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### NEWS ABOUT HOME.

**"A chief's among ye, takin' notes, An' faith he'll be a great one."**

#### TOWN TOPICS.

Everybody is talking about Forbes. There was no mail north on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.

In Town.—Mr. Geo. McKenzie, of Wingham, formerly of Goderich, was in town last week. He looks well.

Mr. J. McCullough, of Goderich, took second prize at the Dunganon skating carnival on Tuesday last, as a Dutchman.

A convention of the Class Leaders and Local Preachers of the Goderich District Methodist Church of Canada will be held in Clinton about the last week in February.

The Rev. William Bryers of Wingham will preach in the Methodist Church, North St., on Sunday next, as Dr. Williams will be at St. Thomas, where he holds Anniversary services among his former friends.

NETS LOST.—On Monday last the wind blew off the harbor, and a large number of nets used by fishermen in catching herring, were carried out into the lake with broken ice. The loss amounted to some \$200.

FOR THE OLD COUNTRY.—Mrs. W. T. Hays, left this week for England, accompanied by her brother-in-law, Mr. John Hays, of Rodgerville. She will return in about three months time. Her many friends in Huron wish her a safe voyage.

"THE STORY OF THE BIBLE"—is the subject of Mitchell, is now canvassing Goderich for this interesting work. The Bible story is told in single language, and the book is one that would prove interesting to both old and young. It is worthy of a place in every family.

NOTARY PUBLIC.—In the issue of the *Manitoba Gazette*, dated Jan. 10th, we observe the following notice: "His Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment: To be Notary Public, Eugene DeBeaver Carey, of the city of Winnipeg, Barrister-at-law."

From the Postmaster-General's reports it is learned that, of the estimated 2,040,000 registered letters passing annually through the post office of Canada, only seventy were misdirected. The number of ordinary letters, circulars and post cards sent to the Dead Letter Office during the year was 511,470. Of this amount 9,132 were registered letters.

SNOW BLOCKADE.—Since our last issue we have had several heavy snow falls. On Saturday 13 inches fell, and the train due here at 3:14 did not arrive until after eight o'clock. On Wednesday evening the train was also delayed until about seven p. m. The snow fall of 1880-1 has so far been much above the average. Thus, &c.

LEGAL EXAMINATIONS.—We are pleased to learn that three Goderich students passed creditably at the recent Hilary term in Toronto; for the second intermediate, Messrs Loftus E. Dancy and W. F. Williams, were the successful competitors. For the first intermediate, Mr. W. Dickson. We congratulate the students on their success, and wish them similar results in the future.

The Directors of the Goderich Mechanics' Institute at their last meeting passed a resolution tendering the freedom of the library and reading room to the County Councillors while in town attending the sittings of Council. This is certainly a very kind and considerate offer on the part of the Institute folks and will, no doubt, be duly appreciated by the county fathers, but we are disposed to think the freedom of the curling rink would be more generally availed of.—[Expositor.]

THE ARRESTS.—The Toronto *Globe* says: The Court sat on Saturday, Chief Justice Wilson on the Bench. The case of Walker v. Pambert was tried. The action was on two promissory notes given by defendants to their uncle Samuel Naylor, deceased. The action was brought by Hiram Walker, an executor of the estate. The defendants produced letters, written by Samuel Naylor, showing his intention to allow the amount of the notes to go to his nephews in place of a bequest. Verdict for defendants. Mr. Bethune and Mr. S. Smith, of Port Hope, for plaintiffs; Mr. T. Ferguson and Mr. P. Holt, of Goderich, for defendants.

