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DOMINION DAY.

How it was Spent in Goderich.

Large Attendance of Outsiders—The Yacht Race—Cathartic Display—Toasting the "County" of the Iron Bridge—The Encampment and Volunteer Parade—Athletic Sports—Melody from Goderich Band—"Dot Schmalz, Leech Baby"—The Grand Pyrotechnic Display—A Good All-Round Day.

On Saturday last a right royal day was held at Goderich. An efficient committee had been appointed to get up a series of athletic and aquatic sports, and so well did the committee work, and so thoroughly was the fact disseminated that Goderich intended to outstrip all previous efforts in the gala day line, that an influx of outsiders from all points was the result, notwithstanding the state of the weather, which during the previous night had been of a heavy rainy character.

THE MORNING also looked dark and lowering, and throughout the entire day rain threatened, but fortunately kept up until the close of the sports, when a "Scotch mist" and Canadian drizzle set in for about an hour, after which fair weather ensued.

THE GODERICH BAND early took possession of their stand on Court House Square, and gave forth melodious strains to the great enjoyment of the pedestrians, local and foreign, who promaded the Square, preparatory to witnessing the sports. The band has of late greatly improved, and is now in a highly efficient condition, and accordingly rejoiced in a pair of unmentionables on its fore legs, said unmentionables being "buttoned behind," after the style of Paddy from Cork's coat. Next came the groups, and their "get up" was as odd as they followed. First came the "Manitoba Emigrant Party," done to life; then a representation of "G. T. R. lorry-men" in full working order; after these were "Kid's Heavy Draughts" at work packing salt; a burlesque of the "Goderich" and "Mowat" previous afternoon; and last, but not the least, was a "Chinese Laundry" in full operation—eight washmen-up to their eyes in business. After making three laps of the Square, the procession drew up at the corner of East st., where the judges awarded the prizes as follows: 1st, Chinese laundry; 2d, G. T. R. navy; 3d, "TOASTING THE IRON BRIDGE."

The next order of business was a champagne lunch given by the Mayor, Reeve and Court House officials in honor of the opening of the Maitland Iron Bridge. On the previous afternoon the Bridge had been formally completed and thoroughly tested to the entire satisfaction of all who witnessed the test. Six teams with wagons laden with stone—weighing in all about 25 tons—had walked, trotted and run over the bridge in company with the Mayor, and the structure to any perceptible extent, and every one present felt proud of the handsome new public work. It was decided to formally name the bridge on the 1st, but the distances from the place of holding the games militated against the carrying out of the original project, and the sumptuous luncheon in the Court-room was the substitute presented. After all had partaken of the refreshments, Mayor Horton was called to the chair, and immediately proposed the toast of the "County Council" and paid a tribute to their public spiritedness in presenting the people of Goderich town and vicinity with so handsome and durable a structure as the new iron bridge. Warden Johnston responded to the toast on behalf of the County Council, and then followed the "Road and Bridge Commissioners," replied to by Messrs. Hardy, and Mason; the "County officials," replied to by Mr. Adamson, Co. Clerk, and Col. Ross, M. P. P., Co. Treas., the volunteer toast of "The Mayor and Council of Goderich," responded to by the Mayor and Mr. Jordan; "Ex-Warden Garrow" responded to by that gentleman; and "The Press," responded to by Messrs. Mitchell and D. McGillicuddy. Cheers were then given for the Queen and the company broke up.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BRIDGE. The Maitland Bridge, as now constructed, is a wrought-iron bridge upon the principal known as the pin-connected, double-intersection over-grade truss. It is 450 feet long, from abutment to abutment, with two intervening piers. It consists of three sections 150 feet long, and was erected by the Hamilton Iron Bridge Co. On each end of the bridge is an iron plate with the following inscription in raised letters: F. W. JOHNSTON, WARDEN. F. ADAMSON, CO. CLERK. CHAS. GIBBIN, L. HARDY. G. J. GIBSON, JOHN MASON.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS. The contract for erecting parapet walls at each end of the bridge has been let to Mr. John Hishop, Goderich, and when this work is completed the entire structure will be the handsomest in the Province of Ontario.

THE PARADES. While the banquet was proceeding in the Court room a parade by the members of the Encampment of Ancient Patriarchs in full uniform was in progress, and the following divisions were going through in good style: Fall in and number: 2 advance; 3 fours right about; 4 left about; 5 column of fours; 6 right; 7 wheel into line; 7 two's circle right; 8 four's circle left; 9 sections circle right; 10 sections circle left; 11 column of fours to left; 12 four divisions; 13 advance in sections; 14 change the order of sections, repeat; 15 form cross; 16 reduce the cross; 17 open files counter-march; 18 leading sections counter-

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of the special session.

