LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1880.

A DEPUTATION from the municipalities along the line of the Wellington & Georgian Bay division, including Maryborough and Peel, waited on the Attorney-General the other day, asking Government aid for the road. They got it—not the aid exactly, but—Mowat's "best consideration."

A TELEGRAM from Toronto brings the intelligence that the Legislative Railway Committee on Wednesday morning threw out the Bill asking for a charter to the Grand Ontario Central Railway, for which our Member for North Perth stood sponser. And is this the reward for faithful service which Mr. Hay receives from his friends? Verily a Tory Oppositionist could not have done less for us with that Government whose legislative powers seem solely directed to promote the interests of the selfish city of Toronto.

PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES.

The following is a summary of the estimated expenditures of the Province of Ontario for the financial year ending 31st December, 1880.

Civil Government	$ 175,278 00
Legislation	108,800 00
Administration of Justice	287,600 00
Education	496,980 00
Public Institutions' maintenance	498,027 00
Immigration	49,950 00
Agr'l and Arts, Literary and Scientific Institutions	109,600 00
Hospitals and Charities	72,232 63
Miscellaneous Expenditures	37,182 50
Public Buildings	157,550 76
Public Works	32,900 00
Colonization Roads	95,250 00
Charges on Crown Lands	73,000 00
Unforeseen and Unprovided	50,000 00
To cover sundry unforeseen expenditures of 1879	105,187 92
Total	$2,349,538 81

GRAND CONSERVATIVE VICTORY.

Dr. Bergin Elected by a Majority of 180.

Cornwall, Jan. 27.—The Conservatives are in great glee to-night on account of the result of the election in this constituency, Dr. Bergin having been returned by the large majority of 180. On account of the closeness of the contest at the late general elections, Dr. Bergin's majority being only 38, the Grits were very confident of carrying the constituency, and openly boasted that the Grit candidate would be elected by a large majority. The leading Grit papers also "blew their horns" as loud as possible and were confident of victory. The result of the election to-day is considered as another evidence of the popularity of the National Policy, and shows that it will be many a long day before the "mixer and muddler" crew will have charge of the Government ship.

THE STORMONT ELECTION.

Mr. Kerr, Conservative, Returned by 108 Majority.

Cornwall, Jan. 23.—The election of a representative to fill the vacancy caused by the unseating of Mr. Joseph Kerr, the Conservative *M. P. P.* for Stormont, was held to-day, and proved a great victory for that gentleman, who was again a candidate. He was only returned by 36 majority in June last, while to-day he was elected by 108. The majorities are as follows:—Township of Roxburgh, maj. for McNaughton, 51; township of Finch, maj. for *McNaughton*, 77; township of Osnabruck, maj. for Kerr, 236, making Kerr's majority over all, 108.

Mail:—The time bill of the Local Legislature up to this morning (Tuesday) stands as follows:—Mr. Speaker is supposed to take the chair at 3 o'clock. In night sessions there is an intermission from six to half-past seven, but we let that go also:—

Hour of Adjournment.	*Time h. m.*
8th 4.00	1.00
9th 4.40	1.40
10th ..... *Dies Non*	
11th ..... do	
12th 3.20	20
13th 3.50	50
14th 5.00	2.00
15th 4.15	1.15
16th 4.20	1.20
17th ..... *Dies non*	
18th ..... do	
19th 4.10	1.10
20th 5.10	2.10
21st 10.30	7.30
22nd 6.40	3.40
23rd 5.00	2.00
24th ..... *Dies non*	
25th	

In other words, our excellent representatives have toiled just 25 hours in the 14 working days they have been in session. A session of ten weeks, or 70 days, including Saturdays and Sundays, costs, with the indemnity at $600, about $110,000; so that the running expenses for the past 18 days will exceed $28,000; hence the 25 hours' legislation has cost $1,120 an hour—a pretty steep bill as times go.

DIVISION COURTS.

It strikes us that Mr. Mowat would act prudently in instituting an inquiry into the working of the Division Courts, before proceeding with legislation to extend their jurisdiction. In the "speech from the throne" it seemed to be assumed that an extension of their jurisdiction was generally desired, and that the general opinion was they had worked admirably. Since the matter was formally broached, however, there has been an eruption of letters in the press from people who apparently know what they are talking about, which shows that there are possibly two sides to the question. The general public know very little about the working of Division Courts. The smallness of the sums with which they deal deprives their proceedings of the public interest which attaches to the proceedings of other Courts; the press does not report what goes on in them, at least not in length. They have not been under the public gaze to any great extent, and but little criticism has been bestowed upon them. The defendants in causes tried before them are, for the most part, poor men who have not the means of making a noise publicly if they are unjustly treated, and as no appeal from their decisions is allowed, the cases settled in them speedily sink out of sight. The object of these courts is the speedy recovery of small debts without expensive litigation. But is it true that they are cheap courts? There are those who affirm that they are not, and who insist that there are abuses connected with them which ought to be corrected. Possibly there is no ground for these accusations, but the public curiosity at least has been piqued by the charges made, and it would be well to have them cleared up. It would, in short, be well to have the whole working of these Courts inquired into before enlarging their powers.—*Spectator.*

