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THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

It has been decided to call together

the Ontario Legislature for business on

THE temperance people of Huron are

rejoicing at the prospect of deliverance

from the present license board and its

THE Seaforth Expositor's article on

"Official Barnacles" has made a sensation

around the court house. Nobody but

officials will quarrel with the Seaforth

THE little yarn got up by one of the

school trustees, (who, by the way is now seeking re-election) that the board of

model school examiners conspired against

the principal of our model school, and

by upjust "plucking" on school law,

lowered the rating of Goderich school,

A WASTE OF \$5,000.

rectly imposed upon the people to sup-

port the horde of revising barristers and

sibly says on this matter :-

their clerks in order to make a new

ers' list. The Seaforth Expositor

It is estimated that the cost of pre-

ople, and we defy any living man w one farthing's worth of benefit hey will derive from the expendi-

ckets. But, it is equally true y do have to pay it all the same.

The latest tax is that indi-

on his hands.

editor because of his article.

Thursday, 28th January next.

GODERICH, ONT., FRIDAY, DEC. 25, 1885.

that as it is impossible to separate those from the other provisions of the Act, they are unable to advise that any por-tion of the Act is ultra vires. So that Sir John Macdonald will not be able even to keep up his army of commission ers and inspectors under pretence of entorcing the Scott Act.

Grand Triumph of Provincial Rights.

THE PRIVY COUNCIL KILLS THE MCCARTHY ACT

THE LIQUOR LIGENSES IN HURON "NOT GOOD."

The Derelict Commissioners and Inspectors Must Go.

Scent Victory.

M. C. CAMERON, M.P., will give an address at Brucefield on Tuesday. He terrible blow. The McCarthy Act, which is also expected to speak at Wingham next month. He will pour some red hot has been vaunted to the skies by the shot into the fast breaking ranks of the Tories. And his shots are going to tell.

vising barristers' clerks whom the judges wholesale licenses. The whole bill has

been equally as well, and less hypocrisy law has cost the country a pretty penny would have been displayed, had the of late. He and his bad law should be government carried out their original put in the same beat and sent adrift. intention regarding the appointment of Sir Charles Tupper has sent the folthose who were to prepare the voters' lowing telegram from London:

"In re the liquor license decision. lowered the rating of Goderich school, turns out to have heen made out of whole cloth. We punctured the bubble last week, and showed the absurdity of it. This week the trustee is without a new twister. He says the standard was higher than in some other counties. Well, what if it was? The same standard was observed in the examination and was observed in the examination the counties. Goderich and Clinton schools. In

Clinton only 3 of this year's class were The effect of this decision is that the "plucked." In Goderich 8 failed. The Dominion Government has not even the es were about equal in number in power to grant licenses under the Scott each of the schools. It doesn't make a Act. The Ontario Government at the bit of difference what the examiners' earliest possible date will appoint new standard was in Middlesex, Perth or commissioners and inspectors to enforce Bruce. The Huron standard only that act. There will be a new aspect of affected Clinton and Goderich, and in the Scott Act in this county when ear-Goderich an ignominious failure was nest and faithful officials are appointed made. The trustee has a white elephant to enforce the law.

We must congratulate our talented representative, M. C. Cameron, upon the all-round success of his motion to suspend The people of Canada are being taxed the operations of the McCarthy Act until the Privy Council settled the question of jurisdiction. The saving to the country has been considerable, and Mr. Cameren's claim that the Dominion License Act was ultra vires of the Ottawa Government has been endorsed. The elecng the voters' lists under the new pinion Franchise Act will amount to

tors will not forget Mr. Cameron. We have good authority for saying that today the so-called license holders thousand dollars for this county.

This is an entirely new and adpal burden that has been laid upon in this county have no legal right to sell liquor, and that they could all be fined if any one cared to push a case against them, and had it properly conducted. It is true this expense is paid out. It is safe, however, to say that the reign Dominion treasury, and the peo-of the Balls and Kelly's and all that not have to pay it directly out of incompetent set is very year near the incompetent set is very, very near the

The Dominion Government do not make money any more than the municipal councils do, and every cent they spend comes from the people just is surely as they pay their annual municipal tax bill, and they have, consequently, just as direct an interest in the expenditure if they could only be made to think so.

