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FRIDAY, DEC. 7TH, 1883.

THE TOWN POOR.

To one who takes an interest in the study of human nature, a night with the town council when the question of poor relief comes up is well worth the spending. The town councillor is not supposed to be more unfeeling than the average mortal, but it looks as if a familiarity with the case of poverty which he has to deal breeds in him a callousness, more seeming perhaps than real, which ordinary men do not often display. On Wednesday the cases of those subsisting on town charity came up before the council. The town fathers on the whole were hilarious. It was a topic full of fun, mingled with a bit of pathos here and there. How the jokes flew! What aly drives at the fallings and other characteristics of the town wards. Here a little reminiscence occurred to a councillor, and there a spicy bit of gossip was repeated. How the guardians of the town purse chuckled over this little story, and how serious their faces grew over that touching statement of real need. After all, the deeds of the councillors were more charitable than their words—their confession of faith did not reach as high a standard as their practice.

There was one fact brought out which is worth special mention. It seems that some old women have been receiving regular donations of flour and wood from the town, who have been assisting in the support of lazy relatives—young men who blacken the brick walls of the corner building leading to the post office, as they loll against it, squirting tobacco juice. One of these cases was boldly taken in hand by the council, and the bums will have to henceforth support themselves and their aged housekeepers.

There is much poverty among certain classes in Godrich. Drink has had a good deal to do with it in many instances, while other cases are most deserving of pity and substantial aid. There is a trying winter ahead of the poor, and many of them are aged widows. Some of those supported by Godrich charity have been sent here by other municipalities. We are more than ever convinced of the need of a county poor-house.

WINGHAM is doggedly working at the railway question. Not long ago a deputation headed by George McKibbin, Esq., mayor, went to Toronto in the interests of the extension of the T. G. & B. branch of the C. P. R. to Wingham. Mr. McKibbin reports very encouraging prospects for the extension of this road to Wingham, the representatives of the company having agreed to equip and run the road if Wingham and the municipalities interested purchase the right of way and grade the 4½ or 5 miles that will be necessary. It is understood that immediate steps will be taken to carry out this scheme to completion. In such a case, the line should be continued to Godrich.

WOULDN'T it be better for the peace of mind of the President of the Conservative Association if he would let the memory of the Smith's Hill fizzle of the 7th of November, and our comments on his conduct in connection therewith, die out? If a man who is so full of politics that he has to make two speeches at a convention, can't bear a little rubbing down in a newspaper, his skin must be very thin. He is continually showing his sore, and it is not sympathy in the end. How would our friend of the tender countenance feel if some hardy Grit sheet were to publish a "Bull-Pup" or a "Sluggo"? These are not phrases with the party of propriety.

The resignation of Mr. McMillan, M.P., for South Huron, was received some days ago by the Speaker, who at once issued his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for a writ to fill the vacancy. The latter functionary is now awaiting instructions from the Government respecting the appointment of a returning officer and the date of nomination and polling, before he can issue the writ.

JOHN G. CARLISLE, of Kentucky, a Democrat and a free trader, has been chosen speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States. He polled double the vote of Randall, and triple that of Cox. Keifer was the Republican candidate.

The Springfield Republican, one of the best informed concerning Canadian politics of all the United States papers, says that Sir John Macdonald has lost ground the past year.

The case was tersely and neatly put at a recent meeting in Emerson, held in protest to the Syndicate monopoly, when a speaker said: "Instead of having a country with a railway attached, we have a railway with a country attached."

At last the more decent Conservative journals are rebuking the Mail for its coarseness. The Strathroy Dispatch openly tells that sheet that the respectable Tories of the section would be much obliged if this "Bull-pup" and "Sluggo" business were omitted from any reference the Mail may have to make in regard to West Middlesex. The Dispatch adds:—"We regret to add further that in our opinion that paper has not always sufficiently regarded the rules of propriety and prudence in its choice of language. The extract above quoted betrays a vulgar taste, and is, moreover, utterly inapt. * * * It does not strengthen the Conservative cause in the slightest to be continually associating with the names of Ministers the nicknames of the 'Bull-pup' and the 'Sluggo.' On the contrary, it is nauseating to every lover of propriety and good English." Those vulgar expressions, like Roe's blasphemy, are making votes for the Reform party.

