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TORONTO LETTER.

Chat from the Capital of Ontario. —What Goeth On.

The Mayoralty Campaign—Sheppard's New paper—The World Personalities—The Weather—Rev. D. J. Macdonnell As a Temperance Advocate.

Already the city is into the whirl of a municipal election campaign. The fight will be between Clarke and Rogers, as Defoe will not largely be taken up by any considerable section of the community. Rogers' stock is looking up. Much of the element that carried Mr Howland to his two great victories will support him, and the liquor party has been showing itself as opposed to his election and in favor of his opponent. The women of the city are almost solid for Mr Rogers, and as the female vote is a big one, he will derive considerable benefit from the spirited canvas now being entered upon in his behalf by the W. C. T. U. Mr Clarke's election to the legislature will not be a help to him, as there are many who think he ought to be content with a seat in the Local House. The chances were a week ago greatly in favor of Clarke, but party politics are not entering into this contest, and as the question of election is taking the shape of a Howland man as against a Manning man, there is a likelihood that that "old Man of the Sea," the liquor party, will keep the popular and genial Clarke from making the pace he would likely do if he were running unencumbered.

E. E. Sheppard's new paper *Saturday Night* appeared on Saturday and made a big hit. It is a handsome weekly, and if it can be kept as clean as the first number, and up to its mark generally, it will score a success. There is much sympathy for Mr Sheppard in this city, where he is very popular, and there is a field for such a paper as *Saturday Night*.

The personalities indulged in by the Toronto *World*, in ridiculing and abusing those who differ from it on economic questions, is not adding to that journals popularity. The *World* is growing very narrow in its political views of late, but as a snappy, readable newspaper still more than holds its own. Nevertheless it is making a serious mistake in so violently attacking those who stood by it in its hours of trial.

My old friend Capt. McMaster, who commanded the volunteer naval fleet at the time of the Fenian raid, is something of a weather prophet. He told me the other day that we were in for a rather bare, open winter. He does not think there will be more than two weeks sleighing. The observant captain pins his faith to the "Dutch moon," which he says is an infallible sign of an open winter. I am not superstitious, yet I have ordered a ton less of coal for my winter supply on the strength of the veteran mariner's prognostication.

Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian, recently preached a sermon on Temperance, in which he defended moderate drinking while he counselled total abstinence, Rev. E. Stafford, of the Metropolitan (Methodist) church preached a sermon on Sunday last from the same text as was chosen by his clerical brother, but took the opposite ground on the question of moderate drinking. Both sermons are worth reading and have been published in full in the *Globe*.

Mayor Howland recently threw a flood of light upon some of the transactions of Gutta Percha Company in connection with the city and elsewhere. This company had been blazoned all over the country as a genuine Canadian one, the product of the National Policy, and its manager "Tommy" McIlroy was lauded as a Canadian patriot whose enterprise prevented rapacious Yankees from sending slaughtered rubber goods into the country. It now turns out that the company was a Yankee concern, and that McIlroy effected most of his sales to fire hose by "greasing" the palms of mayors, aldermen, and those in authority with the firemen. McIlroy was recently discharged from the Company and introduced a rival concern, and now his doings are all being shown up by the old company. A number of aldermen of this city are implicated as well as some professional wire-pullers and the Dominion Government must have known that the concern was not all it was represented.

Mr Thos. McGillicuddy, formerly of THE SIGNAL, has a class of seventeen shorthand pupils, under the auspices of Miss Ella Walker is completing her course of studies in phonography at Bengough & Brook's well known Canadian Business College.

Clement & Co., who advertise "The Ladies' Friend" in THE SIGNAL, appears to be a reliable firm, and the article in question is ingenious and useful.

John Swanson is here taking the University course, Donald McGillivray is completing his Knox College Course, and D. M. Buchanan is attending both the University and Knox.

OWING to the pressure of holiday advertisements on our pages this week we are forced to crowd out our usual editorial matter and a large share of our local news and correspondence. We'll road up the other way next week.