Now have the have the applied think so, I would be made to think so.

Now have the have the applied think so, I would be made to think so, I wou w, here we have the people of this in the license case, declares the whole ntry slaving and working with brain Dominion License Act unconstitutional. and hands, from early morning until late evening, in order to make ends meet, while we have the Government of the ultra wires. The Judicial Committee with the control of the Dominion while we have the Government of the country living upon them to support a state that the parts of the Dominion Surely it is about time the people were getting tired of this sort of thing."

Tory party for its sins in state that the parts of the Dominion License Act relating to the adulteration to its fall; and Mowat and getting tired of this sort of thing."

If the advice of Mr. Blake and his supporters had been taken the question of where the authority to issue licenses rest-ed would have been authoritatively set-tled before any attempt to pass a Dominion License Act was made. The money wasted in attempting to enforce the Act would thus have been saved to the coun-

Had not Mr. Meredith consented to be dragged after Sir John Macdonald like a dumb idol, Ontario's victories in the Streams Bill, the Boundary Award, and License Question would have been to him matter of rejoicing instead of gall

The people who were gulled into taking Dominion licenses may possibly recover their money, but the money paid by the taxpayers to support the officials appointed under it has gone into pockets from which it cannot be extracted.

Sir John Macdonald has been an authority on constitutional law ever since 1873. On November 3rd of that year he said :- "I have never made a constitutional or legal proposition in which I have not had the adpport of the legal advisers of the Crown in England." The Privy Council on six different occasions have pronounced this all nonsense. Toronto World (Ind.)

Mr. Mowat is the one statesman who terrible blow. The McCarthy Act, which has succeeded in repeatedly frustrating the schemes of the wily leader of the Tories, big and little; the legislation that Canadian Tories. The latter's defeat on was going to crush "that little tyrant, Mowat;" the Act that was going to prove the silly and false charge that remarks: "There is a wheel within a wheel in this revising barrister business. The Conservative press pointed with pride to the fact that the Government had appointed impartial county judges to fill the positions, but what of the rea source of irritation in our public life. Our provincial laws are as a rule good have appointed to do the work for them? collapsed like a soap bubble—but a laws, and even if they were not it is our business to amend or repeal them, and not the business of the other provinces. Toronto News (Ind.)

It is announced that the final de of the imperial privy council on the long disputed question as to whether the Dominion or provincial government has the right to issue liquor licenses, is in favor

Sarnia Observer. This is a great victory for the Ontario Government and shows once more how thoroughly Mr. Mowat and his colleagues have mastered the true intent and spirit of the Confederation Act, on all matters affecting the rights of the Provinces, and how utterly unreliable Sir John Mac donald has shown himself to be on

questions of constitutional law. London Advertiser. In view of the decision of the Privy Council, giving the provinces sole control over the liquor question, it might be interesting to know what is the next point on which Sir John threatens to teach 'that little tyrant, Mowat.'

The Privy Council were not even willing that the Dominion Government should have as much control over the liquor traffic as the courts of Canada were a very fair specimen of the man who did not know when he was well off.

During a discussion in this city on the proved to be in the wrong. Still, if he desires to come here and tell us that

Toronto Mail, Feb. 10, 1883. Teronto Mail, Feb. 10, 1888.

The Grit party are at present contending for a series of illegalities. The Boundary Award is illegal. The Streams Bill is illegal. The Crooks Act is illegal. Yet Mr. Mowat asks a sane people to sustain him that he may maintain these illegal act.

WHAT'S UP?

Around Us.

ular Gobbler- John Butler's Big Boom - Why Fred Johnston Wants to Run for Reeve Again—Chit-Chat.