As an authority on temperance, Judge Hughes must go. His judgment on the question of wife beating last him the respect of many, and now the Toronto Morning News shows up this Tory temperance (!) advocate in the following way:

The Mail is once more fighting Ontario issues on the lines of the Crooks Act, and once more it quotes Judge Hughes, of Elgin, as authority for the statement that the Act is being used by the Government for party ends. "I say I was displaced from being a commissioner because my administration of that Act was anything but beneficial to the party." So says Judge Hughes; but unfortunately for the judge another and more authoritative reason for his displacement has been given. Dr. Wilson, who had the patronage of the office, has given it over his own name. He declares that a few days after receiving his second commission Judge Hughes got boozed at a public banquet and induced a landlady to break one of the commissioner's own regulations by opening his bar and selling liquor to a crowd of men at an unlawful hour of the morning. We believe Judge Hughes has never more disputed the accuracy of Dr. Wilson's allegation; and until he has done so the Mail should strike him off its list of witnesses against the efficiency of the Crooks Act or the fairness of its administration.

Very Costly and Useless.

The Dominion Senate cost the people of Canada \$139,185.65 for the financial year of 1882. What is there to show for this outlay? Nothing, absolutely nothing, excepting a record of fatuous obstruction to some needed reforms, the utterance of a few twaddlesome platitudes and some highly undignified altercations. We can see the same kind of oratorical and legislative talent in almost any town council at about one hundredth part of the cost.—(Toronto News.)

A Deceived Miller.

One of the heaviest failures lately recorded is that of David Plewes, of Brantford, who has been a heavy mill operator, running one or two large flour mills on his own account, and handling the product of several others. The loss has not yet been ascertained, but as he was carrying on an immense business it is not likely to be a small one. Mr. Plewes was once a Liberal, but deserted when the N. P. bribe was thrown at him by the Tories. He made money under a revenue tariff, but went down under the N. P.

The Crooks' Case.

There has been no hitch in the super-session of Mr. Crooks by Mr. Ross. It is a pity, however, that any of the party journals should seek to make political capital out of the blow which has fallen upon one who so lately occupied a responsible position in the Government of the Province. In such a case all party feeling should be laid aside. As for Mr. Mowat's action in the matter, we are assured that it has been full of consideration for one who has been a lifelong personal friend, and for years a political colleague; but it was impossible to meet the House with Mr. Crooks still in control of the portfolio of Education. That Mr. Crooks did not resign is true, but the answer to it is that he did not need to resign, and it was quite in order for the Lieutenant-Governor, on the advice of his ministers, to take the step that was taken. There is not the slightest doubt as to the unfortunate gentleman's mental condition, and the party press will be acting a charitable part to him by refraining from all attempts to make party capital on his account.—(Toronto Telegram (Ind.))

Mr. Mowat has shown his desire to effect a settlement of the Ontario boundary question by holding a friendly consultation with Attorney-General Miller, of Manitoba, Ontario has no quarrel with Manitoba, for that province had no existence at the time the boundary dispute between Ontario and the Dominion arose, and it has all along been evident that the Manitoba officials were not acting for Manitoba, but were the mere tools of Sir John Macdonald. It would be a great deal better if Manitoba kept out of the dispute altogether, and left it to be settled by the original parties to it.—(Toronto Telegram.)

It has been decided that pests are not to be allowed to enter the U. S. A.

HURON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council met on Tuesday last, agreeable to the call of the Warden, the following members answering at roll call:—

Messrs. Webster, Griffin, Clare, Eason, Kelly, Rogers, Corbett, Cooper, Young, Allen, Johnston, Dettlor, Elliott, Beacom, Hialop, Oliver, Kaine, Cooke, Wair, Britton, Hays, Holland, Forsyth, Wilson, Graham, Castle, Walker, Hannan, Hennings, McPherson, Kay, Shier, Girvin, Durnin, Currie, McCollum.