CARNIVAL.—The turn-out at the Carnival in the Skating Rink, on Friday evening, was very large. There were a very fine costume, but the greater part of the characters were comic. Miss E. McDermott, as a "Squaw," won the prize for best dressed lady. Mr. S. Reid was successful, as a "Terk," in winning the gent's prize. Mr. J. McCullough took the comic prize as a "Dutchman," his make-up being very funny. Owing to the neglect of many of the masqueraders to hand in their names and characters at the door, we are able to give only a few of the names, as follows: "Gipsy Queen," Ida Wilkinson; "Snow Storm," Maggie Robinson; "French Cook," Fanny Rutton; "Gipsy Girl," Annie Campbell; "Queen of Night," Miss Jennie Cook; "Nun," Miss A. Cook; "Sausage Woman," Nellie Vanderlip; "Texas Jack," A. Gooding; "A Brigand," R. Fraser; "A Sailor," W. Harris; "Two French Gentlemen," W. J. Thomas and J. A. Miller; "Soldier," Loftus Dancy; "Sailor," J. W. Small; and many others. This (Friday) evening a go-as-you-please race, for 40 minutes, takes place in the rink.

### S. S. ANNIVERSARY.

The Methodist Church of Canada Sunday School has a Celebration.

The Methodist Church has a very pleasant custom of yearly celebrating the anniversary of the Sunday School. Teachers and children are thus brought directly before the parents' notice, and an interest in the Sunday School is awakened that does not quickly die out.

While perhaps not the largest in town, the North St. Methodist Church Sunday School, under the very able management of its Superintendent, Mr. E. F. Moore, has grown to be one of the best regulated and most efficient schools in the county.

On Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Williams, pastor of North St. Church, (and who teaches a bible class in the school), preached a very interesting sermon to the children from the text, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." On Monday evening the church was filled to listen to recitations, readings, choruses, etc., from the children; brief addresses from S. S. workers. The galleries and the organ had been nicely decorated with festoons of evergreens, and the latter bore the sentiment, "Welcome to our Anniversary." The platform was adorned with beautiful vases of dried grasses and flowers.

Dr. Williams occupied the chair and gave a very pointed address to the children. The Secretary's report was read, and showed that the number of scholars on the roll was 203, with an average attendance of 165, and 32 officers and teachers. The average number of visitors, 15; average collection \$1.26. The receipts of the school during the year were \$120.47 and now at its close, after having paid off an old debt of \$64, there is a balance due the treasurer of \$3.37. The officers of the school for the current year are: E. F. Moore, superintendent; primary superintendent, Miss Jamieson; librarian, C. Newton; chorister, B. Armstrong; organist, Miss Williams; secretary, R. E. Thompson; treasurer, W. R. Robertson.

The following very ample programme was then rendered, "The Voice of the Clock" being particularly well received, while most of the pieces were worthy of any occasion:

Opening Chorus—Bless us children now.  
Chorus—Light along the shore.  
Chorus—I am Jesus' Little Lamb—Infant Class.  
Recitation—Future Home—Willie Passmore.  
Reading—The Fairies—Miss R. Halverson.  
Recitation—The Song of Steam—Albert Humber.  
Duet and Chorus—Ring the Glad Bells—Misses Palmer and Stott.  
The Voice of the Clock—by 12 junior scholars.  
Recitation—Saints Chorus (by request)—Miss C. Stott.  
Chorus—We're a happy pilgrim band—Infant class.  
Recitation—A Little Girl's Rhyme—Miss Aggie Moore.  
Reading—The River Path—Miss Nellie Aikin.  
Dialog—Honor and Shame—Misses Cook, Solo and Chorus—City like a Bride—Miss Recitation—A Little Girl's Thoughts—Miss Helen McKnight.  
Reading—Gabriel's Trumpet—Miss Lizzie Proctor.  
Recitation—The Poor Family—Miss Helena Chorus—Gospel Bells.  
Reading—Herman the Hypocrite—Miss Francis McKnight.  
Recitation—The Brave Fireman—Frank Noble.  
Reading—Jack's Messenger—Miss Nellie Solo and Chorus—Resolution Angels—Misses Mellish and Williams.  
Recitation—Perseverance—Miss Jennie Solo.  
Reading—The Church and the World—Miss Maggie Robinson.  
Reading—Hold your head up like a Man—Joseph Edwards.  
Recitation—Boys let's stand Firm—Geo. Price.  
Recitation by Miss Nellie Reid.  
Solo and Chorus—Out of the Ark—Miss Carrie Williams.  
Chorus—Gathering Sheaves.  
Collection.