AN application was made by the Salvation Army Tuesday evening for remission of taxes, on the ground of being a religious organization. A discussion arose upon the matter, and finally the question went to a vote. The application was granted by a vote of 6 to 5, but not until the following had placed themselves on record against it, viz. Messrs. Johnston, Lee, Bingham, Butler and Dr Whitely, When it comes to defining where religion comes in, the most pious men in the community are always sure to come to the front and put themselves on record.

WE understand the Labor commission, which has been recently sitting in Toronto has been invited by our sapient council to visit Goderich, and obtain some pointers upon the state of trade in this locality. We don't know what impelled our council to do this, but we do know the Royal Labor Commission will not be able to get many pointers from the laboring classes of Goderich, unless, mayhap, they examine the hard-worked and poorly paid court-house officials, and feel constrained to suggest that the hours of labor in that institution be shortened and the various stipends increased. The simple truth is that some of our town councillors are so ashamed of their past year's record, that they are going into the picayune business in a vain effort to pull the wool over the eyes of the electors at New Year's.

HURON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Leaving a Clean Sheet for Next Year's Council.

The December session of the County Council opened on Thursday of last week, the Warden in the chair, and all the members present but four.

The Warden in addressing the Council, stated that all the money at the credit of the sinking fund had been invested; that the repairs of the county buildings had been carried out, and all the county bridges had been satisfactorily completed. He also stated that an action had been brought by the license Commissioners against the county to compel payment of its share for the enforcement of the Canadian Temperance Act, but the action had failed because no part of the fines had been paid to the county Treasurer.

A schedule of the acreage of the respective townships, procured from the Crown Lands Department and Canada Company, was read and laid on the table until Friday's sitting of Council.

The award of the arbitrators in the school section dispute in Colborne township was read and referred to the school committee.

A circular from the County Council of Wellard was read, requesting co-operation in memorializing the Ontario Government to made provisions for the many insane persons confined in the jails throughout the Province. Referred to Jail and Court House Committee.

A circular from the County Council of Elgan was read, requesting co-operation in petitioning the Ontario Legislature to pass an act empowering County Councils to appoint jailors, police magistrates and all other officers paid by the county, and that sheriffs and registrars be appointed by a vote of the people. Referred to special committee.

An application from Judge Doyle for furnishings for his chamber was referred to finance committee, as were also a number of accounts.

A letter from Messrs Seager & Hartt, threatening suit on behalf of the License Commissioners of East and South Ridings, and a reply of the county solicitors thereto, were read and referred to finance committee.

Three tenders for supplying cord wood was referred to Jail and Court House Committee, after which council adjourned until 10 a. m. Friday.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY

Council met at 10 o'clock, and after approval of minutes, the following report from road commissioner Ainsley was read and referred to road and bridge committee.

Bylaw No. 8 of 1887, licensing hawk-

A motion of the reeves of Exeter to pay over $200 to that village for a lock up recently completed, was referred to finance committee.

A motion by the same that $100, payable half yearly in advance, be allowed to Mrs. Mary Ann Morgan for the support of Annie Morgan, a destitute insane person not fit for admission to any of the asylums of the province, was reported to finance committee.

The council then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p.m.

Three o'clock, Friday.

Council resuming, the following report of the finance committee was read:

On motion the report was laid on the table until the evening setting.

A motion by Mr, Campbell, in reference to wire fences, deferred from June session, was lost by a majority of 38.

The following report of the road and bridge committee was read and adopted.

The usual grant to the Model schools was ordered to be paid over to the respective boards of Goderich and Clinton.

The road commissioner was instructed to examine Bains' bridge L. R., Ashfield, and report thereon at January session.

Council then adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock p.m.

Eight o'clock p.m., Friday.

Council resuming, the report of the special committee was read and adopted, recommending no action on the communication from Elgin county council.

The report of the finance Committee was then taken up.

