, being part of the common School fund, was to be placed to the credit of the Upper Canada improvement fund. The Deputy Minister added, however, that he saw no reason why the Ontario Government should not in anticipation pay the sums due over to the municipalities.

Mr. Blake—Is that advice tendered by the Government?

Sir Leonard Tilley—Certainly not. We do not interfere in their matters.

The motion was carried.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

IMMIGRATION.

Mr. Lowe's evidence before the Committee on Immigration is not uncheering. It appears that the total movement of immigrants this year past was 85,000, against 61,000 the previous year. The difficulty of getting at accurate statistics of the number of immigrants to Manitoba is confessedly great, but Mr. Lowe estimates them at over 16,000. The general discussion that took place was of some value. Mr. White's insistance on careful attention to immigrants after they arrive was very proper, but it is only just to the Department of Agriculture to say that it has done all that the limited means at its disposal in this matter would permit, and no serious charge of neglect has ever been made to the Department. The probability of a considerable German immigration this coming season is a pleasing feature in the possible programme of the coming year's operations.

SANITARY SCIENCE.

A number of medical gentlemen formed a deputation on public health, and were received by Sir John Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper. Dr. Canniff, president of the Canada Medical Association, introduced the matter, stating the facts and objects of the meeting, the chief being to bring about the establishment of a Bureau of Health, with a Minister at its head, which would be backed by the whole profession and the Dominion generally. Dr. Grant also very fully expressed his opinion, and entered into the object in view in the promotion of the best interests of our people by carrying out the most advanced principles in all matters pertaining to public health. Dr. Orton, M. P., Dr. Bergin, M. P., Dr. Sweetland, Dr. Playter, and others, spoke in the same strain on the subject. Sir John Macdonald gave it as his opinion that hygiene was a Dominion matter, and could be dealt with in the Commons. He was fully alive to its importance, and would do his utmost to assist in guarding the interests of the people. He would bring the whole subject before his Cabinet and see what could be done under the circumstances. The deputation retired, much gratified with the interview, and fully satisfied that great good would come out of the endeavors of the medical profession in Canada to guard public interests, and at the same time keep pace with the progressive spirit of the age.

THE ESTIMATES.

Contrary to expectation the estimates were laid on the table on Tuesday afternoon, and they contain of course a good deal of matter for comment and reflection. They are framed on a basis of prosperity, and intended to accomplish great national objects. The hopes of the people of Halifax in the matter of the grain elevator are fulfilled, as an item appears to that end. The Pacific railway of course is well provided for; all the public works in fact are generously dealt with, as is the custom of Sir John Macdonald and his colleagues, when the public resources are plentiful, as they are now and promise to be in the future.

Eggs sold in Ottawa last week at 45 to 50 cents per doz.

ORANGEMEN IN SESSION.

Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ontario West.

St. Mary's, Feb. 15.—The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West commenced its twenty-second annual session in the Opera House here at two o'clock to-day. The chair was occupied by Major James Bennett, of Toronto, Grand Master. It is expected that the meeting will be the largest held for many years, as trains from London are hourly augmenting the number of delegates. The opening services were conducted by the Grand Master, assisted by Rev. Hugh Cooper, of Blenheim, Grand Chaplain. The first business of the session was the appointment of a committee to strike Standing Committees.

GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

At the conclusion of the above business the Grand Master delivered his annual address. He congratulated the brethren upon the advent of prosperous times, brought about mainly by the abundant harvest and judicious administration of public affairs by the Government of the country. He referred to the noble stand taken on the side of law and order by the Orangemen of Ireland, who, he said, "amidst all the turmoil and commotion by which they are surrounded, have lost none of the fire and zeal of their forefathers, and cannot be shaken in their allegiance to the altar and the throne. The Grand Master suggested that a committee be appointed to prepare and forward an address to the Irish brethren, assuring them of our sympathy, and, if need be, our support. He quoted from the statistics of the order to show that there are fourteen hundred lodges in British America, having an average membership of 40. In the province of Ontario West seven hundred of these lodges are located, whose receipts aggregate $60,000 per annum. He urged that a more careful supervision should be exercised in the dispensing of this large sum for charitable purposes, and suggested that a better system for giving relief might be devised. The too-prevalent practice of Protestants sending their children to popish convents he condemned, and pointed out that there were many first-class institutions in the province controlled by Protestants which afforded superior advantages for the training of youth. The history of the Orange incorporation bills was reviewed, and the speaker intimated that it would be useless to make any further attempts to secure fair play while the present party was in power in Ontario.

THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT,

was full of valuable information and statistics, and shows the order in Ontario West to be in a flourishing condition. During the year nine Orange and eleven Orange Young Briton warrants have been issued. Feeling allusion was made to the decease of distinguished brethren, who formerly occupied prominent positions in the order. The Grand Treasurer's report was most satisfactory, and shows the finances to be in a healthy condition.

THE HANLAN-LAYCOCK RACE.

Canada's Champion again the Victor.

London, Feb. 14, 2.30 p. m.—The race between Edward Hanlan and Elias C. Laycock, postponed from Jan. 17th, took place this morning over the Thames championship course. There was little betting at three to one on Hanlan, for whom the race has all along been looked upon as a certainty. The attendance was not large, and the interest felt was in marked contrast to the extraordinary excitement which prevailed on November 15th, when the supposed invincible Trickett had to succumb to the Canadian conqueror. Hanlan was the quickest away on the signal being given, darting off at about 38 strokes to the minute. Laycock speedily followed his antagonist, pulling 40 and afterwards increasing to 42, but from the very first Hanlan held him, and kept the lead from start to finish almost without an effort, winning finally hands down by four lengths. Both men visited the Westminster Aquarium this evening, and were enthusiastically received. They leave for home this week, Hanlan sailing on Thursday, and Laycock on the following Saturday.

TERRIBLE FATE OF INDIANS.

Engulphed in the Flood and Frozen to Death.

Poplar Creek Agency, Montana, Feb. 15.—An agent of the Yonktonnais Indians is charged with neglect to remove the Indians from the river flat when news was received that the Missouri was breaking up above, on the night of Feb. 10th. The water rose so rapidly that a panic was caused. The thermometer sank to 22° below zero. The troops tried to assist the Indians, but the floods came very suddenly. Some 500 ponies which were swept away struggled to escape for hours, but in the morning were found dead, some of them standing only knee deep in the water. Many were frozen into the ice. The number of Indians who actually perished cannot be stated with certainty. The whole tribe are in mourning. The fruit of the winter's hunt and buffalo robes have all been swept away in one night. High up in trees, where evidently they had fled to escape the pursuing flood, were to be seen the bodies of eight Indian men frozen stiff and stark.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* tells us that the revisers of the New Testament have made alterations which will excite some consternation and not a little regret among all those who are familiar with the authorized version. In the Lord's prayer, the concluding petition, "Deliver us from evil," is changed into "Deliver us from the evil one." Half a dozen of the most familiar texts in the Testament will disappear altogether. The question, "What does it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" is metamorphosed into "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own life?" "Hades is substituted for "hell" in two well known passages. The inscription on the altar, "to the Unknown God," will read "to an Unknown God." Apart from these textual alterations and omissions, the *Gazette* says, the revisers have abolished the divisions into chapters and verses, and printed the new version in paragraphs.

At the annual meeting of the Toronto Industrial Association, Mr. McGee, the manager, stated that the exhibit of machinery at the last exhibition was not as successful as he should have desired; and that the reason of this state of affairs was that the manufacturers throughout the country were so busily engaged in filling orders that they had little or no time to prepare work for exhibition purposes. Mr. Booth, a prominent manufacturer of this city, confirmed the statement, and expressed much satisfaction at the healthy reaction which had taken place in this connection in the country, where prior to the inauguration of the National Policy the factories were doing little or nothing.

A great deal has been said about the decline of the Established Church in England, but there does not seem much decline in the fact that the Church subscribed £5,630,000 for educational purposes from 1876 to 1880, both years inclusive, against £1,323,000 subscribed by all the other religious bodies in England. Neither does there appear any decline in the fact that large numbers of non-conformist ministers are seeking orders in the church. Many of these gentlemen are highly educated, and will be a valuable accession, but a great number are non-graduates; and the *Record* says that these are coming forward in such numbers that two bishops, those of St. David's and Lincoln have been obliged to make a rule not to ordain any more "literate" candidates.

MILVERTON.

