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SATURDAY EV'G, FEB. 1, 1868.

Local News.

PERSONAL.—Mr Robt. McKim, M.P.P., left Guelph this morning on a visit to his constituents in the North Riding.

CONCERT AT HOLLIN.—The Battalion Band intend giving a concert in Hollin at an early day.

An agency of the Merchants Bank has been opened in Galt in the building formerly occupied by the Commercial Bank.

MR. MAITLAND'S CONCERT.—Mr. Maitland's annual concert, held in Galt on Friday night last, was a great success, about 900 people being present. The pieces sang by Mrs. Cuthbert, of Guelph, were greatly admired.

AID TO THE NOVA SCOTIA FISHERMEN.—At a meeting of the inhabitants of Galt held the other night a resolution was passed, asking the Council to grant the sum of \$200, and also that subscriptions be taken up in the various churches in Galt on Sabbath the 9th February, for the same object.

PICKWICK PAPERS.—This best of the novels of Dickens is now on hand at Mr Day's bookstore, for the low price of 25c. He who wants it may be sure he will never be able to purchase it cheaper. The typographical appearance is very neat, the paper being good, and the printing done from new clear cut type. Those who cannot read Dickens may at least enjoy the pleasure of reading him very cheap.

PRESENTATION.—The numerous friends of the Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson of St. Thomas, Ont., formerly of Winterbourne, will be pleased to learn that at the annual meeting of this gentleman's congregation, held a few days ago, he was presented with a box containing the handsome sum of \$121, as a mark of their respect.

Railway Extension.—Railway extension from Guelph is fast becoming a reality, and false impressions engendered by prejudice and self-interest must cease their hold on the minds of the people of this flourishing town. That which is inevitable must and will be beneficial, and Guelph will be certain to retain its importance from being the point of intersection. But that is not the point—it is this, Cuthbert's last sale takes place to-night, when a most splendid assortment of good goods will be offered. Come one and all, and behold the sacrifice. Remember—to-night (Saturday). Advt.

PRESENTATION.—The scholars attending Knox's Church Sabbath School met last evening in the lecture room of the church, along with their teachers and a number of the parents, and presented Mr. Charles Thain, who, for the past year, has taken a very active part in training the scholars in vocal music, with a handsome china tea set, a set of silver spoons and tea knives with tray, and a large table lamp. On the spoons the initials of Mr. Thain's name were neatly engraved. The presentation was accompanied by an address, signed on behalf of the scholars by Miss Rosina Beuttner and Miss Helen Wilkie, to which Mr. Thain feelingly replied. The affair was altogether a very pleasant one, especially to the young people, as it was a matter entirely of their own designing.

FIRE INQUEST IN ELORA.—Dr. Middleton held an inquest on Wednesday last to enquire into the origin of the burning of Mr. John Waddell's store, which took place in that village on the 3rd December last. The inquiry was made in consequence of an anonymous letter having been sent to Messrs. Morland & Watson, General Agents of the Commercial Union Insurance Company, insinuating that Mr. Waddell had set fire to his premises. After a patient investigation the jury found a verdict completely exonerating Mr. Waddell from any blame in the matter, and also recommending Mr. Livingston, Inspector for the Commercial Union, who was present, to pay the amount of Mr. Waddell's claim. On receipt of the above verdict and resolution Mr. Livingston presented Mr. Waddell with a check for his claim in full, when the jurymen passed the following vote of thanks:—

"Moved by Mr. Shaw and seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, That the thanks of this Jury are hereby tendered to Thomas Chisholm Livingston, Inspector of the Commercial Union Ins. Co. for his gentlemanly conduct during the investigation and prompt action he has taken in paying Mr. Waddell's claim, after having heard the decision of the Jury empanelled to enquire into the circumstances of the case."

It gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st. Guelph.

Wellington County Council.

Friday, Jan. 31.

The Council met at 2 p.m. The Warden read the report of the Committee on Printing. They recommended that the tender of McLagan & Innes be accepted, being the lowest. On motion of Mr. Whitlaw, seconded by Mr. Sturton, the report was adopted.

Mr. McInnes moved, seconded by Mr. Whitlaw, that the By-law for the remuneration of School Superintendents be read a third time and passed. Carried; and the By-law was read accordingly.

The Warden read an account from Mr. Chas. Nichols, amounting to \$4.50, for cutting firewood. Referred to County Property Committee.