A week or two ago there was a rumor that Mayor Horton was going to retire, and that F. W. Johnston was aspiring wanting to occupy the reeve's seat at the council, and that Græme Cameron was and will also keep Cameron in the junior quick. reeveship. The latter doesn't think that F. W. J. is acting straight in the retiring from the reeveship this year, matter, as he claims that that gentleman and would have done so, only that THE last year tacitly decided to retire from Signal referred to his anti-Scott antics the reeveship at the end of the present in its last issue. If THE SIGNAL told the term. I intend to let the boys fight

as it isn't my funeral. If Mayor Horton decides to step down His associates in the council thought so and out. Christopher would make any well of J. T. G. that they placed thim in and small hoys. If the present incum- another side to the shield. F. W. bent of the mayor's chair should retire, Johnston has been reeve for a number of as some say he will, there are lots of years. Three years ago he was warden. voters in town who would yell, "Rah At the expiration of his term in that for Crabb !"

New Years. I presume all except Detlor surfeited with the pleasures of office, and To G. W. Burbidge, Deputy Minister of expected—in fact, any other dicision, Justice:

| Justice | Justice | County treasurer | Special County | Cou "In re the liquor license decision.
"The Queen's order, after the preamble, reads: Their Lordships do this day agree humbly to report to your Majesty as their opinion, in reply to the two questions which have been preferred to them by your Majesty, that the Liquor License Act, 1883, and the Act of 1884

License Act, 1883, and the Act of 1884

are entirely approaching the same are not well used to have the matter at length.

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Caccara's Identification with the vacancies in St. George's and St. Patrick's ward. I have also hardly have a hoped for success after the previous relings of the way a clam acts. Fred, don't be a clam! If Greene Cameron makes up his didate in room of Detlor resigned for St.

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Would be better for F. W. J. to drop would have the position of reeve it didate in room of Detlor resigned for St.

Satisfactory, however, to every one else satisfactory, however, to every one else year. satisfactory, nowever, to every one else concerned to have the matter at length settled decisively, and all possible doubts and in that event R. W. McKenzie would days has made business as flat as a pan-St. Andrew's, George Parsons is out in has dropped correspondingly. opposition to H. W. Ball, and things the friends a chance to show how they dull thud. appreciate his services. If George H. makes up his mind to run the canvass for all it is worth, he will make it sultry for the Boanerges of the Board. I have of fun piled up on the occasion. not heard whether Butler will retire on face the music, or whether or not he will be opposed. There are lots of men in the ward who have better claims upon the ratepayers so far as education is concerned than that they train young men to play billiards. Besides, his Brown Brothers chalk deal on the board last year is likely to come up in judgment

Speaking about deals, county treasure right of the respective governments to Holmes is a dandy on deals. He is a licensed harpies are all out of a job, owing to the decision of the Privy spending a few days this week under the Holmes is a dandy on deals. He is a Orangeman, or perhaps we should say an Orangeman and consequently a Tory, declared that if Sir John proved to be in best to grab everything within reach. Council. the wrong "he need never show his long tion, but there are a few dollars in it, nose in London again." Sir John has and it might have been a god-send to and it might have been a god-send to some of our local Tories who have been bawling themselves hoarse for years in squaw story, the Advertiser ventures to predict that he can do so without fear of this section; but the treasurer, although a Johnny-come-lately, has influence at court, and gobbles up the little billet.

He's a gobbler every time, is the grasping county treasurer. I know him from Jubiate. ing county treasurer. I know him from away back, and he was always the same. He wants all the grist to come to his