A number of petitions are being received from cities, towns and townships throughout the country, praying that the Legislature may take some action with regard to the health movement recently started. These petitions come in response to a circular sent from Toronto a short time ago. The chief object of the agitation is to have cognizance taken of the health and life of the people of the Province, chiefly by educating them in various ways on subjects of health. The petitions bear the signatures of a number of influential people, including Reeves, Deputy Reeves, Wardens, &c.

PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Valentine Kertcher elected Warden for 1880.

The reeves and deputy-reeves of the municipalities comprising the County of Perth met at the Court House, Stratford, on Tuesday last, at 2 p. m., and answered to their names, as follows: North Easthope, Jas. Trow, M. P., reeve; Jno. McMillan, Deputy-Reeve. South Easthope, Jno. Schaefer, reeve. Downie, Jacob Brunner, reeve; Thos. Steele, deputy-reeve; Blanshard, A. M. Driver, reeve; W. F. Sanderson, deputy-reeve. Fullarton, Geo. Leversage, reeve; Richard Francis, deputy-reeve. Hibbert, Robert Gardiner, reeve; Jno. Burns, deputy-reeve. Logan, Tom Coveney, reeve; Geo. Rock, deputy-reeve. Ellice, Jas. Bennoch, reeve; Henry Vogt, deputy-reeve. Mornington, V. Kertcher, reeve; W. B. Freeborn, deputy-reeve. Elma, Thos. J. Knox, reeve; Wm. Lochead, deputy-reeve. Wallace, Jno. McDermott, reeve; Alex. Kennedy, deputy-reeve. Stratford, A. W. Robb, reeve; David Scrimgeour, 1st deputy-reeve; Jno. C. Monteith, 2nd deputy; Jno. Brown, 3rd deputy. Listowel, Thos. E. Hay, reeve; J. A. Hacking, deputy-reeve. Mitchell, Jas. Sills, reeve; Thos. McDonald, deputy.

THE WARDENSHIP.

The Clerk, Mr. Davidson, took the chair and opened the proceedings by asking the Council to choose from as chairman during the year 1880. The following names were proposed:

among their number a gentleman to sit

Candidate.	Proposed by	Seconded by
Driver	Francis	Leversage
Sills	Hacking	McDonald
Leversage	Coveney	Driver
Brunner	Robb	Steele
Kertcher	Hay	Schaefer
Hay	Hacking	Sills
Trow	McMillan	Gardiner
Gardiner	Trow	Burns
McDermott	Kennedy	Sills.

The first vote stood:—Kertcher—Hack-Hay, Schaefer, Freeborn, Lochhead, Rock—6. Brunner—Robb, Monteith Bennoch, Vogt, Steele—5. Driver—Francis, Laversage, Brunner, Sanderson—4. McDermott—Scrimgeour, Knox, Kennedy—3. Trow—McMillan, Gardiner, Kertcher—3. Leversage—Coveney, Driver, *McDermott*—3. Sills—McDonald—1.

The candidates were then pitted against each other with the following result:—

1st vote—Kertcher, 23; Sills, 9.
2nd vote—Leversage, 15; Kertcher, 14.
3rd vote—Leversage, 18; Trow, 11.
4th vote—McDermott, 15; Leversage, 14.
5th vote—Gardiner, 16; McDermott, 13.
6th vote—Gardiner, 16; Driver, 13.
7th vote—Brunner, 16; Gardiner, 15.

Mr. Kertcher was then placed in nomination against Mr. Brunner with the following result:

Kertcher, 15; Brunner, 14.

A hitch arose—some of the members claiming that Kertcher was elected Warden, whilst others insisted that he should be voted on as against Mr. Leversage. This opinion prevailed and the vote stood:

Leversage, 15; Kertcher, 14.

Messrs. Gardiner and Leversage were then put through the mill as follows:

Gardiner, 16; Leversage, 13.

This vote mixed matters still worse, and the only way the Council could get out of the difficulty was by placing Mr. Gardiner against Mr. Brunner, which was done with the following result:

Brunner, 15; Gardiner, 12.

This caused another "mix" and a demand was made for a vote between *Mr.* Kertcher and *Mr.* Brunner, which tallied:

Kertcher, 15; Brunner, 14.