COUNTY ROADS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Whitlaw read the report of Committee on County Roads:—Your Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the detailed statement of the County Engineers of their expenditure on the various roads under their charge, as required by a resolution passed at the December session of the Council, and consider said statement satisfactory, but of too great length to give the various items in detail here. The Committee therefore submit them for any information which the Council may require.

Your Committee would recommend that the County Engineers be re-appointed at the same salaries as last year.

Your Committee have taken into consideration the petition of the President of the Elmira Road Company, the petition of certain ratepayers of the township of Peel and Maryboro, and the petition of certain ratepayers of the town of Guelph, praying for this County to assume as a County Road that part of the Guelph and Elmira Road running through the townships of Guelph and Pilkington.

Your Committee have also considered the petition from the Township Council of Peel, praying for this County to assume and improve the road from the village of Alma along the townline between the townships of Peel, Pilkington and Woolwich, to the third concession of the township of Peel, and also the petition from certain ratepayers of Maryboro, praying for this County to assume and improve the road commencing at the village of Glenallan, and running thro' the township of Maryboro between the 2nd and 3rd concessions, to the township line of Wallace.

Your Committee, in view of the large existing debt of this county incurred in the construction of gravel roads, causing a very high rate of county taxation, cannot at this time recommend that any further liabilities be incurred in the assumption of any of these roads.

Your Committee have also considered the petition of certain ratepayers of the townships of Eramosa and Erin, praying the County to assume as a county road a certain road in the township of Eramosa, and for reasons above given the Committee recommend that the prayer of said petition be not granted.

Your Committee having taken into consideration the propriety of continuing or completing the Glenallan road, regret to have to state, from information received, that the \$3000 granted by the Council, along with an equal amount from certain ratepayers in Peel, will be altogether inadequate to complete the road, but as no statement has been laid before you, we will not advise you to grant the petition, but will be required to finish said road, they would recommend that no action be taken in the matter at present.

In regard to the Erin and Garafraxa Road, the Fergus and Douglas Roads, which have already been assumed as Co. Roads, your committee would recommend that no further expenditure be incurred on said roads during the present year.

Your Committee would recommend that the agreement made by the County with John Leitch be carried out by Mr. Cooper, engineer, as soon as the season will admit.

In regard to the claims of Robt Campbell and Malcolm Leitch, for damages for gravel, your committee recommend that if the offer made them by this county be not accepted, the same be referred to arbitration, and the Warden be empowered by-law to appoint an arbitrator on behalf of the county to settle these or any other disputed claims.

Your Committee would recommend the claim of John Hockins to be investigated by the Warden, and if found correct the sum to be paid.

Your Committee would recommend the petition of David Allan be granted after the expiration of the present lease of the gate-keeper.

Your Committee would recommend that the matter of the petition of Mr. Couch be referred to the Warden to take such action as he may deem necessary.

Mr. Sturton moved, sec. by Mr. Cross, that the report of the County Roads Committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Dobbin, seconded by Mr. McInnes, that the report be referred back to committee, with instructions to amend it by striking out paragraph No. 8, relating to the Erin and Garafraxa Roads, and inserting instead the following words:—"Your Committee would recommend that debentures be issued to the amount of \$4000 for the completion of the Fergus and Douglas Road; and to the amount of \$5000 for the completion of the Hillsburg and Erin Road, and that the County Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law."

Mr. Jull moved in amendment to the amendment, and Mr. Gillespie seconded, that the report of the committee be amended by inserting "\$2000 to the Glenallan road, \$4000 to the Douglas road, \$6000 to the Bristol and Heading road, and that debentures be issued in accordance with the requirements of law in such case."

Before the question was put Mr. Sturton said there was something extraordinary about this Peel line. No definite sum was mentioned as sufficient for its requirements. Last year the Council agreed to grant a certain sum if the liability would be the same. Some of that money was spent and the road partially finished, but there was no engineer's report, and it was not known whether the \$2000 asked for would be sufficient to finish it. Some evidence was wanted that if that sum were given it would be sufficient. Again, in committee Mr. Dobbin had offered to take \$3000 for the Douglas Road, and now in Council he asks for \$4000. The Hillsburg road is supposed to require \$6000, but he had travelled that road and knew it to be one of the most hilly in the country, and that the sum asked for would not construct it. Why don't they come down with estimates, say at once how much is wanted, and let the Council grant or refuse them. There should, he thought, be a pause for one

year, and leave the Northern townships to do what they can for the railway.

Mr. Cross was favourable to the report, but still wanted Peel to have its share of the County moneys that were distributed.

Mr. Dobbin replied to Mr. Sturton, saying that he had modified his wants in Committee to make them satisfactory.