I see John Butler is trying to make a boom with his "Waterworks-Electric his foolish statement that "the Crooks Light-Agricultural Park" scheme. The Act was not worth the paper it was thing is big cry and little wool so far written on," and uttered the silly threat as solid common sense is concerned. that he would smash "that little tyrant The level-headed ratepayers will punch Mowat," he had just been dining at holes in the chimerical scheme on the Chestnut Park, Senator Macpherson is a water drunk by some of the promoters political outcast—the scapegoat of the of the waterworks scheme will never the battle ground. The Government poison them; an electric light system is west; Sir John's government is tottering too great a glare for a coal oil town; and too great a glare for a coal oil town; and too great a glare for a coal oil town; and too great a glare for a coal oil town; and too great a glare for a coal oil town; and too great a glare for a coal oil town; and too great a glare for a coal oil town; and too great a glare for a coal oil town; and too great a glare for a coal oil town; and too great a glare for a coal oil town; and to gr to its fall; and Mowat and the Crooks the present agricultural grounds have ruption, its duplicity, its vensity.— gregation which brought forth and solid.

Act are staunch and solid.

visitors to our fall shows. I believe in legitimate progress, but trying to buy the town rich by saddling it with a debt Things That Are Happening for useless objects is like jumping into the gutter and then trying to lift your-

I notice some of our local swells have taken to wearing Tam-o'-Shanter caps. Nobody knows what to make out of style, and, when compared with the mission of taxes, he having been assessed the present municipal situation in town, cost of fur caps, the Tam is by far the cheaper. The difference in the price of headgear would keep an ordinary young swell in tobacco for the winter months, to the big chair; that John Butler was and "Do yeow kneow" economy is wealth when the salary isn't high ?

Town clerk Campbell is raising his also aspiring to the reeveship, having tuneful voice in deprecation of the nonserved as deputy for the past couple of registration of births, marriages and years. I have inquired into the matter, deaths-especially with regard to births and find that Fred is not itching for the He says there will be a wail of sorrow mayoralty, and at present has no idea of run through this corner of the vinevard giving up the reeveship, if by any means if the new arrivals are not entered on he can prevail upon the ratepayers to the list. If you are wise and have a continue him in office. This will throw baby in the house, you will register the John Butler back on St. George's ward, fact at the clerk's office right away,

this little battle out between themselves, one has said it didn't) what reason has Johnston for breaking the compact he By-the-way, I hear it would not take entered into last year. Years ago when a great deal to make C. Crabb put on F. W. Johnston was deputy, J. T. his war paint, and fight for the majoralty. Garrow occupied the position of reeve. other candidate I know hump to get in the warden's chair. The following year the mayor's chair ahead of him. The he resigned the position of reeve, and way he rushed things at his last trustee nominated the deputy to be his successor. election was a caution to men, women That's what a man did. Now there's office he still hung on to the reeveship Trustees Butler, Ball, Nicholson, like a barnacle. Last year, he gave will stand for re-election. I have heard would retire this year. He was elected

have a walk over in St. Patrick's. In cake, and the lower jaw of many in trade

H. I. Strang let something drop on will likely be hot down there. Ball has would be controversialist in the columns never stood a contest, and it will give of a local paper last week. There was a

ten upon." The groggeries must go.

ask for the better enforcement of the Scott Act. The careless commissioners the incompetent inspectors, and the

### St. George's Church.

There will be a special Christmas ser vice at St. George's church on Christmas rich, spent a few days in our villege last morning, commencing at 10:30. The week the guests of Mr. Richard Miller. morning, commencing at 10:30. The following music has been prepared for

Offsetorium
"Lot Your Light so Shine".
"If we Have Sown Unto You"
"While we Have Time"...
"Thou art Worthy O Lord"
"Roly Offerings Rich and Rare"
Postlude, "Agnus Det"...

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OUR TOWN FATHERS. hat Transpired at the Council Meeting Lost Tuesday Night.

A soccial meeting of the council for self out by the backstraps. I say held on Tuesday evening.
"Come off!" to Butler's Big Boom.
"The transaction of general business was held on Tuesday evening.
All the members present except Mr.

Acheson.

Minutes of last meeting were read and

for a liquor stock which he had to sac-rifice on the 1st of last May. Referred

to court of revision.