During the evening addresses were delivered by Messrs. T. McGillicuddy, J. Mitchell and Geo. Acheson, all of whom expressed themselves much pleased with the apparent condition of the school.

The proceeds of the anniversary amounted to the splendid sum of \$52.

### Meteorological Report.

Report of the weather for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 23d.

Jan. 16th.—Wind at 10 p. m. North-west, light, cloudy. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 129. 3 inches of snow fell during the day—sun dog at 8 a. m.

Jan. 17th.—Wind at 10 p. m., North-west, light, c. ear. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 424. 2 inches of snow fell during the day.

Jan. 18th.—Wind at 10 p. m. East, light air, partly clear. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 147 miles.

Jan. 19th.—Wind at 10 p. m. South-east, light, clear. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 130 miles.

Jan. 20th.—Wind at 10 p. m. East, light, clear. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 190 miles.

Jan. 21st.—Wind at 10 p. m. North-east, light. Snowing, began to snow at 11 a. m. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 410.

Jan. 22nd.—Wind at 10 p. m. North-east, light, cloudy. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 220 miles. Ceased snowing at 7.30 p. m., 13 inches fell.

G. N. MACDONALD, Observer, Goderich, Jan. 24th, 1881.

### THE COURTS.

#### County Judge's Criminal Court.

Before His Honor Judge Squier.

January 26, 1881.

LARCENY.—John Burke and Anthony Cunningham were both sentenced to one month in gaol. Prisoners were charged with stealing clothing, etc., in Wrexeter.

John Teriff, charged with larceny of goods at Exeter, appeared on Thursday morning for sentence; but upon an intimation from the Crown Attorney that other charges were pending, prisoner was remanded for a week.

#### General Sessions.

The General Sessions again met on January 25th. George Newton and Peter Bain, not being qualified as constables, were struck off. John C. Cooper, having left the County was also struck off. Richard Adams' resignation was accepted.

After the transaction of some formal business the Court adjourned until the 22nd February.

#### LOOKING UP WITNESSES.

There must be considerable new evidence forthcoming for the Donnelly murder trials, which commenced in London on Monday, as Constable Gill says he has several subpoenas for witnesses in this county. It will be interesting to hear what they know about the tragedy.

### OUR TOWN FATHERS.

What They Did, and How They Did it.

The Working Committee for the Year—Appointment of the New Town Clerk.

Jan. 21st.

Council assembled, the Mayor in the chair. Present—the Reeve, 1st and 2d Deputy, and Councillors McKenzie, Danby, Humber, Edwards, Campion, Lee, Cameron, Williams, Dunsford, Swanson, Sloane, Jordan.

The minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved.

Report of Special Committee to strike Standing Committees:—

Your committee to which was referred the recommending of Standing Committees, beg to report as follows:—

FINANCE.—Hutchison, Dunsford, Campbell, McKenzie and Jordan, Mr. Campbell, chairman.

COURT OF REVISION.—The Mayor, Campion, Cameron, Johnston, and Williams. The Mayor, chairman.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HARBOUR.—Humber, Swanson, Sloane, Dancy, Dunsford, McKenzie and Lee. Mr. Humber, chairman.

MARKET.—Johnston, Swanson, Dancy, Hutchison, Edward. Mr. Johnston, chairman.

FIRE.—Dancy, Hutchison, Cameron, Dunsford, Jordan. Mr. Dancy, chairman.

RELIEF.—The Mayor, Sloane, Williams, Humber, Swanson. The Mayor, chairman.

HEALTH.—Jordan, McKenzie, Edward, Williams, Lee, and all licensed medical men and druggists. Mr. Jordan, chairman.