Mr. Whitlaw and Mr. Peterson advocated strongly the carrying out to the full of the by-laws which the Council had passed assuming certain roads as County roads. Do this or otherwise repeal the By-laws. Mr. Peterson considered it was time enough to do the latter when members' constituents found fault with them for extravagance.

The amendment to the amendment was then put and nine members voted for it.

The amendment to the motion was put and the vote was 11 for and 19 against.

The years and days were ordered to be taken down and were as follow:—Yeas, Messrs. Clarke, Cornock, Dobbin, Duffell, Gillespie, Hunter, Jull, McInnes, McMillan, Saunders and Whitlaw—11. Nays, Messrs. Boyd, Broadfoot, Campbell, Cassin, Connell, Cross, Gordon, Johnston, Mair, Melvin, Mitchell, McManus, Parnore, Peterson, Rea, Robertson, Small, Sturton and Sutherland—19. Mr. Swan was absent.

Mr. Robertson then moved in amendment to the report, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the report be not adopted, but referred back to committee with instructions to amend the same by striking out that paragraph referring to the petition of the ratepayers of the 2nd and 3rd concessions of the township of Maryboro, and inserting therein, "That the prayer of said petition be granted, and that this Council assume the road therein prayed for, and that \$3000 be expended on it during the season.—Lost.

The original motion for the adoption of the report was then put, and all the members with the exception of three or four voted for it, and the report was adopted accordingly.

Mr. Whitlaw introduced a By-law to appoint an arbitrator on behalf of the corporation for the assessment of claims in connection with damages sustained by some parties near some of the County roads. The by-law was read a first and second time.

Mr. Mitchell presented the report of the Road and Bridge Committee. In reference to the petition of Thos. Whitley and others to have a commissioner appointed to see that the report of the Road and Bridge Committee of June 1867, in regard to improvements on the town line between Peel and Garafraxa be properly carried out, they do not think it advisable to appoint a commissioner at present, but would allow the township of Peel to let the first of June next to let their share of the contract. They would recommend the following grants in lieu of the petitions referred to them:—On town lines between Arthur and Luther \$300, Peel and Maryboro \$200, Garafraxa and Luther \$300, Maryboro and Arthur \$200, Garafraxa and Amaranth \$400, Minto and Arthur \$200, Peel and Maryboro (on the south end of the line) \$100, on the line from Reading to Orangeville \$100; on the County line between Wellington and Peel, on condition that the County of Peel give an equal sum, \$150; and on the line between Minto and Wallace, if Perth give an equal sum \$200.

Moved by Mr. Jull, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, that the report of the Road and Bridge Committee be adopted.—Lost.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the report be amended by striking out all the grants, and that the petitions be referred back to the committee at the June session.—Carried.

The Council adjourned till 9 a.m. on Saturday.

SATURDAY, February 1.

The Council met at nine o'clock, the Warden in the chair.

The By-law for the appointment of a County Arbitrator on damages that may be done in the construction of County roads was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Swan, seconded by Mr. Small, that the Treasurer of the County of Grey be requested to furnish to the Treasurer of this County a statement of the non-resident land tax fund of Mount Forest up to the time it was annexed to Wellington.—Carried.

The Warden read a memorial from the Reeve of Fergus in reference to a daughter of James Grahame, of that village, who is blind, and asking that she be sent to the Institute for the deaf, dumb and blind.—Referred to Education Committee.

Mr. Mitchell presented the report of the County Property Committee.

The Committee recommend that in regard to the memorial of Mr. J. Holden for the purchase of a patent Fire Extinguisher the matter lie over till the next session of the Council in order that the committee may be more fully informed as to its efficiency. They recommend that the articles asked for by the gaoler be furnished. They also recommend the payment of several accounts. The report was adopted.

Mr. Sturton presented the report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted.

The Committee recommend that \$50 be granted towards the completion of the Erin Drill Shed, also that no action be taken in regard to the payment of the account of Mr. Shaw of the Elora Observer for advertising the petition of certain ratepayers in the Township of Peel and Maryboro. In regard to the communication from the County Treasurer, asking instructions as to what course he shall pursue in regard to the fraud practised upon him by the payment of certain packages of copper coin instead of silver, the committee consider the difficulty as one arising out of a purely business transaction between the parties interested, and therefore decline to give any instructions on it at present.