COUNCIL.—The village fathers met on the 12th inst.; all members present; the Reeve in the chair. A by-law imposing a tax of one dollar on each dog was passed. The clerk was instructed to draw up a by-law for the appointment of pathmasters, fenceviewers and poundkeepers. The following accounts were passed: $7 for copy of Harrison's Manual, and $3 for rubber stamp. Council adjourned.

H. TAUBER, Clerk.

MILLBANK.

TEA MEETING.—The ladies of the Methodist Church of Canada, in this village, will hold a tea-meeting on Wedensday evening, February 23, when Rev. B. Clement, the clever and talented pastor of the C. M. Church, Stratford, will deliver an address. Speeches are also expected from the resident ministers. Good music from the choir. Everybody is invited by the Committee to join with them in spending a pleasant and profitable evening.

NORTH MORNINGTON.

SOIREE.—The annual soiree of North Mornington Presbyterian Church eventuated on Tuesday evening last, and was a complete success. Propitious weather, good sleighing and the anticipation of being well entertained, caused a very large gathering, numbers coming from a considerable distance. After the excellent spread had been partaken of, the gathering was brought to order by the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Kay, who acted as chairman. Able and appropriate addresses followed, the speakers being five Messrs Croly, Pheasant and Hyslop, of Millbank, and Wright of Stratford. The addresses were agreeably interspersed with music by the Newry church choir. The proceeds amounted to the munificent sum of $125.

DONEGAL.

A PROLIFIC COW.—The other day a cow belonging to Mr. J. McCourt gave birth to twin calves, which, though rather diminutive in size, are living and doing well. Mr. McCourt has christened them the "Mites."

PLEASANT EVENING.—On Friday evening 4th inst, a large party of young people assembled at the residence of Mr. John Goodale, where a very enjoyable time was spent in tripping the "light fantastic," &c. About midnight a sumptuous repast was served by Mrs. Goodale, to which ample justice was done after which the dance was resumed and kept up till daylight, when the young folks wishing Mr. Goodale and his amiable wife every happiness departed for their respective homes.

CARTHAGE.

CARTHAGE CHEESE FACTORY.—The patrons of the factory met on the 31st ult., when the following report was submitted, showing the business transacted during the year closed: The factory opened on the 10th of May and closed on the 18th October. The amount of milk received during the season was 655,728 lbs.; amount of cheese made, 65,177 lbs. The amount required to make one lb. of cheese was 10.6 lbs. of milk. The patrons are well pleased with the way the factory was conducted during the past season, and as this was the first year the the factory was run, it reflects great credit on the proprietor, Mr. Moore. The business of the factory will be greatly increased during the present year, by a large number of new patrons, and the old ones purpose sending a larger quantity of milk than before. The paopietor is sparing no expense in doing the very best he possibly can for the patrons, by additional facilities for manufacturing, and by engaging one of the best cheese makers in the Dominion. Dairymen will only be consulting their own interest by patronizing this establishment.

JOHN GAMBLE, Secretary.

GREY.

COUNCIL.—A special meeting of Council was held at Tuck's hotel, Cranbrook, January 24th, 1881; members all present; Reeve in the chair. Moved and seconded, that the plans and specifications for two new bridges to be built, one on side road between lots 15 and 16, and one at lot 11, con. 16, be left at the clerk's office for examination, and that tenders be received up to the 14th of February—carried. George Dark was granted an order for 1.00, refund dog tax. R. McLeod applied for aid to John Wood and wife, two old persons in indigent circumstances—10.00 granted. John Hislop moved, seconded by E. Bryans, that the Reeve having reported to the Council the steps taken for the reduction of the amount charged for Government drain No. 1, with the Commissioner of Public Works, Ont., and being satisfied that no further reduction can be obtained, this Council now accept the offer made by the Government as satisfactory and final, and that the clerk be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works—carried. Walter Oliver moved, seconded by Wm. Leckie, that the Reeve be paid 6.00 for his time going to Toronto on drain business on behalf of the township—carried. Council adjourned.