CEMETERY.—Sloane, Edward, Lee, Humber, Campbell. Mr. Sloane, chairman.

PRINTING, STATIONERY AND SUPPLIES.—Johnston, Campion, Campbell, Williams, Hutchison. Mr. Johnston, chairman.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—The Mayor, Dancy, Jordan, Lee, Campbell, Williams, Hutchison. Mr. Hutchison, chairman.

The Mayor to be ex officio a member of all committees on which he is not named.

M. HUTCHISON, Chairman.

The above report was, on motion, adopted.

The report of the Finance committee, recommending the payment of the following accounts was received:—John H. Edwards, \$3.75; D. O. Strachan, \$19.60; C. A. Nairn, \$27.45; Hart & Rawlinson, \$3.88; E. Graham, \$1.51; Star office, \$1.25; F. R. Mann, \$3; John Bates, \$1; John Hillier, \$1.37; Thos. Whitley, \$2.25; Thos. F. McLean, \$1; Jas. A. McInosh, \$1.25; Geo. Cathcart, \$7.50; John Pharis, \$1.50; H. Parsons, \$3.84; Elijah Moore, \$45.57.

The report was, on motion adopted.

Application for town clerkship were received from T. H. Rathwell, W. T. Whitley, James Tisdale and E. Woodcock.

A petition was presented from Mrs. Aldworth, praying the Council to reconsider their former decision and remit taxes. Yes—Hutchison, McKenzie, Dancy, Humber, Edward, Lee, Dunsford, Sloane, Campbell, Nay, Johnston, Campion, Cameron, Williams, Swanson. The amendment was declared carried.

The Town Clerk tendered his resignation, and requested to be relieved from office on the first of March next.

Moved by Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Jordan, that the resignation of Mr. James Thomson, Town Clerk, be accepted, to take effect on the 1st of March next.—Carried.

By-law No. 1, of 1881, was then read, appointing a Clerk and stating his salary, also for the fixing of the salary of the auditors a first and second time, when the Council went into Committee of the Whole. Mr. Johnston in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Sloane, seconded by Mr. Williams, that Mr. E. F. Moore, be Clerk, and that his salary be at the rate of \$300 per annum.

In amendment, Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Dunsford, moved T. H. Rathwell.

There voted Yes—McKenzie, Edward, Swanson, Cameron, Dunsford—(6). Nay—Hutchison, Dancy, Humber, Campion, Lee, Williams, Sloane, Jordan, Campbell, Horton—(10). Amendment lost.

In further amendment by Mr. Edward, seconded by Dancy, that W. T. Whitley be clerk.

Yes—McKenzie, Dancy, Edward, Horton—(4). Nay—Hutchison, Humber, Campion, Lee, Cameron, Williams, Dunsford, Swanson, Sloane, Jordan, Campbell—(11). Amendment lost.

In further amendment by Humber, seconded by Edward that E. Woodcock be clerk.

Yes—McKenzie, Dancy, Humber, Edward, Horton—(5). Nay—Hutchison, Campion, Lee, Cameron, Williams, Dunsford, Swanson, Sloane, Jordan, Campbell—(10). Amendment lost.

The main motion was then put and carried on the following division.

Yes—Hutchison, Dancy, Humber, Campion, Lee, Cameron, Williams, Dunsford, Swanson, Sloane, Jordan.

### CAMPBELL, HORTON.—(12.) Nay—McKenzie, Edward.

The blank in the by-law was then filled in with the name of E. F. Moore as clerk; salary at the rate of \$300 per annum.

Moved by Mr. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. Dancy that the auditors receive \$15.00 each.—Carried.

The committee rose the Mayor resumed the chair when the rule 34 having been suspended the By-Law was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Swanson, that the question of revising the market By-law be referred to the market committee, they to arrange in the meantime after the present lease has expired, for the attendance of some one at the market, but only to collect fees for weighing, and for measuring wood, until the Council meet and adopt an amendment By-Law.—Carried.

