Huron Signal.

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Happy New Year.

With to-day the year 1873 comes to a close. It has not been without its events of importance bringing joy and gladness to some and sorrow and misfortune to others. In the first issue of the New Year we will give a summary of the events of 1873. In the meantime we wish all our friends a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

News for the People of Huron

There is an old saying something to the effect that one has to go from home to hear news about himself, and certainly, the contents of the following extract which we clip from the last issue of the *Parkhill Gazette* will, we think, be news to the people of this County:

"In the next place, it is recognized as necessary, and a step that will be very soon taken, to remove your present County seat from Goderich to Clinton. The County buildings at Goderich have been condemned. New ones are necessary, and when the new ones are erected they will probably be built at Clinton. Now the estimated cost of Middlesex New County buildings is $175,000, we believe. Huron cannot do with any less expensive building. The cost of these buildings, to each township in the County of Huron, will be, on an average, $11,666, or about $4,000 more than your share of the new buildings necessary to be erected in the new County."

Just now, in view of the approaching session of the Ontario Parliament, there is a great deal of talk about petitioning Parliament to form several new Counties. A great many aspiring towns and villages have suddenly discovered that their manifest destiny is to be County towns, and our contemporaries in those places are, as in duty bound, setting forth the merits and claims of their respective localities in the most flattering terms, pointing out the clearest indications of natural selection, and wooing the surrounding townships in the most seductive manner. One of these ambitious villages is Parkhill, which is striving with might and main to secure the formation of a new County, with itself for County town. One of the proposed townships for the new County is Stephen, and to the people of that township, accordingly, a long appeal is made from which we have clipped the above extract. Stephen is reminded of its isolated position, that it has received very little benefit from the creation of the County debt, and assured that in case of its withdrawal from the County, arbitration would without doubt reduce its share of indebtedness to a small sum. Then follows the extract given above, and after a few more arguments the address winds up with a confident expectation that after a little consideration the people of Stephen will go in for the new County unanimously.

Now we have no fault to find with Parkhill for being ambitious, or with our contemporary for trying to win over the people of Stephen to his views, so long as he does so by the aid of facts and fair arguments; but when he penned the above extract he was talking arrant nonsense, and he either knows or ought to have known it.

Our County buildings may not please our contemporary but they are likely to last as long as he does, and a generation after that. Seeing that he has shown himself so very careless (to put the most charitable construction on it) in his statements, we would recommend the good people of Stephen to take the rest of his facts and arguments at a considerable discount.

Best Medicine.

We fancy that we have heard the tone of the foolish appeal that was made by the Opposition papers to Mr. Glass to resign his seat for East Middlesex. In a letter to the *Free Press* of the 26th inst., that gentleman states that up to that time he had not received a single petition asking him to resign, while on the other hand he had received a number of letters from his friends in the County urging him to stand firm, and promising him their support. Mr. Glass, we understand, has been in the County for a few days, and he has had no reason to change his mind as to the course he should pursue. He will, we understand, be in his place when the House meets, and he will be there for the session. Mr. Glass is a good fellow and a good Member, and we are glad that he has decided to stay in the House. We fancy that the best medicine he can get will be the sight of his smiling face in his place in the House.

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