Council met at Egger's hotel, Cranbrook, February 14th; members all present; Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last regular and special meetings read and confirmed. E. Bryans moved, seconded by Wm. Leckie, that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign petition on behalf of Council, to the Legislative Assembly, to abolish the market fees in cities and town in Ontario—carried. J. Kendall applied to have crossswaying done across lots 17 and 18 and part of 16, cons. 17 and 18—no action taken at present. The following tenders were received for the erection of two bridges, one on con. 11, lots 15 and 16, and one at lot 11, con. 16, township of Grey: Samuel Sigens, bridge con. 11, whole work 1,025.00; bridge 16 con., 295.00; Thomas Ainley, 1,085.00, and 325.00; D. McNaughton, 1,220.00, and 275.00; J. L. McRae, 1,150.00, and 250.00; John Harbottle, 1,350.00, and 400.00; D. W. Dunbar, 1,174.00, and 274.00; John Dunbar, 1,149.00, and 290.00; Simon Eaket, 1,490.00, and 235.00; Alex. McKay, 1,350.00, and 250.00; Daniel Robertson, bridge 16th con., 750.00; W. Botz, 1,370.00, and 245.00; Geo. McKay 1,290.00, and 429.00; R. Lang, bridge 11th con., 1,373.00; A. Raymann, 1,396.00, and 254.00; John Cormack, bridge 11th con., 1,365.00. E. Bryans moved, seconded by W. Oliver, that W. Botz be awarded the contract for bridge at lot 11, con. 16—carried. John Hislop moved, seconded by Wm. Leckie, that the contract for bridge at lots 15 and 16, con. 11, be awarded to Samuel Sigens, provided he meet a deputation of the Council at Brussels on Thursday, Feb. 17th, at 2 p.m., and enter into satisfactory bonds for the due completion of said contract; in failing to do so, the contract to go to the next lowest tender, and if not accepted, the Council to let contract in any way they think best—carried. The clerk was instructed to procure a copy of Harrison's Municipal Manual, latest edition. Walter Oliver moved, seconded by John Hislop, that M. S. B. Maginn be granted a debenture of 10.00 as payment in full for board and attendance to Jacob Kessler, the man who had both feet frozen—carried. The following accounts were ordered to be paid: McLean Bros., advertising Court Revision 1.00; Wm. McLeod refund of dog tax 1.00; Samuel Whaley, Grey share culvert on boundary of Grey and Wallace 1.50; Malcomson & Wade, legal advice 2.00; Garrow & Proudfoot, legal advice 7.00; John Livingstone, 216 feet pine 2.16; James Mitchell, inspecting stone work on new bridge, lots 5 and 6, con. 12, 15.00; Kerr & Auld, printing 8.50. The Council then adjourned to meet again at Tuck's hotel, Cranbrook, on Saturday, March 26th, to appoint pathmasters, fenceviewers and pound keepers.

WM. SPENCE, Clerk.

ELMA.

The municipal Council of the township of Elma met at Newry on Saturday 12th February; members all present; minutes of last meeting read and adopted. A petition to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario was read about the assessment of incorporated companies; also a communication from S. H. McKitrick about road scrapers. W. Lochhead moved, seconded by J. Mann, that an order be issued on the treasurer to Widow Scott, with a small family, relief by taxes refunded, $4.29—carried. W. Lochhead moved, seconded by W. Keith, that R. Dunn (who represents ward No. 4) be appointed to settle the timber question in dispute on 17th con. side line between lots 5 and 6—carried. W. Lochhead moved, seconded by R. Dunn, that orders be issued on the treasurer as relief to the following persons, viz.: Mrs. Hanson, a widow with small family, $6.00; Mrs. Montgomery, through Mr. Pettie, 50 cents per week for four months if required; Wm. Nichol, a suffering man with small family in destitute circumstances $10, to be expended by W. Lochhead—carried. W. Keith moved, seconded by W. Lochhead, that the Council accept as sureties for Mr. Harvey as follows: himself in the sum of $8,000, and James Coulter, Arch. Simpson and Samuel Vipond, in the sum of $3,000 each—carried. W. Lochhead moved, seconded by R. Dunn, that an order be issued on the treasurer for $150 to the trustees of the Listowel High School Board, being settlement in full of all demands for the erection of the Listowel High School—carried. Moved in amendment by W. Keith, seconded by R. Mann, that this Council do not grant $150 to the trustees of the Listowel High School—lost. [illegible] moved, seconded by W. Keith, that orders be issued on the treasurer for the following amounts, viz.: Samuel Vipond $7.92, for gravel; Hart & Rawlinson $4.20, for assessment rolls; J. R. Code and J. A. Turnbull $6 each, salary as auditors; John Morrison $2, for use of shop for nomination—carried. Wm. Keith moved, seconded by W. Lochhead, that the following parties have their taxes remitted for 1880, and that the Reeve issue his order for the same, viz.: Mrs. Montgomery $4.06, Andrew Paton $3.09—carried. W. Keith moved, seconded by R. Dunn, that the collectors' time for returning the roll be further extended until the 1st day of March—carried. R. Dunn moved, seconded by J. Mann, that a frame bridge be built on gravel road opposite 4th con., and that Messrs. Keith and Lochhead be authorised to get the construction completed—carried. W. Keith moved, seconded by R. Dunn, that next sitting of Council be held at R. Graham's hall, Elma Centre—carried. W. Lochhead moved, seconded by R. Dunn, that the Auditor's Report as now read be adopted and the abstract printed in pamphlet form—carried. The Council then adjourned till the 12th of March to appoint pathmasters, etc.