The council met on Friday last, pursuant to call of the Warden, the following members present: Messrs. Webster, Griffin, Young, Kelly, Rogers, Corbett, Young, Allen, Harry, Johnston, Campbell, Hutchison, Elliott, Strachan, Hishop, Rennie, Kaine, Cook, Weir, Mason, Hayes, Wilson, Forsyth, Miller, Beattie, Graham, Castle, Walker, Hannah, Herrington, McPherson, Kay, Currie, Girvin, Gault and Gibson.

The minutes of the last day's meeting were read and approved. The Warden addressed the council, stating that he had called them together for the purpose of testing the bridge before opening it to the public, as Mr. Lockman had informed him he would have the bridge ready for testing on the 29th inst., and the contract finished with the exception of painting. The Warden also called the attention of the council to the necessity of furnishing iron beds for the jail, the removal of the sheds in the jail's yard, and the fencing of the county property south of the jail walls, as required by the Inspector of Prisons.

A communication from Mr. Sands, stating that the new iron bridge was about completed, was read and ordered to be filed. Two tenders for erecting parapet walls at the new bridge were read and referred to the Jail and Court House Committee.

The council then adjourned for the purpose of testing the Maitland bridge, to meet again at 7.30 p. o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7.30 o'clock. The council resumed its session, the Warden in the Chair.

A letter from Mr. Lockman, Superintendent of the work on the new bridge, stating that it was now ready for testing and travel, was read and filed.

A letter from Mr. Jamieson, in reference to the payments for the bridge, was read.

Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Weir, that the Warden, Road Commissioners and Clerk be authorized to pay Mr. Jamieson for the iron bridge when he completes his contract and makes a satisfactory settlement with this council in connection with the bridge contract. Carried.

The account of John Hishop, for stone work at the bridge, amount of \$12, was read and ordered paid.

Moved by Mr. Kaine, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the tender of John Hishop for building the parapet walls be accepted. Carried.

The council then adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY. The council met again, the Warden present.

Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. Kaine, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that no action be taken at present in reference to the report of the Inspector of Prisons relative to the removal of the jail buildings and the furnishing of iron beds, but that the Clerk make enquiries as to the cost of beds and bedding. Carried.

The account of Henry Doid, for balance due on contract for furnishing flooring joists for iron bridge, was read, and referred to the Warden, Road Commissioners and Clerk with instructions to pay if found correct.

Moved by Mr. Kaine, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the Clerk furnish a detailed statement of the total expense of the new Maitland bridge at the next meeting of this council. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Miller, that Thos. Gillespie be paid \$24 for three months' board of Mr. Gordon, of Blyth, an insane indigent. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Allan, that the Road Commissioners be instructed to have a plank about one foot wide inserted between the wheel and hub guard on each side of the Maitland bridge. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Kay, that Mr. Hardy, Road Commissioner, have an iron superstructure built on the new bridge at Chelchurst, Egl. road, provided the cost do not exceed \$400, and the township of Hibbert pay one-half the cost. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Beattie, that this council, having seen the bridge tested with a number of heavily loaded teams, going over the bridge first at a smart walk, and afterwards at a rapid trot, while a large number of people were on the bridge, have much satisfaction in stating that the bridge appears to be fully entitled to the confidence of the traveling public. Carried.

The council then adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in December.

Port Albert. Miss Bella Swift, of Goderich, has been visiting friends hereabouts.

S. S. ANNIVERSARY.—A very successful meeting celebrated the anniversary of the Port Albert Union Sunday School on Thursday evening of last week. Rev. J. Leitch, Presbyterian minister, occupied the chair in a genial manner, and introduced the speakers. Rev. Mr. Carrie, Episcopalian, was the first speaker, and alluded to the importance of Sunday school work in a brief address. Mr. McGillicuddy, of Goderich, followed, and spoke to the younger portion of the audience more particularly. Rev. J. A. Turnbull, B. A., Presbyterian, delivered a terse address on "Perseverance," and Rev. J. Caswell, Methodist, spoke briefly in favor of Sunday schools as a help to, and indeed a part of, the church. All the speeches were well received. The supply of refreshments was large and of such quality as to reflect much credit on the ladies of the section. The choir promised to be a good one, some of the pieces being given in splendid style. Mr. Pellow led, and Mr. T. A. Hawkins presided at the organ. A social was held on the following evening, amounting to \$45, which will be devoted to the speakers, ladies, choir, etc., were heartily received. The annual election of officers for the Sunday school resulted as follows: Superintendent, J. Quaid; Sec.-Treas. Jas. Hayden; Librarian, T. F. Young.

THE ROWING RACE. In connection with the sports on Dominion day was postponed to Monday evening at 7 o'clock, and was witnessed by a large number of people. The result was as follows: Single scull race—1st James Thomas, 2nd H. McLean, 3rd J. A. McDougall. Double scull race—1st Ross and Hutchison, 2nd Thomas and McDougall, with Robson and McDermott closing the procession.

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