Moved by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the Council grant \$200 to aid in building a bridge on the Town line between Peel and Maryboro, on condition that the Townships guarantee the balance required for its construction. Lost, those voting in favour of it being Messrs. Cross, Johnson, Melvin, Mitchell, McManus, Peterson, Robertson, Small and Sutherland—9. Twenty voted against it.

Mr. Cross presented the report of the Education Committee, who recommend that James Grahame's daughter be sent to the Institute for the blind, till the month of June, and that \$50 be granted for her maintenance; also that the same grants as given last year to the Guelph, Elora, Fergus and Orangeville Grammar Schools be again made this year in accordance with the Grammar School Act.—The report was adopted.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Jull, that this Council desire to

record its sympathy with the people of our sister Province of Nova Scotia on account of the suffering and distress that prevail in that Province, and that the sum of \$500 be granted by this Council to alleviate that distress, and that the Warden be instructed to telegraph to the chairman of the Relief Committee at Halifax to draw upon the Treasurer for that amount. The motion was carried unanimously and the Warden telegraphed to that effect the same day.

The Warden read a memorial from the toll gate keeper on the Fergus and Douglas road, stating that his salary of \$10 a month for collecting toll is far too small, and asking the Council to increase the same. Referred to the Committee on County Roads to take what action may be deemed necessary.

On motion of Mr. Peterson, Messrs. Sturton, Whitlaw, Clarke, Melvin, the Warden and the mover were appointed a special committee to revise the standing rules of the Council, and report at the June session.

The Council then adjourned till the second of June, to meet at 2 o'clock.

Queen Victoria's Journal

CONCLUDED.

The people of Edinburgh will be delighted to read of the Queen's admiration for what Scott called "my own romantic town."

"The impression Edinburgh has made upon us is very great; it is quite beautiful, totally unlike anything I have ever seen, and what is even more, Albert, who has seen so much, says it is unlike anything he ever saw; it is so regular, everything built of massive stone; there is not a brick to be seen anywhere.

The inhabitants of Perth also will often hereafter quote the opinion expressed by Her Majesty and the Prince Consort of their city:

"We very soon came upon Perth, the situation of which is quite lovely; it is on the Tay, with wooded hills skirting it entirely on one side, and hills are seen again in the distance, the river winding beautifully."

"Albert was charmed, and said it put him in mind of the situation of Basle."

Then for the pass of Killiecrankie;

"We passed Pitlochrie, a small village, Faskally a very pretty place of Mr. Muter's to the left, and then came to the Pass of Killiecrankie, which is quite magnificent; the road winds along it, and you look down a great height, all wooded on both sides; the Garry rolling below it. I cannot describe how beautiful it is. Albert was in perfect ecstasies."

Year by year the Queen seems to become more attached to the Highlands, more eager to return to them, more loth to leave them. It seems as if she could take up the burden of the Scotch song, "My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here." On one occasion she writes:

"At a quarter past eight o'clock we started, and were very, very sorry to leave Blair and the dear Highlands! Every little trifle and every spot I had become attached to; our life of quiet and liberty, everything was so pleasant, and the Highlands got to like so much. Oh! the dear hills, it makes me very sad to leave them behind."

And then on reaching England she writes with that passionate feeling which mountainous countries are apt to inspire:

"The English coast appeared so terrible flat. Lord Aberdeen was quite touched when I told him I was so much attached to the dear, dear Highlands, and missed the fine hills so much. There is a great peculiarity about the Highlands; they are such a charming, fine, active people. Our stay among them was so delightful. Independently of the beautiful scenery, there was a quiet, a retirement, a wildness, a liberty and a solitude that had such a charm for us."

The following is the Queen's account of one of the incidents of those expeditions in which she travelled incognito:

"A few seconds brought us over to the road, where there were two shabby vehicles on a kind of bench, into which Albert and I got, Lady Churchill and General Grey in the other—a break; each with small and rather miserable horses, driven by a man from the box. Grant was on our carriage, and Brown on the other. We had gone, so far forty miles, at least twenty, on horseback. We had decided to call ourselves 'Lord and Lady Churchill and party'; Lady Churchill passing as Miss Spencer, General Grey as Dr. Grey. Brown once forgot this, and called me 'Your Majesty,' as I was getting into the carriage; and Grant on the box once called Albert 'Your Royal Highness,' which set us on laughing, but no one observed it."