The Warden, in opening the council, addressed them as follows:

GENTLEMEN, I have the honor to inform you that since last meeting of the council the repairs and improvements needed at the jail have been carried out, under the superintendence of the clerk, at a cost of \$175. As you are aware, very considerable damage was caused on the 18th of August, which carried the Brussels bridge down stream, and also destroyed the approach to Bluevale bridge, besides some minor damages to other bridges. I was requested to call my committee together to take steps to repair the damage, which I did at the very earliest moment, when the repairs were ordered to be proceeded with at once, under Mr. Gibson, the commissioner in charge, who will no doubt report to you on the matter. I regret to inform you that the contractor for Holmesville bridge has failed in carrying out his contract, as he alleges from the difficulty of finding men who would work in the water. I am happy to inform you that the commissioners appointed at the last meeting of the council to enforce the repairs at Blyth and Wingham, were relieved from performing a disagreeable duty by the referees mutually agreeing to carry out the necessary repairs, which, I believe, have been completed.

The report of the Inspector Aspinall was submitted and referred to the Jail and Court House committee.

A circular from the Canada Land Law Amendment Association was read and referred to the Finance committee.

A communication from Dr. Roseburg, requesting aid to the Prisoners' Aid Association, was referred to the Finance committee.

A letter from Mr. Jamieson, requesting damages in reference to building Bluevale bridge, was referred to same committee.

The presentation of the Grand Jury at the last Assizes, was referred to the Jail and Court House committee.

A circular was read from the president of the Women's Suffrage Association, requesting the Council to petition the Legislature of Ontario to grant the political and municipal franchise to women on the same terms as to men. The request was agreed to.

The following report of Mr. Mason, as road commissioner, was read and referred to Road and Bridge committee:

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER MASON.

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report as follows: In accordance with the resolution passed at last meeting of Council, the Warden and myself had the plans taken out for the new bridge at Sumner's near Varna, and called for tenders and accepted the tender of William Lamont for the sum of \$815, to build said bridge 96 feet long, with two spans of 43, with good rock elm abutments filled with stone. The centre is supported with a double bent faced with 3 inch square elm plank, well bolted to each bearing. The old timbers were all used in building breakwaters on the new approaches. We sold the old iron for \$10. I let the tenders for approaches and breakwater on each side, also fencing and graveling the approaches, for the sum of \$300, to John Macconn. The whole is a first-class job, for which I must give the contractor credit. Plans were also got for Holmesville bridge and tenders called, for which we received five. We accepted the tender of Mr. Harbottle for the sum of \$2,190, as he was highly recommended as a practical bridge builder. I am sorry to say that he did not push the work as fast as he might have done. I went several times to see how he was getting along, and tried to encourage him to push the work along. The water was low and a good time for building. I had to go from home for a week, and left the work in charge of the Reeves of Clinton until I would come back. When I returned I was told that Harbottle had given up the work for this fall. This was about the middle of October. I once notified the clerk to call the Warden's committee to see what was best to do. Mr. Harbottle was at the meeting and would not give satisfaction as to completing the bridge until next year. Mr. B. T. who was the next lowest tender, agreed to take it off his hands and build a bridge this fall. Mr. Harbottle abandoned the work, and I was left with what he had done, which Mr. Box would not give as he considered it too much. There was no part of the bridge built. Most of the timber was got out and part of it framed, and is still in the possession of Mr. Harris, from whom it was bought. The time for completing this bridge was up on or before the first of November, 1883. It was then too late in the season to do anything. I would propose to shorten the time for completing the bridge to say the first of September, 1884. I will now leave it in your hands to decide what is best to be done. I have had the Bayfield bridge tightened as the centre pier was very much undermined, owing to being built on an island which was continually washing away. I had some plank put down to a solid foundation and bolted to the upper timbers, which will prevent the stone from coming out. I would recommend that some apiles be put in about 30 ft. of the island, which would prevent the washing away. I also had the Summer Hill bridge tightened, as I was requested to do by the Boundary bridge between Morris and McKillop, at a cost of \$57. This bridge is 30 ft. long. I had considerable repairs done to Ball's bridge. After taking off the flooring I found all the stringers decayed to a mere shell, also one of the main cords broken in two. It was a wonder that the span had not fallen. I put in two new stringers in 3 spans and in the other which took very long time, some of it being over 60 ft. I also had to put in a new bend in the east end of bridge. As the south end of abutments gave way, I had the old faced with plank when required, also several braces put in the truss. The upper