THOS. FULLARTON, Clerk.

MORNINGTON.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met on the call of the Reeve at Henderson's hotel, on Monday, January 24th, for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of settling with the High School Board. The Reeve laid before the Council a demand from W. J. Ferguson, Solicitor for the Listowel High School Board, for $818.36, being the amount levied on Mornington for the High School building. Messrs. George Draper, D. D. Campbell and R. Ferguson being present as a deputation from the High School Board, the Reeve asked them to lay the matter before the Council. Mr. Campbell laid before the Council a lengthy detail of the matter from the commencement of the building to the present time. The Reeve asked Mr. Campbell if it was their intention to press the Council for the whole amount. He said no; they had sued Wallace for the full amount, and the Council of Wallace after getting the best advice they could get had come and settled it, but that the Board had taken the amount they had first asked, viz.: $500, and would take same from Mornington, but could not take any less. The Council offered them the half of the assessment, $409.18. Messrs. Draper and Ferguson explained the situation the Board was in, and could not take less than $500. The Council held that from the situation of the township and other reasons Mornington had not in justice a right to pay as much as either Elma or Wallace. The deputation after consulting among themselves agreed to take $450, but could not and would not take any less. The Reeve was authorised to issue his order for $450, and the Board gave a receipt in full of all demands for High School building, fencing, etc., in connection therewith. The Council then adjourned.

The Council met at Henderson's on Monday, Feb. 7th, according to adjournment, as a special meeting to consider the alteration of School Sections; members all present; the Reeve in the chair. The following papers were laid before the Council: petition from J. Torrance and eleven others, praying to be removed from Milverton School Section to S. S. No. 12; petition of David N. Kropp and forty-six others, praying the Council not to break up S. S. No. 2; petition of Mrs. Jane Whaley and ten others, praying the Council not to separate them from Milverton section; John Riddell laid a plan of a new school section before the Council. After all parties were heard for and against the change in sections, the Reeve asked all parties to leave the hall while the Council was considering the matter among themselves. The school inspector being present gave any assistance he could. After the Council fully considering the whole matter, they could not form a new section according to the plan submitted. Jas. Kines moved, seconded by W. B. Freeborn, that on hearing the grievance of Patrick Hanley, with regard to the application made by him for having the N. E. ¼ of lot 18, con. 12, detached from S. S. No. 15, and annexed to U. S. S. No. 20, that this Council grant the application and that the Clerk be instructed to notify all parties interested—carried. W. B. Freeborn moved, seconded by W. Johnston, that on hearing the grievance of John Taylor and Wm. Strachan, with regard to application made by them to have N. ½ lot 18, con. 11, and E. ½ lot 15, con. 11, drafted from S. S. No. 15, and annexed to S. S. No. 8, that application be granted—carried. Jas. Kines moved, seconded by T. Magwood, that this council leave the matter of forming a new school section and the drafting of others into other sections over till the first Monday in April—carried. The Council then adjourned and opened again for general business. The minutes of last regular meeting and of special meeting on High School were read and signed by the Reeve. W. Freeborn moved, seconded by Thos. Magwood, that the Treasurer be authorised to do all business for the township with the Bank of Montreal—carried. The Reeve was authorised to issue the following orders: J. McConaghy $11.70, ditching on N. G. R.; Mrs. Langley and Mrs. Forsyth $5 each, indigent relief; Hart & Rawlinson $3.25, rolls and express charges. The Reeve laid before the Council a copy of motion passed by the Council of Milverton to the effect that they would meet the Council of Mornington at Zeager's Hotel on Monday, 7th of March, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of trying to settle the debt between the two municipalities. Thos. Magwood moved, seconded by W. Freeborn, that we meet the Milverton Council on Monday, 7th of March—carried. W. Freeborn moved, seconded by Thos. Magwood, that the time for the collectors to return their rolls be extended for two weeks—carried. The clerk laid before the Council a copy of motion from the Maryborough Council. Mr. Johnston was authorised to attend to the matter. Jas. Kines moved, seconded by W. Johnston, that this Council do now adjourn to meet again at Henderson's on Monday, 7th of March, at 10 o'clock a. m.—carried. Pathmasters, etc., will likely be appointed then.