The result occasioned another turn of the wheel, Mr. Driver having to be placed against Mr. Kertcher, and the Mornington king headed the poll with a vote of:

Kertcher, 16; Driver, 10.

This did not satisfy the board and Mr. Burns demanded that *Mr.* Kertcher be pitted against Mr. Gardiner and the vote stood:—

Kertcher, 17; Gardiner, 12.

This vote did not help the matter, and a vote was demanded between Kertcher and Leversage, which resulted:—

Kertcher—Trow, Schaefer, Gardiner, Leversage, Scrimgeour, Brown, Knox, Lochhead, Rock, Vogt, Sills, Kenndy, McDermott, Hacking, Hay—16.

Leversage—McMillan, Burns, Francis, Kertcher, Robb, Monteith, Coveney, Bennoch, Steele, Brunner, Driver, Sanderson, McDonald—13.

Mr. Kertcher having obtained a majority against each of the other candidates, was declared Warden, and having subscribed to the necessary oath he took the chair.

The Warden, elect addressed the council and thanked them for the honorable positition they had placed him in. He could say that it was unexpected and unsolicited on his part. He believed that he was the first German that had been chosen for the position of Warden in the County of Perth. He would endeavor to discharge the duties of his office fairly and impartially and to the best of his abiliy. (Applause.)

THE GOAL SURGEON.

Moved by Mr. Trow, seconded by Mr. Sanderson, that Dr. Shaver be gaol surgeon.

Dr. Robinson was proposed for the position by Mr. Robb, seconded by Mr. McMillan.

Mr. Trow said he was very conservative in the matter of appointing officials. He thought we should have a reliable man—a man of ability and respectability for the position of goal surgeon, and he believed Dr. Shaver was that kind of an official.

Mr. Robb took exception at Mr. Trow's remarks. He had insinuated that Dr. Robertson was not a reliable man, and he did not think that Mr. Trow had any reason to make such an assertion. Dr. Shaver had occupied the position for 17 years, and he thought the office should go around.

The vote stood—*Dr. Shaver*—Trow Gardiner, Francis, Leversage, Freeborn, Scrimgeour, Monteith, Brown, Burns, Knox, Steele, Driver, Sanderson, Sills, McDermott, Schaefer, Kennedy, Hay—18. *Dr Robertson*—McMillan, Robb, Lochhead, Rock, Coveney, Bennoch, Vogt, Brunner, McDonald, Hacking—10.

Dr. Shaver was declared elected.

Mr. Robb asked if he had the privilege of moving an amendment to the by-law when it came up, for the appointment of officers, and was answered in the affirmative.

OTHER OFFICIALS.

William Davidson was re-appointed Clerk; Andrew Monteith re-appointed Treasurer, and W. A. Higgs, messenger. George McKee was elected Auditor, and the Warden appointed David Scott the other Auditor.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The following gentlemen were appointed a special Committee to draft standing Committees for the current year, viz: Messrs. Leversage, Trow, Gardiner, Robb and McDermott.

HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

John Read and William Roberts were proposed as High School Trustee for Stratford. The vote stood 13 each, and the Warden gave the casting vote in favor of *Mr.* Roberts.

The Council then adjourned till Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

WARDENS ELECTED.

Middlesex, John Morgan, Reeve of Adelaide.
Picton, Levi Williams, Reeve of North Marysburg.
Norfolk, Thomas W. Walsh, Reeve of Simcoe.
Simcoe, C. Cook, Reeve of Tecumseh.
Welland, George J. Duncan, Reeve of Stamford.
Lambton, Robert Campbell, Reeve of Watford.
Halton, John Ramsay.
Oxford, A. L. Wilcox, Reeve of South Norwich.
Grey, Finlay McRae.
Elgin, Jas. Martin, Reeve of Yarmouth.
Renfrew, John Smith, Reeve of Renfrew.
Lennox & Addington, Elijah Storr.
Hastings, Harford Ashley, Reeve of Thurlow.
Lincoln, John H. Grout, of Grimsby.
Peterboro, John Burnham, M. P. re-elected, fourth year.
Waterloo, R. Jaffray, Reeve of Galt.
Haldimand, A. A. Davis, Reeve of Seneca.
Peel, Alex. McLaren, of Caledon.
Brant, Thos. O'Neal.
Haliburton, Wm. Gainer.
York, Joseph Stokes.
Bruce, Robt. Purvis, Reeve of Kinloss.
Kent, Dr. Smith, Reeve of Ridgetown.
Wellington, John Prain, Reeve of Minto.
Essex, Wm. McCain, of Gosfield.
Ontario, Jas. McPherson, Reeve of Rama.
Wentworth, Thos. Stock, Reeve of East Flamboro.

RELIEF FOR IRELAND.