Mr. Johnston called the attention of the Council to the case of D. Buchanan who through an error of the assessors paid taxes several years on a wrong lot while his own was put on the non-resident list, amount \$12.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Jordan that a committee consisting of Messrs. Campion, Williams and Dunsford, be appointed to endeavor to arrange the matter of said taxes, Buchanan and G. H. Parsons, who has received the benefit of said payment.—Carried.

Mr. Hutchison called the attention of the street inspector to the difficulty of finding the water tanks in case of a fire, also for a report as to the depth of water in each.

Mr. Cameron gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council move to declare the office of assessor vacant.

The Council then adjourned till the call of the Mayor.

### PORT ALBERT R. R. SCHEME.

What was said about the Railway—The Improvement of the Harbor a Necessity.

Reported for The Signal.

A large and enthusiastic gathering of the residents of Port Albert and vicinity was held in Delong's Hall on Wednesday evening, January 19th, to discuss the feasibility of a struggling village. Other points at that point; also to consider the advisability of memorializing the Dominion Government about the harbor improvement.

On motion, Mr. Joseph Griffin, Deputy Reeve of Ashfield, was appointed chairman, and he, after explaining the objects of the meeting, called upon the first speaker to address the gathering.

Mr. John H. Courtney, on coming forward to move the resolution favoring the construction of a railway to Port Albert, was loudly applauded. The speaker stated that the resolution was sufficiently explicit to be understood by every one in the meeting, and he would not, therefore, detain them with a long speech. He referred to the magnificent water privileges of Port Albert, and remarked that all that was wanted to bring prosperity to Port Albert was a railway. Railways brought in their wake, workshops and factories, and built up trade, and if a line was brought to Port Albert it would ere long be a flourishing town with a struggling village. Other localities had abandoned railways, and he had yet to learn of a place that had not been repaid over and over again for its investment. Ashfield had at present no market town, and the inhabitants were compelled to drive many miles to procure the standard price for their produce. In conclusion he hoped as many as possible would by voice and vote endorse the present agitation.

Mr. Jas. Mahaffy, who seconded the resolution, said they did not purpose designating the route of the proposed railway to-night, but at present the most feasible line appeared to be from Wingham, via Dunganon to Port Albert. The line was built there would be two good market towns, namely Dunganon and Port Albert in the municipality. Farmers, he considered, did not place sufficient stress upon the time lost in bringing their produce to market or they would be alive to their interests in getting railroad facilities. As he would, in all probability, speak again before the meeting was over he would for the present withdraw.

Mr. Thos. Harris was in favor of the project and would vote for a bonus.

Mr. J. J. Wright, of the "Point Farm," spoke of the benefits of the railway system to the country at large. Other localities had bonused railways in the past, and if they were asked to relinquish the privileges they now enjoyed, and receive back the bonuses, they would not do so. After referring to the progress of Toronto, St. Thomas and other points, through the means of improved railway facilities, the speaker stated that, to be without a railroad was to be behind the age. He gave statistics regarding the construction of the original G. T. R., the G. W. R., the Canada Southern and other lines, and stated that a line through Ashfield could now be built much more cheaply than any of these mentioned. Besides, when we looked the matter squarely in the face and observed the difficulties in the way, there was after all a certain degree of pleasure in making crooked places straight and rough places smooth. After paying a glowing tribute to the natural advantages possessed by Port Albert, and drawing a bright picture of the future of the place under railway auspices, the speaker resumed his seat amid loud applause.

Mr. John Runciman, of Dunganon, spoke of the harbor advantages possessed

### by Port Albert and also alluded to the magnificent milling privileges afforded by the Nine Mile River. By the geological survey it had been shown that the soil of Ashfield was not only of a high order for agricultural purposes, but also for the manufacture of Roman cement. Besides, a mine of wealth lay beneath our feet in the shape of salt, which improved shipping facilities would enable us to manufacture. A road through the township of Ashfield could be built cheaply, as the engineering difficulties were not great.

