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The Vacant Senatorship.

The Western Senatorship is waking up the aristocratic centres of the Provinces, and with all the cheek and assurance born of corrupt city life, London, Hamilton and even Toronto are putting a claim to have a citizen from one of these places placed in our Canadian House of Lords in the room of the late Hon. Donald Macdonald. Now if our Senate is to keep up its assumed representative character—a character which it certainly was the intention it should have from the fact of its first members having been selected with especial reference to the different sections of the Dominion, the new Senator must be chosen from amongst those resident in the Division and who have some material stake in it. The whole thing is a farce if this be not acted upon. As well might a Senator be nominated to represent the Tecumseth division who resides in British Columbia as to select one who resides in Hamilton or London. The principle is equally violated in either case. As it is now Toronto has six Senators, Kingston two, London one, Hamilton one, Ottawa one, St. Catharines one. We want to see a resident appointed, this centralizing of all the good things to a few metropolitan points instead of giving such rural constituencies as Huron and Perth, the ones chiefly interested, some consideration will create dissatisfaction in these Counties. We suggested in our last issue the name of Mr. Christopher Crabb as a fit and proper person as the Senator for Tecumseth, there has been none named, that we have seen, who can bring so many powerful claims to receiving the appointment. Of course it is none of our funeral even if Mr. T. M. Daly, or Mr. Kidd, or Mr. Ritchie, or Hon. T. N. Gibbs, or Mr. Becher, Q. C. should receive the appointment.

Free Trade.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Hawley's Essay on "Free Trade" has been favorably noticed by leading liberal Republican and Democratic papers in the States. The following notice is by an independant journal, the Detroit *Evening News* of January 27th:—

"'No. X of Putnam's 'Economic Monographs,' former numbers of which series have been mentioned as they were issued, is 'An Essay on Free Trade,' by Mr. R. Hawley, of Detroit, comprising about 60 pages of facts and arguments, sufficient to convince any open and intelligent mind of the truth of the author's contention, that commerce can be truly prosperous only when free from restrictions; that tariffs are only an artificial obstable which ignorance or selfishness add to the many natural ones already retarding the growth of wealth; that the highest and most durable prosperity for all peoples can be found only in the freest intercourse. The favorite method of the protectionists is the historical and the statistical, rather than the theoretical and inductive. Mr. Hawley meets them on their own ground with an exhaustive review of the history of economic legislation in England and the United States during the past century, and a showing of the results of each legislative experiment. The period of agitation in England during the time of Sir Robert Peel affords a particularly rich field which Mr. Hawley thoroughly works. It afforded an opportunity for economic experiment, never before or since presented to a people, and was so complete in its demonstration as to carry conviction to Peel himself, who had been the strongest opponent of free trade, as well as to the whole empire. Mr. Hawley's little work admirably fills a hitherto vacant space in economic discussion in America."

Star Lights Condensed.

[*From our funny contributor.*]

'We have heard,' &c.

'In the public accounts for 1877,' &c., $5,499.99.

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'Our member,' &c. $5,499.99.

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Will some one examine the editors glasses and see if the figures 5,499.99 are not written on them.

On the words *we*.

'By the way,' &c.. 'as *we* have,' &c.

'Why did *we*,' &c., '*we* could,' &c.

'If the Guelph, &c., '*we* do,' &c., and *we* shall,' &c., '*we* will,' &c., and *we* shall,' &c.

'This is a secret, *we* do not,' &c., 'but *we* hope,' &c., '*we* do not,' &c., 'with regard, &c., 'says *we*,' &c , but *we*,' &c., 'whether the grant,' &c., *we* think our member,' &c., '*we* hope,' &c., '*we* are,' &c., '*we* know,' &c., and *we*,' &c.

'Is the the editor of the Seaforth *Expositor* crazy—'unless *we* are' and '*we* think *we* are,' *we* have,' &c., *we* had,' &c., '*we* are,' &c , *we* would &c., 'as it is *we* are in charity to come to the conclusion, &c., &c.,

—Who is this mighty *we* who that sits on a foot square of basswood and thunders forth the *I am*, *we and us*. Who cannot write ten lines without using the word *we* as many times, *vide Star* of 31st ult. Answer. Egotist.

The London *Free Press* says that the supporters of Mr. Mowat declare "that the elections will be held solely with reference to the convenience of the electors." The *Free Press* coolly suggests a fib. It says "would it not be better to say the convenience of Mr. Mowat" Certainly not, it would be an untruth to say so. It is really grievous to note the manner in which the paper mentioned seeks to inculcate a disregard for the truth.

COMPLIMENTARY.

Grand Supper at Smith's Hill

In Honor of ex-Warden of Huron and ex-Reeve of Colborne,

WILLIAM YOUNG, ESQ.

There were present Reeves R. Jewell, T. Gledhill, Thos. Strachan, Alex. Slemmon, David Walker, John Hannah, L. Hunter, Robt. Curry, C. Girvin, E. Gaunt, Dr. Macdonald, A. L. Gibson and a large number of prominent residents of Colborne Township and Goderich.