Guelph, Jan. 28.—A well attended meeting of ratepayers was held in the City Hall to-night to discuss the situation in Ireland, Mayor Sleeman in the chair. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Peter O'Leary, late from Ireland, who gave a harrowing tale of the woe that now prevails. Addresses were also given by several prominent citizens and a number of resolutions passed unanimously, among them being one petitioning the City Council to appropriate the sum of 500.00 for the relief of the distressed in Ireland, and the Mayor to forward that amount to the Lord Mayor of Dublin.

Quebec, Jan. 28.—The Irish relief fund has reached the sum of 4,530, with some of the principal returns not yet in.

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 28.—Parnell's reception to-night was an immense affair. The U. S. District Attorney, Martin I. Townsend, presided, and made an address of welcome. On the stage were many prominent Protestant clergymen. Among the contributors were some colored citizens. The subscriptions amounted to 3,000. Parnell was banquetted by prominent citizens.

MITCHELL.

FIRE.—About eight o'clock last Friday morning a fire broke out in Dorman's woolen mill, totally destroying the building and all of the machinery. Loss about $7,000; insured for $3,000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a match in the wool taking fire when the wool was being run through the picker.

STRATFORD.

AN IMPROVEMENT.—The enterprising proprietors of the Albion Hotel, Messrs. Hodgins & McIntosh, have recently added electric bells throughout the house, placing every room in instant communication with the office. This will prove a great convenience to the guests of the hotel.

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL.—The landlord of this popular hotel, Mr. T. Hagarty, is about making extensive improvements during the coming summer. The contract has been let for a new brick stable of mammoth dimensions, which will cost in the neighborhood of $2,000, and will lay over anything of its kind in Stratford. Another storey and a wing to the hotel is also contemplated.

NEW BLOCKS.—Mr. Alex. Hepburn has prepared plans for a splendid new block of buildings including an hotel, for Mr. Thos. Holliday on the site of the present "Farmer's Hotel," Market Square, and tenders are asked for the construction. It looks as if we were going to have a brisk building season next summer. Mr. F. X. Graber has also let the contract for a fine new store on Market street, adjoining *Mr.* Bosworth's.

FACTS ABOUT THE STRATFORD COUNCIL.—There are 15 gentlemen elected to look after the affairs of Stratford, including the Mayor. Their vocations are as follows:—An attorney, an auctioneer, a confectioner, a wagon maker, a plough manufacturer, a printer, a deputy registrar, a sawmiller, a carpenter, a draper, an insurance agent, a real estate agent, an assistant treasurer, a commercial traveller, and a doctor. Their religious inclinations are, Presbyterians, 8; Episcopalians, 6; Roman Catholic, 1; Political affinity, Conservatives, 8; Reformers, 7. In Listowel, where there is about 60 of a Reform majority, only 1 Tory is elected to the council. In Stratford with over 150 Conservative majority, we divide the honors evenly—showing that Conservatives are tolerant and liberal, while Grits are bigoted and exclusive.—*Times.*

ELMA.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Elma Conservative Association will take place at Cook's hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 10th February, at 7 o'clock p. m., when officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and other business of the association transacted. All Conservatives in the township should endeavor to be present.

On Monday evening the 19th inst., a barn containing last year's crop, the property of John Hazzard of the 1st con., Elma, was totally distroyed. Cause of fire unknown. Partially insured in the Victoria Mutual.

The members elect of the Council of Elma of the year 1880 met at Newry, on Monday the 19th of January, at eleven o'clock a.m. Reeve, Thos. J. Knox; Deputy Reeve, Wm. Lochhead; Saml. S. Rothwell, Wm. Keith and Jas. Smith, Councillors. The declaration of office and qualification having been subscribed, the chair was taken by the Reeve and the Council duly organized. The following officers were appointed by By-law, namely: Thos. Fullarton, clerk; Moses Harvey, treasurer, salaries same as last year; John Nixon, Assessor; salary $50; Jas. Irvin and John R. Code, auditors, salary $6 each. The taxes of Mr. Beamish were remitted, and $10 granted to J. Chapman, a poor laborer in bad health. The collector was allowed till the first day of March next (and no longer) to return his roll. The following orders were issued on the treasurer viz.: To Hart & Rawlinson $6.27, for election papers; J. Morrison $2, use of shop at Nomination; Returning officers $6, for services at last election; Polling sub. divs. 1, 2, 3 and 4, $1.50 each; Clerk $5, for making out voters' lists, preparing and delivering election papers and ballot boxes. The clerk was authorized to instruct the auditors to present their report at next meeting of Council, on Saturday the 14th of February. THOS. FULLARTON, Clerk.

HOWICK.