The following accounts were recommended to be paid:—J. W. Smith, \$2; John F. Bates, \$14.55; George Grant, \$13.25; George N. Davis, \$56.50; Alex. Kirkbride, \$21.25; W. T. Welsh, \$2 Buchanor, Lawson & Co., \$59.71; E. Graham, \$3.15; Wm. Kirkbride, \$4.

A petition was read from J. & T. Storey, requesting a rebate of three months rent for the town property formerly occupied by them as a blacksmith shop.

Granted.

A number of accounts were presented and referred to finance committee. The supply committee recommended that a suit of clothes, not to cost over \$25, be furnished the chief constable. Also that the clerk be empowered to purchase 25 cords of wood.

REPORT OF COURT OF REVISION. That in reference to Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. R. Hawley, that no action be taken. That the prayer of Mrs. Sayers be not granted. That the dog tax of Hy. Clucas be remitted. Horace Horton.

Moved by Humber, seconded by Murney, that the Mayor and clerk be and are hereby authorized to pay such accounts as may be required from time to time until next meeting of council.

Moved by Humber, seconded by Bingham, that a public meeting be called for Tuesday evening and that a not led for Tuesday evening, and that a no-tice be put in the papers.

On motion council adjourned.

On the afternoon of the 16th inst. a bevy of lassies were seated round a quilt-ing board at our architect's residence, handling their needles with great pre-caution under the keen watchfulness of two of our dames. Later in the even-ing some bachelors put in an appearance to inspect the work, and help them give Malcomson and Detlor will vacate at everyone to understand, that he was the recipent a roll in it, but a violin, mouth organ and Jew's harp made them forget this in a social hop, which was floor manager.
S. P. Williams is authorized to take subscriptions for THE SIGNAL and Globs

The trustees of school section No. 3 have engaged the services of Miss Mary Robertson for 1886.

Mrs. Robert Buchanan and her daugh-

ter Kate, of Q'Appelle, are visiting relatives in this township.

Wm. F. Clarke has returned for the

holidays from the Ontario Veterinary College. He looks as if life in the Queen city agreed with him.

MUNICIPAL. — Municipal matters in this township have begun to boom during the past week. The old reeve, William

the past week. The old reeve, William Young, will not stand for re-election, and it is likely that a lively fight for the plate will be had between John Kernighan and Anthony Allen, the present deputy-reeve. For the deputy-reeveship Charlie McHardy and Jos. Beek will enter into contest. Colborne ought to elect John Kernighan reeve and Charlie McHardy deputy. They are the equal of any other two men in the township for intelligence and ability.

## St. Halens.

Mr. Thomas Radeliffe is home from tives.
We are pleased to hear that Mrs. D. Todd is recovered from her rece

Mrs. Pritchard, of Manchester, is parental roof.
Mr. Alex. McDonald is visiting friends

and old acquaintances after an eighteen years' sojourn in British Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Miller, of Godes

Our respected teacher Mr. J. W. Morgan returned on Thursday last from Hamilton where he has been prosecuting his studies during the past three months.
Mr. E. A. MacKenzie filled his place in school during his absence.

On Monday evening last there was held in the Presbyterian church an excellent entertainment, commemorating Arris tibi

Differencium

Garret in D.

The twentieth anniversary of the settlement of the pastor, Rev. Rev. Rev. Leask.

The large church was crowded with an

appreciative audience, and excellent ad
dresses were delivered by Rev. Mr.

Davidson, of Langside, Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Dungannon, and Rev. Dr. Ure

of Goderlch, and the pastor. A recitation entitled "The Gambler's Wife"

admirably rendered by Miss McConnell.

The musical part of the programme. Mowat," he had just been dining at holes in the chimerical scheme on the never be made the sole issue in a context. The musical part of the programme was in this Provide. Reformers will never be made the sole issue in a context of the programme was in this Provide. Reformers will never be made the sole issue in a context of the programme was in this Provide. Reformers will never be made the sole issue in a context of the programme was residence. Today Macpherson is a water drunk by some of the promoters permit Sir John and his organs to choose by Mr. R. Miller with Miss McConstients.