"We had a long three hours' drive; it was 6 o'clock when we got into the carriage. We were upon the end of the wood, and gave upon the Badenoch road—passing King's, but unfortunately not through it, which we ought to have done. It was very beautiful—fine wooded hills, the high Cairngorm range, and Ben Mulch Dhui, unfortunately obscured by the mist on the top, and the broad Spay flowing in the valley, with cultivated fields and fine trees below. Most striking, however, on the whole long journey was the water, and to me very refreshing solitude. Happily a habitation, and hardly meeting a soul! It gradually grew dark. We stopped at a small half-way house for the horses to take some water, and the few people about stared vacantly at the two simple vehicles.

The mountains gradually disappeared, the evening was mild, with a few drops of rain. On and on we went till at length we saw lights and drove through a long and straggling town, and turned down a small court to the door of an inn. Here we got out quietly, Lady Churchill and Gen. Grey not waiting for us. We went up a small staircase, and were shown to our bedroom at the top of it; very small, but clean; with a large four post bed which nearly filled the whole room. Opposite was the drawing and dining room in one; very tidy and well-stored. Then came the room where Albert dressed which was very small. The two maids (Jane Shackie was with me) had driven over by another road in a waggone, Stewart driving them. Made ourselves 'clean and tidy,' and then went down to our dinner. Grant and Brown were to have waited on us, but were 'bashful' and did not. A ringleted woman did everything; and, when dinner was over, removed the cloth and placed the bottle of wine (our own which we had brought) on the table with the glasses which were

I tried to write part of this account (but the talking round me confused me) while Albert played at 'patience.' Then went away to begin undressing, and it was half-past 11 when we went to bed."

We have thought that we should best do our duty to the remarkable volume by quoting from it freely. Our readers will be eager to hear the Queen speak for herself, and we hope the foregoing extracts we have been able to convey a fair idea of the work—which is the kindly, womanly spirit in which it is written, and of the frankness with which the first lady of the land admits us into her confidence and gives us the privileges of friendship. The book, however, to be rightly appreciated, should be read as a whole, and we doubt not that it will deepen, if that be possible, the sentiment of loyalty which the Queen has inspired, and increase the warmth with which every true heart among us says, "God bless her."

(We are indebted to Messrs. Tait & Co. for a copy of this book. Mr. Day has a large stock on hand.)

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

London, Jan. 31.—Despatches were received here several days ago giving account of the caving in of some earth on the side of Mount Vesuvius, whereby a number of lives were lost, and houses swallowed up. No such disaster has occurred.

London, Jan. 31st.—Dr Arminius Vambery, the well known traveller in Central Asia, has written a letter to the London Times, in which he proves the absurdity of the reports that the Chinese Government are preparing a hostile movement on the borders of the empire.

London, Jan. 31.—Despatches received from Florence last night allege that the Italian Government is about to send out a naval expedition to the Rio de la Plata, South America. Nothing is known as to the cause or the object of this movement. Prime Minister Mesebergh when interrogated on the subject, declined to give any explanation.

Naples, Jan. 31.—The Italian fleet now in this harbor, which has been getting ready for sea, has received orders to sail forthwith for the Rio Parana, Paraguay. All information in regard to the expedition is rigorously withheld by the government, and to the naval officials its destination only is known.

St. Louis, Jan. 31.—By the fire at Leavenworth, Kansas, this morning, about \$75,000 worth of property was destroyed.

New York, Feb. 1.—The World's special says the 'tergiversation' of Sec. Seward is of avail no longer. Another and higher authority has determined upon the course which is to be pursued in regard to the claims of the United States Government upon Great Britain. I am authorized to state most confidently and decisively that the legitimate demands which have been too meekly urged by the Secretary of State upon the British Cabinet, are to be forced at whatever hazard. The new British Minister, Mr Thornton, will probably be presented to the President on Tuesday, and although the addresses that are to be exchanged may be guarded, the fact yet remains that a speedy and satisfactory adjustment must be made by the British Government, to the ultimatum of executive of the U. S., or else war must inevitably ensue. [Correction: In this item make the jaw-breaking word read 'tergiversation'.]

New York, Feb. 1.—The World's special says the naval bill reported in the House to-day cuts down the appropriation for the naval service from the original estimate, \$500,000, to \$180,000. In the Constable and Diplomat; bill the expenses are cut down about \$500,000.

HALTOS.—We cordially endorse the following from the Milton Champion:—Archibald Campbell, Esq., of Nassagaweya, was unanimously re-elected to the proud position of Warden of the County, at the meeting of Council on Tuesday last. Mr. Campbell has discharged his duties to the satisfaction of all, and will, we are sure, continue to do so during his term of office.

Martin, who edited the Queen's diary, and is to be knighted, is the husband of the once famous actress, Helen Faucit.