JOHN WATSON, Clerk.

WALLACE.

We have had a genuine thaw at last, which nearly annihilated the snow, and roads too, and replenished the empty wells and cisterns. The fall wheat looks green and fresh where it is uncovered, and should the remainder of the winter be favorable, the prospects for next fall will be most encouraging.

J. C. Leslie, who unfortunately had his house and most of its contents burned last summer, is about to erect a commodious brick residence. This will add much to the appearance of Mr. Leslie's premises.

Mr. Wm. Wilson is still in a very low condition.—COM.

To the Editor of the STANDARD.—SIR: A short time ago there appeared an article in your paper over the signature of "Pro Bono Publico," in which an attempt is made to find fault with the present Council of Wallace for making a settlement with the High School Board of Listowel. Now this "Pro Bono Publico," as he calls himself, tells the public "that being interested to know the terms of settlement, he made enquiries and found that the Reeve and Council on the night of the 17th (ult.) had a meeting in one of the back rooms of an hotel in Listowel, and there voted away several hundred dollars of the people's hard earned money." I wonder where P. B. P. got his information, for it is not true, and either some person has been imposing upon him or he willfully states what he knows to be untrue. The Council did not vote away the people's money, but simply paid a debt which a former Council by its promise and resolution had morally bound the township to pay. The past experience of this township in law matters has been dearly bought. In nearly every case in which this township has got into court, and where the chances of gaining the suits have been far more favorable than in this High School case, we have had to pay heavy costs, and in some cases unwarrantable costs. The present Council think that wisdom and economy are better for this township than law and extravagance. If it were a case beyond all doubt as to our succeeding in the action, and if we had no costs to pay after getting a verdict in our favor, the Council undoubtedly would have opposed it. It is true a legal opinion from a lawyer in Toronto was obtained after the action had been commenced, but on what information he based his opinion I cannot say. The Council, however, were not disposed to defend this suit on the very poor chances which it had of gaining it. The costs already incurred during the term of the old Council in connection with this case, although the suit was only commenced, and which at all events the township would have to pay, were about $127. I could have done as has been done before. I could have gone to Toronto myself and engaged a lawyer to defend the suit, and paid him $450, as was done heretofore on a suit of less importance. I could have spent four or five days at $25 a day, and got witnesses at heavy expenses to make affidavits to be used in the defence of the suit, and in other ways incur heavy expenses, which our experience shows the township generally has to pay. But neither I nor the Council were inclined to go into any such extravagance at the expense of the ratepayers. If I could get $25 a trip to Toronto for looking after this suit, I could easily pay my share of the extra taxes; but the other ratepayers would not have such an opportunity of getting money to pay their extra taxes. Too much of such work has been done heretofore. As regards my not consulting Mr. Hemsworth before settling this suit, P. B. P. again states what is not true. I consulted him the day the Council met at Gowanstown, and as a ratepayer of the township of Wallace he recommended the Council to settle this suit for $500, if they possibly could, as he was of the opinion we would have to pay the assessment, and heavy costs along with it. As to the secret contract, I know nothing of it. The Council settled openly and above board with the High School Board for $450, which the ratepayers well know. I am not in favor of that old style of doing things secretly. As to the Council holding a council meeting in Listowel, this also is untrue. The Council closed its meeting at Gowanstown and did not open until it met at the same place. It appears to me that P. B. P. has not long been a resident of the township, or else why has he overlooked the extravagance of the township heretofore, which we are determined to stop; or it may be that he has pocketed some of the proceeds of that extravagance, and therefore has an interest in overlooking it. I may say, Mr. Editor, that I have no objection to a fair and honest criticism of the doings of the township Council; but I do not approve of this cowardly way of writing over a fictitious name, and stabbing in the dark. Apart from the legal aspect of the matter, when the resolution granting $500 was passed, and the township in honor committed to the payment of that amount, it would have been more honorable for those who promised the money and passed the resolution to have settled it and not handed it down to others to deal with. There should be honor and honesty in all transactions, and a municipality should be as jealous of its good name and honor as an individual.