structure is perfectly safe as long as the abutments stand, but they are very much decayed. In respect to the bridge at Clinton, I had new stringers put in, which is 90 ft. long, built on bents about 20 ft. high. In my opinion this part of the bridge might be filled up with earth, as the other part is 110 ft. long, built on good stone abutments, which is quite sufficient to allow all the water to pass through; it has high banks on south side. The bridge known as Rothwell's, across Bayfield river, will have to be rebuilt or done away with. I do not think there is a great amount of travel over the same. However, I will leave this for the council to decide. The Warden and I called for tenders to build the stone abutments at Griev's bridge, north of Seaforth. We accepted the tender of Joseph Nagle, for the sum of \$3,952, to be completed by Sept. 1st, 1884. The abutments will be about 24 ft. high, with 20 ft. face and 12 ft. wings, 6 ft. in bottom and 4 ft. top.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A number of accounts were submitted and referred to Finance Committee.

The council then adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, 5, 1883.

The council met pursuant to adjournment, the warden in the chair. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The petition of Joseph Williamson, praying to be sent to the hospital, was read and referred to the Jail and Court House committee.

The report of Mr. Gibson, Road Commissioner, was read and referred to the Road and Bridge committee; also the list of bridges in Mr. Gibson's division, and the list of bridges in Mr. Girvin's division.

A number of accounts were read and referred to the finance committee.

A communication from Judge Toma, requesting the council to engage a shorthand reporter for the county courts, was read and granted, the clerk to procure one when required.

Two tenders for wood were referred to the Jail and Court House committee.

Moved by Dr. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that this council do now adjourn to meet again at ten o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

Mr. H. J. Cartwright.

"We are assured by the Tory papers that Sir Richard Cartwright's return to the house of commons will add nothing to the strength of his party. If this be the case, what is the sense of their outcry against him? If he is such a 'draw-back' rather than a benefit to the opposition, what do our Tory friends fear by his reappearance in parliament? The ministerial organs might extend us an explanation at the earliest opportunity."

—Kingston Whig.

The West Huron reform convention last Friday unanimously decided to accept the resignation of Mr. McMillan in order to open the riding for Sir Richard Cartwright. This step was taken in accordance with an arrangement made at the general election that a "hived" constituency should be placed at the service of the reform leaders if found necessary.

Mr. Blake and Mr. Mackenzie were present, and the attendance was so large that the hall was quite insufficient for the purpose, and the gathering adjourned to the Presbyterian church. Mr. McMillan's course in carrying out the arrangement is very creditable to him, and the party will not forget his self-abnegation.

Sir Richard's re-election is a matter of course. He will add greatly to the debating strength of the opposition in the house, at a time when his wide financial experience and admitted ability as a speaker on financial topics is needed for the country.—(Lindsay Post.)

To the Electors of South Huron.