COUNCIL.—The Council elect met at Gorrie, Jan. 19th, 1880, pursuant to Statute and Clerk's notice, and subscribed the oaths of office and qualification as follows:—John Kaine, Reeve; B. S. Cook, First Deputy-Reeve; David Weir, Second Deputy-Reeve, and John Jacques, and Samuel Johnston, Councillors. On motion, the parties appointed to go to Toronto on County Town business were granted $12 each. The by-law appointing township officers was passed, the salaries being the same as last year for Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, and Auditors, and the same officers retained. On motion, the following parties taxes were remitted, viz: Geo. Beattie, *Mrs.* Leopard, Conrad Stock, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Darlington, John A. Lamb and John Miller. $2 were granted for each polling booth for municipal election. It was moved by B. S. Cook, seconded by David Weir, that the drainage by-law on con. 5, A. B. and C. and leadiug into Grey, now read, be adopted and published according to law—carried. It was moved by B. S. Cook, seconded by Samuel Johnston that John Davis, Esq., P. L. S. be paid $182 for survey, plans, etc—carried. Accounts passed: Samuel Warnock 2.00 for repairs on bridge on con. C; John Tremble 1.50, for repairs on culvert on con. 13, lot 4; Robert Ireland 1.00, dog tax remitted; Hugh Howard, 75c., for repairs on bridge on 15th sideline. Council adjourned to meet in Egger's hotel, Fordwich, on the third Wednesday in February, when the Township printing will be let.

WM. DANE, Tp. Clerk.

The Township Conservative Association met in the Orange hall, Gorrie, pursuant to notice, on Thursday afternoon last, and elected the following officers for the coming year: Mr. Henry Perkins, President, in the place of Mr. Geo Strong, who resigned after filling the office very acceptably for nine successive years; Mr. Stewart Mosgrove, Vice-Pres.; Mr. T. K. Boddy, Secretary; Mr. Jas. Perkins, Treasurer. The former standing committees and officers for each Division were reappointed. The best of feeling prevailed and the association is in a good condition.

The Presbyterians of Gorrie and Fordwich have given a call to Rev. Thos. A. Muir, from near Ottawa. The call has been accepted, and the reverend gentleman will take those charges immediately.

BLUEVALE.

Thomas Male, who has been here for some time purchasing grain for Messrs. Climie, of Listowel, has returned home. He bought about $7,000 worth of grain at this station.

Mr. Robert Johnston has rented his term of the Royal Hotel to Mr. Conover, of Galt, and formerly landlord of the Albion hotel, Listowel, and Mr. George Churchill, of the Dominion, has re-let to Mr. John Patterson.

MORNINGTON.

COUNCIL.—The Council elect met at Henderson's Hall on Monday, January 19th, when the following gentlemen took the declaration of office and qualification: Valentine Kertcher, Reeve; Wm. B. Freeborn, Deputy Reeve; and Wm. R. McCormick, Henry Wm. Kerr and Jas. Gibson, Councillors. The Reeve took the chair, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. On motion, the Council went into committee of the whole for the purpose of appointing officers and fixing salaries, Wm. McCormick in the chair. The Reeve again took the chair, when the report was laid on the table appointing the following officers and their salaries: John Watson, clerk, $150; James Reid, Treasurer, $90; James W. Dagwood, assessor, $70; Jas. Drummond, collector for the south half, $35; John Swain, collector for the north half, $30; John Gibson and Wm. Barr, auditors, $5 each; Councillors' salary, $1.50 per day when on Township duty. The Reeve was authorised to issue the following orders: J. Armstrong 70 c., repairing scrapers; J. E. Jones $1.95; repairing approaches to 9th con. bridge; J. B. Rutherford $175, bridge on main street, millbank; David McCloy, Sec.-Treas. S. S. No. 15, $100, award by Judge to School Section; James Hood $4 for use of hall at county election; H. Tauber, J. Riley, J. D. Pierson, J. Watson, E. Glenn and J. Reid, $10 each, to pay Returning officers, poll clerks, halls, &c., at township election. J. Robb $16.50, for printing; Davis Bros., $14.25, printing and binding; J. Grattan $10, indigent relief; A. Henderson $3.50, graveling at Lowry's culvert; J. Kincade $2, removing flood wood at 7th line bridge. Wm. Hartnier, 50c. repairing culvert on N. G. road; Wm. Clark $2, ditching on Ellice townline; J. Peffers $3.30, gravel to pathmasters; D. Dunlop $1.50, work east of Milverton; V. Kertcher and Dr. Parke, $10 each, expenses to Toronto as a deputation against dividing the county; Mrs. Langley $5, indigent relief; J. Whitehead $4, indigent relief; Fanny Torrance $9, three months allowance and $3 for wood, indigent relief. On motion, the time for the collector to return his roll was extended to the 15th Feburary 1880. A By-law was introduced and passed through its various readings and adopted, for confirming the appointing of officers and salaries. On motion the Council adjourned to meet again on the second monday in march, at Henderson's Hall.