GEORGE FOLLIS.

LISTOWEL MARKETS.

February 17, 1881.

Wheat, fall, per bush.	0 98 to	1 00
Spring Wheat, "	95	1 05
Barley, "	0 50	0 75
Peas, "	0 60	0 60
Oats, "	0 30	0 31
Flour, per brrl.,	5 00	6 00
Oatmeal, "	2 75	3 00
Cornmeal, "	2 00	0 00
Butter, per lb.,	0 16	0 18
Eggs, per dozen,	0 18	0 20
Potatoes, per bag,	0 45	0 00
Turkeys, per lb,	0 08	0 10
Geese, " "	0 05	0 06
Chickens, per pair,	0 25	0 30
Pork, cwt.,	7 00	7 25
Hay, per ton,	8 00	9 00
Wood, long,	2 00	0 00
Wood, short,	1 00	1 25
Hides, per cwt.,	7 50	8 00
Wool, per lb.,	0 27	0 28

TORONTO.

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS

February 17, 1881.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	1 07 to	1 10
Wheat, spring, "	1 10	1 15
Barley, "	0 78	0 80
Peas, "	0 63	0 63
Oats, "	0 36	0 37
Rye, "	0 00	0 84
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.,	7 50	7 75
Beef, hind " "	5 50	6 50
Mutton, by carcase "	6 50	7 75
Butter, per lb.,	0 22	0 28
Butter, large rolls,	0 00	0 00
Butter, tub, dairy,	0 20	0 21
Eggs, fresh, per dozen,	0 30	0 35
Potatoes, per bag	0 50	0 55
Hay, per ton,	8 00	15 00
Wool,	0 50	0 60

STRATFORD.

February 17, 1881.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$1 00 to	1 02
Wheat, spring, "	1 00	1 03
Barley, "	0 60	0 75
Oats, "	0 33	0 35
Peas, "	0 65	0 67
Flour, per bbl	4 75	5 25
Potatoes, per bag,	0 40	0 50
Butter, lb. rolls,	0 18	0 20
Eggs, per dozen,	0 22	0 23
Hides, per cwt.,	8 00	9 00
Hay, per ton,	9 00	10 00
Wood, per cord,	3 00	3 25
Wool per lb.,	0 00	0 00

PALMERSTON.

February 17, 1881.

Fall Wheat, per bush.	$0 95	1 00
Spring Wheat, "	0 90	1 00
Flour, per cwt,	2 40	2 60
Barley, per bush.	0 60	0 70
Peas, "	0 60	0 65
Oats, "	0 27	0 28
Hay, per ton,	6 00	8 00
Potatoes, per bag,	0 30	0 45
Butter, per lb.	0 18	0 20
Eggs, per doz.	0 18	0 20
Pork, per cwt.	5 50	6 00
Cordwood, per cord,	2 00	2 25
Wool, per lb.,	0 20	0 25

GUELPH.

February 17, 1881.

White wheat	$ 1 00 to	1 03
Breadwell	1 00 to	1 03
Spring wheat (Glasgow)	1 00 to	1 08
Red chaff	0 00 to	0 00
Oats	0 35 to	0 37
Peas	0 60 to	0 70
Barley	0 65 to	0 85
Eggs, per dozen	0 22 to	0 25
Butter, dairy packed	0 18 to	0 20
Butter, rolls	0 18 to	0 22
Potatoes, per bag	0 40 to	0 45
Wood, per load	3 50 to	4 00
Hay, per ton	10 50 toll	00
Wool, per lb	0 27 to	0 00

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" Stratford	7.12	11.03	2.20
" Woodstock	8.21	1.20	4.40
" Norwich	9.12	3.45	5.28
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" Simcoe	10.35	5.51	6.26
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" C. S. Crossing	7.14	3.40	10.05
" Norwich	7.61	4.30	11.18
" Woodstock	8.21	5.18	12.10
" Stratford	9.40	7.43	3.50
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