GENTLEMEN,—At the Reform convention held at Clinton on the 26th of May, 1883, I was selected as your candidate to contest the riding, in the Reform interest, for the House of Commons, with the distinct understanding, expressed by resolution, that if elected, I should hold my seat subject to the call of the leader, to be confirmed by a properly called convention. In accordance with that agreement your delegates were called together at Brucefield, on Friday last, and after hearing our leaders, Messrs. Blake and Mackenzie, who were present, they decided that it was in the interest of the Reform party, and consequently of good government, that Sir Richard J. Cartwright should be given a seat in the House of Commons; therefore placed my resignation in their hands, and nominated Sir R. J. Cartwright as our standard bearer, whose nomination was adopted by the convention.

I have now to thank you again for the honor conferred on me of being your representative in the past session, and to urge upon all true Reformers to join in giving Sir Richard a cordial reception and hearty support as our future representative.

As Reformers we may occasionally differ as to the proper course to be pursued, but we are always united in support of the best interests of our country, which we believe the success of that party would ensure.

In the event of a contest being forced upon us on the present occasion, I shall be found at my post in the Reform ranks, doing battle for the cause of Reform, and for what I believe to be the best interests of the country.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN McMILLAN.
Hullett, Nov. 27th, 1883.

A writ has been served, says the Napanee Express, on A. H. Roe, M.P.P., at the instance of Mr. E. B. Miles, to recover the amount of the penalty prescribed by law, (\$200) for each case of bribery proved against him in the recent Dominion election trial. There are seventeen charges and the amount claimed is \$3,400.

Mr. Allison's majority in Lennox means a seat gained for the Dominion Opposition, in fact of one of the two seats which Sir John Macdonald carried at the general election. In Dominion matters it certainly does look as if the Macdonald Government were beginning to weaken—not so much because of the one election just held as of many other indications which the shrewd politician cannot overlook.—(Hamilton Tribune (Independent).)

THE BRIDGEBUILDERS.

Four Bodies Recovered.—The Wreck Washed Ashore.

The Kincaidine Reporter gives the following particulars regarding the finding of the bodies of four of the crew of the ill-fated tug Erie Belle, which blew up near Kincaidine a fortnight ago:

On Wednesday night and Thursday a stiff south-westerly gale prevailed which washed the wreck ashore. In the afternoon the body of Frank Eikenbush, the second engineer, of St. Louis, Mo., was washed up on the beach near the station. His legs were found to be broken, a sprain of his shoulder torn off, and he was otherwise badly bruised. As his relatives could not be reached by wire, his address not being known, the body was accorded Christian burial in the Kincaidine cemetery.

On Sunday the body of William O'goode, of Lomax, Ohio, was discovered on the beach, near where the explosion took place. It was partly buried in the sand. He was not badly marked, a few cuts being the only external marks. His wife was wired, and a reply was received from his brother to forward the body to Windsor, where he would meet it. The report that he had a large sum of money in his possession at the time of the explosion is not credited by his employers as they had not paid him any large amount lately.

On Monday the body of William Sayles, colored, of Detroit, was taken out of the water by John Guest, near the scene of the accident. A wound on the back of his head was the only mark noticed.

On Tuesday the waters gave up the body of the colored cook, name unknown, in the same locality.

The second engineer's burial will be defrayed out of the earnings due him by Odette & Wherry. The colored men had only been engaged the day preceding the accident, and as the bodies were found within the corporation of Huron, that municipality will no doubt be called upon to bear the expense.

AUBURN.

An open meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church by the Good Templars this (Friday) evening beginning at 7:30. Rev. J. A. Turnbull, B.A., Godrich, will deliver an address on Temperance.

The special meetings which have been carried on in the Methodist church for the past four weeks, terminated last week.

The farmers in the vicinity turned out for a couple of days last week and grumbled the hill lately cut down. The work improves the road greatly.

Rev. D. Morrison, of Wingham, will deliver an address on "Martin Luther and the Reformation," in the Methodist church on Thursday evening, the 13th inst. The lecture is under the auspices of the Orange lodge.

Farmers wonder why they can get 8 cents per bushel more for their wheat in Clinton than in Godrich; will some of the Godrich buyers enlighten them?

The annual missionary meeting in connection with the church of England, will be held on Sabbath evening 16th inst. Rev. Mr. McCosh of Wingham, formerly of Bayfield, will conduct the services.