"Moved by A. H. Manning, seconded by P. Kelly, that clause 32 of the finance committee's report be struck out and the following substituted therefor:—"That in regard to the action of the License Commissioners of West Huron against the county, the county solicitor be instructed to settle the same upon the following basis, and that if the same be not accepted by the plffs that the solicitor further report to this council upon the same at its January meeting. That the license commissioners of the three license districts, the license inspectors for the same, and the police magistrate furnish to the treasurer of the county a statement showing the names of all parties who have been fined under the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act, since the coming into force of the same in the county, the amount of such fines, and the names of the persons to whom the same has been paid; such statement to be given to the satisfaction of the county solicitor and clerk. That upon the said statement being furnished, the treasurer do forthwith request the person or persons to whom the said fines have been paid to pay them over to him under the provisions of the order in council of the Dominion and that the said fines be placed to the credit of the fund mentioned in said Order in Council, distinguishing between the license districts of the county. That upon the withdrawal of the suit now pending the payment of costs by the plffs, and upon such payment to the satisfaction of the county solicitor and clerk, the fund formed by said fines be appropriated as follows:—(1) In payment of that portion of the estimates submitted by the License Commissioners of the three districts which the solicitor considers the county liable for. (2) In payment of the salary and expenses of the police magistrate, and that the treasurer pay these sums to the parties properly authorised to receive the same, the names of the parties to be certified by the solicitor. That in the event of there being any balance after payment of these sums, the same be retained to the credit of said account, and if a deficiency the same be supplied from any moneys belonging to the county available for such purpose." The council then adjourned.

The finance committee report as thus amended was then adopted.

The warden then vacated the chair, which was taken by reeve Girvin, and on motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Torrance a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring warden, David Walker, for the efficient and courteous manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office for the year 1887,

Council then adjourned.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We recomment:—

1. Payment of following accounts: John E. Tom. entrance examinations at Exeter, $32.60, and at Goderich, $7.975; D M Malloch, entrance examination at Wingham, $61. 35, at Seaforth, $59.33, at Clinton, $43.08, and printing account, $1; printing and advertising—Gorrie *Vidette* $1, Goderich *Star* $6.32, Clinton *New Era* $2, Blyth *Standard* $1 Seaforth *Sun* $73.03, Wingham *Standard* $11 50, HURON SIGNAL $11.19, Brussels *Post* $2.50; grants to North Huron and West Huron Teachers' Association, as per statute, $25 each; W Wentzel, repairs to broken wagon, this county's share, $1.05; J Gill, care of Exeter lock-up, $20, J Bates repairing barrow at jail, 50c; John McIntyre, repairs per order C Girvin, $1; Geo Tedford, storage of county tools, $6; John Brophy, repairs in Court house, $2.50; Gorrie lock-up keeper, $20; Alex Wallace, cleaning clock, $1; J Heamens, repairing Holman's bridge, $18.60; John Walker, repairs at jail, $77.07, and at Court house and registry office, $44; H McGratton, hauling wood, $20; J Brethaner, keeping Wroxeter lockup, $20; L Hardy, repairing bridge on Seaforth road, $16; Mrs Campbell, board of Eliza Smillie, 25 weeks, $50; Andrew Sproule, care of Dungannon lockup, $20; Thomas Surale, repairs to Elimville bridge, $2.50; John Wallis, repairing gully bridge, $1.50; Fraser, Porter & Kay, stationary—for registrar $65, for county clerk $2.75; and for county treasurer $18 60; James Saunders & Son, $19.21; D K Strachan, $5.25 for jail, $74.75 for registry office, and $4.10, for court house; Wm Barker, care of D Kinsmen, an insane indigent, $62.50; F S Scott, care Brussels lockup, $20; for building Exeter lockup, as per motion of Dr Rollins, $200; John Ryan, $2; John Ainsley, $8.68; R M Racey, $2.