JOHN WATSON, Tp. Clerk.

GREY.

COUNCIL.—The new Council met at Tuck's Hotel pursuant to statue. The oaths of declaration and qualification having been administered, the following gentlemen took their seats as the new Council for the year 1880: Thomas Strachan, Reeve; Samuel Slemmon, 1st Deputy Reeve; John Hislop, 2nd Deputy Reeve; Walter Oliver and Edward Bryan, Councillors. The minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and confirmed. Alexander Stewart and Jas. Livingstone were appointed auditors. Wm. Bishop was appointed assessor for the current year at the same salary as last year. Jos. Armstrong was granted $1.60 error in taxes, 1879. Application of R. McLeod and G. Clark for repairs to side road 3, cons. 15 and 17 was received. John M. Davies was granted a debenture for the sum of $9.71, being difference of taxes in his favor on account of error in assessment in 1879 (the assessor having assessed him $36 on slip and $46 on roll). Wm. Milne applied for gravelling on mill road as the same is getting out of repair. He agreed to give $20 towards the expense of such repairs, and asked the Council to give $30. A communication was received from John McTaggart, complaining of water flooding him from east half lot 24, con. 15, Grey. A communication was read from the Clerk of Howick, stating that in running a drain on con. 6, Howick, the engineer had to continue it into Grey, across lots 12, and 13, con. 1, and that the assessment is as follows: lot 12, $89.47; lot 13, $192.52; road allowance, $25 on boundry; and that by-law will be adopted on Monday after Jan. 16th, that is Jan. 19th 1880. On application of Robt. Ross, for gravelling on con. 5, at lots 24 and 25, Thomas Strachan was instructed to attend to the matter. In the matter of application of Wm. Milne, for gravelling on mill road, moved by Walter Oliver, seconded by Edward Bryan, that the Council grant $30, as required, to be expended with the $20 to be paid by Wm. Milne, on said mill road, said work to be let by Samuel Slemmon and Wm. Milne in their discretion, as to time, Wm. Milne agreeing to pay the amount agreed on by him at completion of work let—carried. The following accounts were paid:—W. R. Wilson, road scraper, $6.10; Hart & Rawlinson, election blanks, $8.69; Mrs. Crosher, order book, 50c.; Geo. Hunter, ballot-box, $1.75; *McGillicuddy* Bros., printing, $10.75; W. Spence, returning officer, $4; A. Turnbull, do., $4; R. Pirie, do., $4; Jas. McNair, do., $4; A. Ross, do., $4; A. Hunter, returning officer and lock for box, $4.25; School-houses No. 4, 5, 11, 2, and 9, and William Dames for Hall, $3 each; Joseph Armstrong, error in taxes, $1.60; A. McNair, salary as Treasurer, 1879; R. McAllister, lumber for bridges, $18.58; A. Turnbull, witness fees at Government drain, con. 7; A. McNair, miscellaneous, $23.74; A. McNair, bank-draft and discount, $3.62; Alex. McDonald, approach to bridge, con. 2, $14; Wm. Bennett, refund dog tax, $1. The collector's time was extended to next meeting of Council. On motion, one half of Widow Rann's taxes for the current year were remitted, and those of Widow Wilton, Mrs. Steel and Thomas Gardwell were remitted in full. Council adjourned to meet at Dames' hotel, Cranbrook, on Feb. 17th.

WALLACE.

SOIREE.—The Gowanstown L. O. L. intend having a grand soiree on the evening of the 18th February. Several talented gentlemen are expected to be present; good music and other attractions will be provided, and all who attend may be prepared to have a good time.

The farm stock and implements, of Mr. Robert Patterson, first concession of Wallace, were disposed of by public auction on Monday the 26th inst. Milch cows sold at from $16 to $26. Young stock ranged high. Sheep sold remarkably high. Horses sold at a low figure.

Messrs. Edwards Bros. & Co., of the Edwardsville saw mills, are doing a thriving business, notwithstanding the unfavorable season for getting in logs. They are prepared to pay cash for any quantity of pine, birch, cherry, white ash and rock elm saw logs delivered at their mills. Should the much wished for snow come, there will be a lively "hum" in the neighborhood.