Messrs. Bowers, of Dunganon, Saunby and Dishar endorsed the scheme.

Mr. Geo. Hawkins then appeared on the platform with a barrel upon which was a diagram of Ashfield and neighboring townships. He favored connection with the G. W. R., at Lucknow, as the road would be short and no engineering difficulties would thereby have to be surmounted, as would be the case in the event of forming connection with the main line at Wingham.

Mr. Thos. Whittaker believed a line to Wingham would cost three times as much as one to Lucknow, and endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker, so far as the shorter route was concerned. Dunganon, however, must be on the line, and he favored the building of a line from Port Albert to Dunganon, via Glen's Hill to Lucknow. At Glen's Hill would be the only engineering difficulty, but even it could be easily surmounted if we put our shoulder to the wheel in earnest. He was an old railway man and knew what it was to overcome difficulties.

Mr. D. McGillicuddy, of Goderich, was the next speaker, and alluded to the benefits which railways in general brought to enterprising places. He had the meeting before of having anything to do with a narrow gauge railway. There was a doubt in his mind as to the possibility of forming a connection at Wingham; nevertheless, he hoped the most sanguine hopes of the promoters of the present agitation would be realized, if Port Albert and the country around would derive benefits so great as had been stated by previous speakers. He advocated the bringing of a competing line with the G. T. R. from the C. W. R. at Brucefield or Exeter, on to Bayfield and through Goderich, with Port Albert for a terminus. Such a line would give direct communication with the County town, and be found to be much in the interest of every resident of this section.

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jas. Mahaffy introduced a resolution, memorializing the Dominion Government to build commercial docks at Port Albert and otherwise improve the harbor, so that vessels of average tonnage could ply trade at this place in a clear and forcible manner he showed the benefits that would accrue to the village, and cited extracts from business letters to prove his contention. If we had good railway and harbor accommodation a good business could be done in the export of telegraph poles, lumber, cement, and the salt interest which undoubtedly existed in this section.

Last year he had shipped a cargo of lumber to Detroit, and had lost \$1 per hundred on the lot. Had there been good shipping facilities this would not have occurred. There was every likelihood of the North-West being opened up, and as that district would have to be supplied with machinery, &c. from Ontario, it was high time that Port Albert bestirred itself so that it might obtain its share of that trade. If the G. T. R. took hold of the T. G. & B., and widened the gauge, it would be necessary for the Company to have a lake port, and if Government aid for the construction of commercial docks at Port Albert could be obtained we could offer the G. T. R. what they would esteem of more value than even a bonus—a good harbor. However, as he had before remarked, he was not wedded to any particular line; all he wanted was to have a railway reach Port Albert. He was sorry that more Dunganon people were not present at this meeting, but he hoped they were with Port Albert on the harbor question as Port Albert was with Dunganon on the question of a railway. (Loud applause.)

A. C. Hawkins seconded the resolution, and endorsed the opinions of previous speakers in favor of the road.

Mr. Quaid said some little assistance had formerly been given by the Government but more was needed, as Government aid under existing circumstances was a necessity. He coincided with the remarks of gentlemen who had preceded him on the railway question.

A committee was then appointed to attend to both the harbor and railway question, and after the customary vote of thanks the meeting was brought to a close.

The Hanlan-Laycock race has been definitely postponed until the 14th of next month.

Huge icicles on many buildings threaten to descend at any moment and crack the skulls of passer-by. Look out for them. If there are any on your own building, get a pole and go for them.

The failure of last year's harvest in Russia has prevented the peasants from buying cloth to the usual amount, and many of the cotton mills are closing down or running on short time. One St. Petersburg manufacturer dismissed 1,500 employes at a stroke.

#### New Advertisements.

Doors—F. Smith  
Wanted—Mrs. W. Kay  
Leisure—Archibald Forbes.  
Sale of Root Docks—Garrow & Prouce.