2. That no action be taken at present on request of Judge Doyle for carpet for his office.

3. That so soon as Dr Williams, police magistrate, pays to the county treasurer, according to the statutes of 1887, all fines inflicted and collected by him, then the treasurer pay him the amount of his account for six months' salary and expenses, $455.

4. That the account of A Govenlock, $7.15 for lumber, be not paid until certified to.

5. In regard to the accounts from the License Boards, and the suit entered therefor against the county, your committee recommend that when the License Commissioners for the three districts of the county, the Inspectors of the same and the Police Magistrate, render to the county treasurer acounts, in detail of all moneys collected under the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act, and pay over to the county treasurer all such sums to the satisfaction of the county solicitor, and the present action of the License Commissioners be withdrawn and the costs thereof paid by the plaintiff, then the county treasurer be authorized to pay the boards of License Commissioners for the county the amounts of their bills. That the adjustment of the accounts between the county and the three license boards be left in the hands of the county solicitors, and that Mr Garrow's letter submitted to the committee be printed in the minutes.

6. That as soon as a certificate of insanity be filed with the county clerk, the grant asked for by Dr Rollins for the care of Annie Morgan be allowed, but not paid in advance.

J. A. ROLLINS, Chairman.

REPORT OF JAIL AND COURT HOUSE COMMITTEE.

1. We have visited the jail and found everything clean and in good order. Fourteen prisoners are confined there—8 males and 6 females, of the former one is insane, 2 are vagrants, 1 a violator of the Scott Act, 2 for wife beating and the remaining one for abusive language. Of the 6 females, 4 are insane and the remaining 2 are vagrants.

2. In regard to the circular from the county of Welland, we understand that action has been taken by the Government upon the matters comp'ained of, and we therefore recommend no action now.

3. We recommend that the tender of J. T. Goldthorp for supplying wood be accepted, at $3 per cord, his being the lowest tender, the wood to pass the inspection of the County Clerk.

4. We recommend that the supplies asked for by the the jailer be provided, viz., 6 suits of men's clothing, 12 pairs brogans, 12 pairs blankets, and 12 coverlets. Also that the window sash be placed in the treasurer's and clerks offices, as requested by them.

WALTER OLIVER, Chairman.

REPORT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

We recommend.

1. That the report of the County engineer, be adopted, and printed in the minutes.

2. That iron bridges be built at Exeter and Fishers's, the former to have a six feet sidewalk, and a wooden superstructure at Belgrave; tenders for these to be submitted at January session of the council.

3. That the engineer, when taking tenders for county work, shall ask the assistance of the nearest reeve or deputy reeve to open the tenders.

WM. MILNE, Chairman.

$500 Reward

is offered, in good faith, by the manufacturers of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy for a case of catarrh which they cannot cure. It is mild, soothing and healing in its effects, and cures "cold in the head," catarrh deafness, throat ailments, and many other complications of this distressing disease. 50 cents, by druggists.

Benmiller.

TEAMEETING.—The teameeting in connection with Zion Methodist church, Colborne, will be held (D.V.) on Wednesday, December 21st, 1888, when addresses are expected from the following gentlemen:—Rev A McMillan, Auburn; Rev H Irvine, Nile; Rev T Gee, Auburn; Mr Manning, Clinton. Tea served from 5 to 7 p.m. Proceeds to be devoted towards building addition to parsonage. Music will be furnished by Bethel and Zion church choirs.

The attention of the Civil Service Commissioners has been called to a grave abuse that has crept into the system, in that residents of the District of Columbia by fraudulently claiming citizenship in the States whose quotas are not full, as is the case of the District, have wrongfully obtained appointments. When such persons can be identified they will be dismissed from office, and new regulations have been adopted that will prevent such shameless imposi-

OVER THE ROCKIES.

Across the Continent by the Canada Pacific Railway.

Leaving Goderich—Reinforced at Toronto—To the West—Over Muskeg, Prairie and Mountain Top—At Glacier House.

San Francisco, Nov 21st. 1887.