LEOBURN.

A. Nott, of Bethel, in the absence of the regular pastor, conducted the service in the B. C. church on Sunday evening.

SICKNESS.—We are sorry to learn that James Graham, Jr., of Shepparton, is no better and there is very little hope of his recovery.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the Presbyterian church here on Sunday last by Rev. J. A. Turnbull. The services were impressive.

The gale of last week tumbled over a straw stack on the farm of James Taylor, burying over twelve head of cattle. He was absent from home at the time, but some of the neighbors turned out with forks, and dug the animals out. None were lost.

TEMPERANCE.—The Leoburn lodge of Good Templars is in a prosperous condition. The attendance of members last night was 35. Three more new members joined the last night of meeting. We would like very much to see more of our young men joining.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 5, Colborne, for the month of November: V Class—1 L. McAllister, 2 P. Stuart, 3 D. Hetherington. III Sen.—1 F. Boyd, 2 A. Thurlow, 3 S. McAllister, 4 J. Lindell, 5 M. Green, 6 B. McWhinney. III Jun.—1 P. Foley, 2 D. Hall, 3 A. Green, 4 A. Stirling, 5 D. Weise. II Sen.—1 A. Knuckle, 2 M. Shields, 3 T. McWhinney, 4 R. Boyd, 5 M. McLeod. Pt II—1 W. Maw, 2 J. Naffel, 3 A. Fulford, 4 F. Hall, 5 S. Strachan.

Presbyterian Colleges.

One of the best letters we have seen in a newspaper for some days is that of Rev. T. Tallach, of Dresden, in the Mail. It is instructive, it is sarcastic, it ought to result in reform. He starts first with the fact that Scotland, the home of Presbyterianism, has 3,000 Presbyterian churches and eight Presbyterian colleges which turn out ministers to fill these charges. In all Canada there are only 700 churches with six colleges, whereas, proportionately with Scotland, we ought to have less than two.

These six colleges are Knox (Toronto), Halifax, Queen's (Kingston), Montreal, Morin (Quebec), Manitoba. In the lot there are six principals; six faculties of three or more professors of divinity (in all twenty-three or twenty-four professors); six endowment funds; six parcels of floating debts; several bundles of mortgages; six boards of governors or trustees; treasurers, auditors, canvassers; and six appeals to the church each year for aid. Now what is the output of all this organization (we should say rather mismanagement.) Knox produced last year 18 ministers, Halifax 7, Montreal 4, Queen's 3, Morin 1, Manitoba 0, thirty in all.

Is there a man in the Presbyterian church who could say that there has not been gross waste of money, much misdirection of valuable energy, in thus

maintaining six institutions where one would more efficiently perform it? Let the general assembly take the matter up, insist on the statistics of the situation and deal with it from the business standpoint as well as from any other.—(Toronto World.)

Book Notices.

CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE.—Price \$2 a year; \$1 for six months; 20 cents per number. For sale at all bookstores.

CONTENTS.—The driving number of the 18th volume of this Magazine is one of the best yet issued. It has three copiously illustrated articles—Royal Palaces of England, Winter Health Resorts in the South, and the close of Stanley's Dark Continent—and other articles of special interest.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1884 is the best ever made. Including illustrated articles on the Winter Scenes in Manitoba; Picturesque Canada; The Oil Wells of Canada; Walks About London; English Cathedrals; Best Hunting in Newfoundland; Haunts of Luther; A Canadian in Norway; Minamoth Cave; Wonders of the Yellowstone; Holy Russia; Scenes in India, Africa, Japan, Italy, etc., and 12 papers on Lady Brassey's Voyage Around the World, with 118 fine engravings—and a total of 260 engravings. Among the contributors announced are—The Right Rev. Dr. Fuller, Bishop of Niagara, Bishop McIntyre, Bishop Garman, President Nelson, Principal Grant, Judge Jones, Judge Dean, Prof. Foster, M. P., the Editors of the Toronto Globe and Montreal Gazette, and many others of the foremost writers of the country; also articles by Gladstone, Froese, Freeman, Schaff, Dawson, and other foremost writers in the world. A handsome Premium—"Anecdotes of the Wesleyans." Pp. 390, bound, with steel portrait—is given for 35 cents extra.