A very successful social in connection with the Union S. S., 6th con. Wallace, was held on Friday evening 23rd inst. Owing to the very favorable turn the weather took, people were enabled to come out in sleighs, which doubtless had something to do with the excellent turn out. The Church was filled to overflowing, a large number being unable to obtain seats. The edibles were provided by the ladies of the S. S., and in excellence and variety were such as to meet the wishes of the most fastidious. After tea John Robinson, Esq., of Moorefield, was called to the chair, a position which he is eminently calculated to fill. The programme consisted of speeches by Rev. H. Berry, Messrs. Harvey, Cherry, Kerr and Geo. Follis. Excellent music was furnished by the Moorefield Choir, who magnanimously gave their services on the occasion. At the close a beautiful election cake was contested for between Miss M. J. Creighton and Miss E. Follis, resulting in a tie. The cake realized $10.85. The proceeds in all amounted to $32.75.—COM.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—The Municipal Council of the township of Wallace met pursuant to adjournment, at the Dominion Hotel, Gowanstown, 27th December, 1879; all the members present; the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and confirmed. It was moved by Thos. Speers, seconded by Jno. Willoughby, that a grant of fifty dollars be made to School Section No. 12, Wallace, and the Reeve issue an order for the same in favor of the Secretary-Treasurer—carried. It was moved by Jno. Willoughby, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that this council grant the sum of ten dollars to Mrs. Fullarton, she being in destitute circumstances—carried. It was moved by Jno. Mills, seconded by Thos. Speers, that John Warren be paid sixty dollars, salary as collector for the year 1878, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Wm. Ferguson, seconded by John Mills, that Christopher Ash be paid twenty-seven dollars for covering and repairing a bridge on the 2nd concession, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Jno. Mills, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that John English be paid $9.65 for 181 yards of gravel, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Jno. Mills, seconded by Thos. Speers, that Hugh Lundy be paid $67.58 for gravelling on the northern section of the gravel road—carried. It was moved by Jno. Willoughby, seconded by Thos. Speers, that Adam Arnold be paid twenty-five cents for a load of stone, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Thos. Speers, seconded by Jno. Mills, that Lloyd Burns be paid $7.50 for making a ditch, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Thos. Speers, seconded by Jno. Mills, that Joseph Birthman be paid six dollars for 120 yards of gravel, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Wm. Ferguson, seconded by John Willoughby, that David Masters be paid the sum of $1.50 for 99 yards of gravel, and the Reeve issue an order—carried. It was moved by Thos Speers, seconded by Jno. Mills, that Hawkins & Kells be paid ninety-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents for printing and publishing, and the Reeve issue an order—carried. It was moved by John Willoughby, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that Michael Bender be paid nine dollars for making a culvert between lots 30 and 31 in the 7th concession—carried. It was moved by Jno. Willoughby, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that John McIlroy be paid $22.50 for grelling on the gravel road, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. A deputation from High School District No. 3 waited on the council, and leave being granted, the members of the deputation then addressed the Council *seriatim*. It was moved by Jno. Willoughby, seconded by Thos Speers, that the Council take no action in relaying the High School any grant until further considered—carried. It was moved by Jno. Mills, seconded by Jno. Willoughby, that Thomas Sother be paid six dollars for 120 yards of gravel, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Jno. Mills, seconded by Jno. Willoughby, that William Moore be paid one dollar for 20 yards of gravel, and the Reeve issue an order—carried. It was moved by Jno. Willoughby, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that widow Moore be exempt from taxes for the present year, school tax excepted—carried. It was moved by Jas. Willoughby, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that Conrad George be paid two dollars for work done on gravel road, and the Reeve issue an order—carried. It was moved by John Willoughby, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that Valentine Welker be paid $1.50 for shovelling snow and $2.90 for culverts on the 7th concession—carried. It was moved by John Mills, seconded by Thos. Speers, that the Rev. John Howe Snell, B. A., be exempt from tax, church property being exempt by Statute—carried. It was moved by Jno. Mills, seconded by Thos. Speers, that R. G. Roberts be paid sixty dollars for half year's salary, ending 31st December, 1879—carried. It was moved by John Willoughby, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that the Clerk be paid twenty dollars for extra services—carried. It was moved by Thos. Speers, seconded by John Mills, that John Stewart be paid fifty dollars for half year's salary, ending 31st December, 1879—carried. It was moved by John Willoughby, seconded by Wm Ferguson, that the treasurer be paid $7.11, office expenses for the year 1879—carried. It was moved by Thos Speers, seconded Jno. Mills, that Walter Hayes be paid three dollars for 60 yds of gravel, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Jno. Willoughby, seconded by Jno. Mills, that the treasurer be paid six dollars for time and expenses for financing during 1878—carried. It was moved by Jno. Mills, seconded John Willoughby, that eleven debentures, No's. 36 to 46 inclusive, of the township of Wallace, under By-law No. 95, paid and cancelled in the Provincial Treasurer's Office on the 10th August, A. D., 1874, which have since lain uncalled for, be handed over to the treasurer to be placed on file; the debentures amounting to $5,500; interest coupons for the year 1875 and subsequent years—carried. It was moved by John Willoughby, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that William Cower be paid $7 for building two culverts on the townline of Minto and Wallace, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Jno. Willoughby, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that the Clerk be requested to write to S. R. Hesson, Esq., M. P., to urge on the Government the payment of the Land Improvement Fund due the township—carried. It was moved by Thos. Speers, seconded by Jno Willoughby, that Daniel McCaughrin, Samuel G. Dixon and Francis *Hammel* be allowed to do their Statute labor next year, and the collector take their taxes, less the amount charged for statute labor—carried. It was moved by John Willoughby, seconded by John Mills, that the Councillors' pay list be passed and the Reeve issue the orders—carried. It was moved by John Willoughby, seconded by John Mills, that Lewis Seebach receive nine dollars for use of Council Chamber for nine sessions during 1879—carried. It was moved by John Mills, seconded by Thos. Speers, that H. D. Jones be paid seven dollars for Council Chamber for seven sessions during 1879—carried. It was moved by Thos. Speers, seconded by John Willoughby, that Samuel Leslie be paid six dollars for a culvert opposite lot 13 on the 10th and 11th concessions—carried. It was moved by Thos. Speers, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that William Wilson be paid one hundred and sixteen dollars for 112 rods of ditch and one culvert, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