DEAR SIGNAL.—I will now fulfill my promise by sending you a few notes I took by the way, that may interest a few of your many readers. I shall not attempt to describe the C. P. R from end to end—it has been done so often that it is an old story now. I shall only describe a few places of note and give you a few incidents by the way or a few items that may give you some idea of the magnitude of the work and road, and of the difference in the climate of different places on the road at about the same time. We left Goderich at 7 o'clock a.m., on Nov. 5th, a mild and pleasant morning for the season, arrived at Toronto about 1 o'clock, and left Toronto by special train at eleven o'clock p.m., amid cheer after cheer by the assembled crowd. About fifty more joined our party at Toronto. We arrived at

NORTH BAY

at about 8 o'clock next (Sunday) morning. This is a divisional point on the C.P.R., and the junction of the Northern and Northwestern with the C.P.R. It has a population of about 1,000 and is pleasantly situated on north bank of Lake Nipissing, and is 228 miles north of Toronto. There is a steamer cruising on the lake between ports in the summer, but she is laid up now, and the lake is frozen for about forty yards out from shore. The lake is noted for its good fishing, and is becoming a favorite summer resort. But if the land that this road passes over is a fair sample of Muskoka District, we pity the poor settler there. Here we were joined by the excursionists from Montreal and other eastern points, which made our number about 120. After about an hour's delay we started again through a primitive forest—reserve of the Nipissing Indians. The timber is heavy in many places, and the country abounds with game. The next place of any importance is

SUDBURY JUNCTION.

Many rich mines of gold, silver, iron, lead and copper are found here, and a large crowd of miners were gathered at the station. It being Sunday it was a kind of holiday, but a little further on the sturdy farmers had forgotten about the day, and had horses hitched up drawing in their crop of grain on sleighs. There were about two inches of snow and most of the little lakes were frozen between here and Port Arthur. We arrived

AT PORT ARTHUR

at about 3 30 p.m. Here a very important change takes place, we have to put our watches back, and live one hour over again, and from here westward the 24 hour system is used, *i. e.*, instead of saying it is six o'clock in the evening you would say it is eighteen o'clock. This is a very important station on the C. P. R., it being their connecting point with their steamers on Lake Superior. The town is very prettily situated on the bay, which is a fine open harbor, and has in view the dark high cliffs of Thunder Cape which towers up almost perpendicularly for 1400 ft., and Pie Island. There are extensive docks and elevators here. The town has a population of about 5,000, has many fine substantial buildings, and is surmounted by a large number of valuable mines. Next comes

FORT WILLIAM,

the site of the oldest trading posts on Lake Superior. It is situated at the mouth of the Kaministiqua river. From here to the next 300 miles is barren rocky wilderness, anything more desolate would be hard to imagine. Then comes Rat Portage, a large town at the north end of the Lake of the Woods on a strip of land lying between that lake and a bay of Winnipeg river, where the scenery is enchanting—thousands of islands, quiet bays, falls and rapids, serve to make up a picture not easily forgotten. It is also the centre of a gold and silver mining district. There is likewise extensive saw mills here, the logs are floated down the lake and river. There are from forty to fifty millions of feet cut here annually. The next place of any importance is the magic

CITY OF WINNIPEG,

which has grown in a few years from a trading post of the Hudson Bay Company to a city of 30,000 inhabitants. But this place has been so often described I will say no more about it. About 60 miles further on is Portage La Prairie, a town of 4,000 inhabitants. Seventy miles further on is Brandon, with a population of 4,000. For the next 700 miles is one unbroken prairie without either tree or shrub. At many of the stopping places Indians gather around the passengers in large numbers and offer for sale buffalo horns and other relics of the past, and we see also many of the mounted police, some on duty, who examine all trains as they pass through to see that there is no whiskey on board. On the morning of the sixth day about daylight we reach Calgary, which now has a population of 2,000. Here we get the