Hicks Pasha's Defeat.

Khartoum, Dec. 1.—Capt. Merchant, who witnessed the battle between the Egyptians and El Mahdi's forces, saw the Governor of Khartoum killed at the opening of the battle. He states that Hicks Pasha was slain by a lance on the third day of the battle, when the last cartridge of the Egyptians had been fired. The men in Hicks' army had been without water for three days, and soldiers were offering \$4 for a drink. The fugitives, if any, from the Egyptian must have been slain or captured. Col. Coetlogon has sent a spy to visit the scene of battle and enter El Obeid to ascertain the fate of the survivors. The provisions stored at Dum for Hicks' army have been brought to Khartoum. Outlying garrisons are arriving.

How Fortunes Are Made.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—It is stated that Mr. M. K. Dickinson, the Conservative member for Russell County in the House of Commons, has secured a timber limit, comprising seventy square miles, in the Qu'Appelle region, from Government, out of which he expects to realize an immediate fortune. Mr. Dickinson agreed to pay \$5 per square mile for his lease, and lately took a trip to the North-west to inspect his property. He went over the limit, and now says he is the owner of a veritable bonanza. He expects to obtain at least \$2,000 per mile for the timber, as he considers it more valuable than the Rykert-Adams property, and has already commenced negotiations with an American company with the view of transferring his interests to them, and if successful he will realize \$140,000 from an outlay of \$350.

The newspaper publishers of Bruce county will meet at Walkerton, on Friday, December 14th, county Council week, for the purpose of organizing an association.

TO BE WOUNDED UP.—The Standard Insurance Company of Hamilton, of which Mr. F. B. Chisholm was President—is to be wound up. The loss, which it is said will not be heavy, will fall on the shareholders.

Fashionable New York ladies are now being artificially freckled in imitation of the Princess Louise. A fresh first-quality, fast color freckle costs a dollar, or six choice freckles for a dollar.

An effort is being made to induce the jury who found O'Donnell guilty of murder to sign a memorial to the home secretary asking that he be reprieved. Some are willing to sign, but the majority decline.

The Lennox Tories say that they will protest the recent election and claim the seat. This reminds us of the Irishman who saw a burglar in his bedroom and waited patiently for the latter to steal something so that he might get up and take it from him.—[Ex.]

A Goffon, of Wroxeter, met with a serious accident last Tuesday evening. While loading some commercial trucks on the bus in front of his father's hotel, one of the trucks slipped off, falling upon his ankle, and breaking it in two places. He will be laid up by his mishap for a long time.

A cat nearly strangled a sleeping infant of Alex. Kerr's, of Winton, by inhaling the child's breath. When the mother discovered the animal sitting on the child's breast, blood was oozing out of the mouth and nostrils of the little one.

On Tuesday a beautiful album and three silver napkins, purchased at Dickinson's book store, were presented to Principal Malloch, of the Clinton Model School, by the Modelites in attendance. The articles are worth nearly \$20, and were accompanied by a complimentary address.

USURNE BRIEFS.—A considerable change is taking place among the teaching fraternity this year. W. Leigh of S. No. 2, Uburne, steps down and out to make room for other wielder of the staff of G. Mahaffy, of No. 3, retired in favor of H. Graham, of Blanshard; J. J. Sale, of No. 7, gives place to another; Miss G. Bastard, assistant teacher No. 5, retires.

BORN.

In Godrich, on the 27th Nov, the wife of Mr. S. H. Dettlor, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

On the 25th ult. by the Rev. T. J. Salbine, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. Edward Dettlor, to Miss Emma Killips, both of the township of Colborne.