R. G. ROBERTS, Clerk.

FIRST MEETING 1880.—The members elect of the municipal Council of the township of Wallace met at the Dominion hotel, Gowanstown, 19th January, 1880, at eleven o'clock a. m., in terms of statute, and made and subscribed the declaration of office and qualification, as follows:—John McDermott, Reeve; Alexander Kennedy, Deputy Reeve; James Robinson, William King, William Ferguson, Councillors. The Reeve took the chair and addressed the Council on the appointment of officers for the current year. It was moved by Jas. Robinson, seconded by Alex. Kennedy, that R. G. Roberts be appointed Clerk and Division Registrar, at one hundred and twenty dollars per annum, and a By-law be introduced defining his duties.—Carried. Applications for the office of Assessor were received from Joseph H. Craig, Bradshaw Sommerville, and W. J. Stewart. It was moved by Jas Robertson, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that John Stewart be appointed Treasurer, at one hundred dollars per annum, and a By-law be introduced defining his duties—carried. It was moved by Jas. Robinson, seconded by Alex. Kennedy, that Geo. V. Poole, be appointed auditor on behalf of this municipality, and that he receive eight dollars for his services. It was moved in amendment by Wm. Ferguson, seconded by Wm. King, that John Mason be appointed Auditor on behalf of this Council, and that he receive eight dollars for his services. On the amendment—Yeas, Ferguson, King, McDermott; Nays, Robinson, Kennedy. The amendment was declared carried. It was moved by Wm. Ferguson, seconded by Alex. Kennedy, that the Returning Officers at the Municipal Election, 1880, be paid $7.50 each, and the Reeve issue orders—carried. It was moved by Jas. Robinson, seconded by Wm King, that Joseph H. Craig be appointed Assessor, at a salary of fifty dollars. It was moved in amendment by Alex Kennedy, seconded by Wm. King, that W. J. Stewart be appointed Assessor for the current year, at a salary of fifty dollars. On division the amendment was lost and the orginal motion carried. It was moved by James Robinson, seconded by Wm. King, that the treasurer be instructed to lay on the table at next meeting of this Council a statement of of the amounts spent in each road division for roads, bridges and general improvements, for the year 1879—carried. It was moved by Alex. Kennedy, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that Jacob Gottfried be paid $1.50 for ditching on 5th con., and the Reeve issue an order, to be charged to road division No. 3—carried. It was moved by Wm. Ferguson, seconded by Wm. King, that Peter Orth, Sr. be paid five dollars for 100 yards gravel, and the Reeve issue his order—Carried. It was moved by Jas Robinson, seconded by Wm. Ferguson, that the treasurer collect all notes for taxes of 1878, in his possession, and report at next meeting of the Council what parties have not yet paid their notes—carried. It was moved by Jas. Robinson, seconded by Alex. Kennedy, that Mrs. Hood be refunded eight dollars on taxes of 1879, and the Reeve issue his order for the amount—carried. It was moved by Wm. Ferguson, seconded by Alex Kennedy, that Wm. Warren be paid sixty dollars for a culvert on 9th con., and Andrew McClennan five dollars for a culvert on the 7th con., and the Reeve issue his orders—carried. It was moved by Wm Ferguson, seconded by Wm. King, that James Kinney be paid two dollars for 40 yds gravel, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. It was moved by Wm. Ferguson, seconded by Wm. King, that the treasurer be paid $4.00 for signing debentures,