FIRST PEEP OF THE ROCKIES

away in the distance with their peaks of snow. Calgary is very pleasantly situated near the junction of the Bow and Elbow river. It is the capital of Alberta, a post of the mounted police, and the head quarters of the grazing industry. About 20 miles from here is situated the celebrated Cochrane Ranch, in which you may see six thousand sheep in one flock. For the next 500 miles is one continued change which must be seen to be appreciated, for neither pen nor brush can ever paint or describe one-half of its glories—it is one ceaseless panorama which many of our travelling companions declared was worth our whole fare to see. I shall only attempt to describe a few of the points of interest which struck me most, and those but faintly. In ascending the mountains there are some of

THE MOST POWERFUL LOCOMOTIVES

used that are in the world. They have eight driving wheels and are monsters in size. The grade is in many places three on the hundred for miles. On the right and on the left hand the rocks raise up for thousands of feet above the track, and on the other hand you may look down and see Kicking Horse, the Thomson, or the Frazer rivers rushing, tumbling and leaping hundreds of feet below. Sometimes you are on trestle bridges perhaps a hundred feet or more in the air, then you are rushed through a tunnel darker than midnight. There are miles of tunnels cut through the mountains of solid rock. About sixty miles from Calgary we reach what is called

THE GAP,

Here the Bow river issues from the hills through a confined gap in the rock. A remarkable contrast in appearances is noticed between the two ranges which bound this long lateral valley stretching north and south from Canmore to the Gap, between the main range, and its outer lines of foot hills. On the left are fantastically broken and castellated heights. Massive snowclad promontories rising thousands of feet, penetrated by enormous alcoves, in which haze and shadow, of gorgeous coloring, lie engulfed. Mount Cascade is perhaps one of the most remarkable of those peaks. Approaching its perpendicular massive precipice front, streaked with a thousand colors, which glow in the sunshine, we half shrink from what seems an inevitable crash. From this precipice falls a narrow cascade making a leap of 1,900 feet. The next place is

BANFF,

Here the national park is situated, and the celebrated Hot Springs of Banff. This is where the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie spent part of last summer. It is a medicinal watering place and pleasure resort. The Park is a tract of many square miles, embracing every variety of scenery, charming and wonderful. In the lakes and rivers fish abound, and on the hills and in the forest roam deer, the mountain sheep and goats, The height above the level is about 4,500 feet. About forty miles further on we came to Mount Stephen, named after Sir George Stephen president of the road. The track here reaches the altitude of 5,290 feet and the mountain towers up 8,240 feet above this, making a total 13,530 feet. Here the train crosses

THE KICKING HORSE,

the river rushing underneath the railway through a deep and narrow gulch. Looking across the valley the eye can penetrate up a side gorge far into a marvellous view of snow-laden and glacier-studded peaks. The most prominent is Mount Field. This is one of the most memorable sights of the whole journey. After passing a short defile, Field station is reached, here the company keep an excellent dining room, fitted up in the most modern style with an excellent *menu*, served by accomodating waiters, and we were assured by

THE GENIAL CONDUCTOR

that he would not leave us, and to take our time, which we did and enjoyed a first class dinner away up in the Rookies. Ninety seven miles further on we halted for tea at another dining room kept by the Company. This place is called Glacier House, and, as its name implies, it faces an immense glacier or field of ice, and that is the crowning summit of the range, whose head is raised one mile and a quarter vertically above the track.

My dear SIGNAL, I did intend to have got as far as San Francisco in this letter, but I must now say adieu.

JOHN VARCOE.

To Cure a Corn.

There is no lack of so-called cures for the common ailment known as corns. The vegetable, animal, and mineral kingdoms have been ransacked for cures. It is a simple matter to remove corns without pain, for if you will go to any druggist or medicine dealer and buy a bottle of Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor and apply it as directed the thing is done. Get "Putnam's" and no other.

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Swallowed oft with groans and tears,
How it made the flesh recoil,
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All the shuddering frame revolts
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