On Thursday evening of last week a complimentary supper was given in honor of Mr. Wm. Young ex-Reeve of Colborne. The affair came off at Smith's Hill and was probably the most interesting social re-union that ever took place in the township. About 60 persons sat down to tables thoroughly provided with everything possible to delight the heart and tempt the palate of man. There were many of the reeves of different townships present, Mr. T. Strachan, reeve of Grey, occupied the chair. Mr. Robt. Curry of East Wawanosh and Mr. John Robertson, sr., of Colborne, acted as vice-chairmen. After justice had been done to the solid refreshments, the "Governor General" was proposed and drank to with a right hearty good will, "For he's a jolly good fellow." Song by Mr. Gibson, "When the Kye comes hame." "The Army and Navy" was next proposed, coupled with the name of Mr. Varcoe. Mr. V. could not thing of taking precedence over his superior officer Col. Ross, and after a few well chosen remarks yielded the floor to Mr. Mosely, who, although not attempting to reply on behalf of the army staff would reply on behalf a very important staff and a very large one. That of farming. He concluded by singing a very suggestive and patriotic song which was loudly cheered. The chairman next proposed the guest of the evening, and said that a public life of about 25 years had left Mr. Young still in possession of the many qualities which go to form the good citizen and he was likely to continue to be the right generous hearted fellow that they all knew he was. Mr Young responded, and asked those present to spare his blushes, he was so *young*. He was glad to know that the community were always in sympathy with him. It was a great satisfaction to him to see so many county councillors present it showed an approval of his conduct, and that he had not been a totally unfaithful steward. Their demonstrative appreciation to-night, of his past se[illegible], emboldened him to say that he [illegible] continue to be as they always [illegible]nd him. He had not been so successful in some ways as many of his friends, he however saw others present who could not reproach him for laziness.

The "carring o' oor door" was sang by Mr. Loutit and concluded [illegible] great applause.

County Council, was proposed, coupled with the name of Mr. McMillen and other drank with great enthusiasm. Mr. McMillan considered that County Councils are the greatest of blessings we enjoy. Notwithstanding the ridicule sometimes attempted to be cast up on them, they will compare favorably with other collective bodies. If they mismanage affairs, each recurring January gives the people an opportunity to apply a remedy. The gravel roads and other improvements testified to the enterprise and fore-thought of past County Councils, they had not only done their duty to the County but to the Dominion at large. Although not long personally acquainted, with the guest, he had always heard of him as being generous, to judge of him by his actions in the council he sometimes doubted that he was generous, (hear, hear) he never, however, doubted Mr. Young's liberality to Colborne, he would get and give all he could to this township and however lazy he may have been in other respects, it would be an untruth to say he was indolent when the interests of the township of Colborne were at stake. (Cheers.) Taking this view of the case and knowing as the speaker did the sterling worth of the ex reeve he must be pardoned if he thought that the people of this township displayed toward Mr. Young an amount of ingratitude which was but little encouragement and a very poor reward for many years of faithful service service. He meant no disrespect to the present excellent reeve, Mr. Jewell, but he was certain the good people of Colborne must have been laboring under a very serious mistake when they withdrew their support from Mr. Young. In regard to the grant of $200 about which so much had been said, he could say this was made out of regard and consideration for the ex-reeve more than for any other cause. There was no better school for our rising men than the County Council. He was glad so many had met this evening to do honor to our friend Young, who, for 25 years had been honored with the confidence of those in his immediate vicinity. And those in the eastern end of the county who knew Mr. Y. had never abated one jot in their regard for him, and were very much astonished at hearing that Mr. Young was not a reeve for 1879.

Mr. Gibson did not know whether the affair was in honor of Mr. Young's services to his township or of his defeat, He then related an anecdote illustrative of the strongly developed trait amongst Scotsmen of sticking together. On this occasion he noticed that they were not all Scotsmen, here was his friend on the right, Mr. Givin, than whom there could be none who entertained a stronger feeling of regard for the guest of the evening, He was glad to know of Mr. Young's prosperity, he had well earned it. Mr. Girvin in looking back upon the time when himself and Mr. Young first sat as councillors could not help but congratulate his countrymen upon the progress we had made. Mr. C. then very ably reiveved the progress of municipal instutions from 42 and [illegible] win's time. At first there was [illegible] councillor for 300 people as the co[illegible]ry was sparsely settled, very few localities had the required number. There was no pay attached and they could not sit longer than nine days. About 1850 they be[illegible]n to receive 6s. 3d. a day Baldwin legislated so that there [illegible] five councillors allowed to each tow[illegible] In Huron we had tried in 1849 to get $30,000 for gravel roads, but failed. In 1856 we c[illegible]ried a grant for $100,000. Since '53 he had been in the Council with Mr. Young, and notwithstanding the uncalled for aspersions sometimes cast upon the County Council of Huron, he could confidently say that the amount of work it had done would compare favorably with that of any other in the Dominion, and among the most efficient members he could place his honored friend, the guest of the evening.

The new members of the C. Council were proposed. In response, Dr. McDonald said that great before leaving Wingham he had great trepidation of spirit, he was told he was too good a man to mix up with such a bad lot of men as County Councillors, in fact he was very nearly left at home from this kindly regard for his moral welfare. Before coming to Goderich a friend invited him to spend the evening at his house, upon arriving he found a minister and elder of the church who had been asked to come for his, the Dr's., benefit. It was pointed out how this sober man went to the C C and became a drunkard, another, a class leader, was also elected a C. C, he too fell from grace And so on, a number of others were also pointed out for his benefit. Was it to be wondered at that he felt shy of the members of the C. C.? He got talking to Mr. Girvin, he looked a decent sort of man, and he found him just as good as he looked. As he became acquainted with the younger members he found they too were not quite so black a painted. In fact, he did not know whether he ought to be ashamed for saying it, but he would now confess he thought that they were quite as good as he was. (Hear, hear.) The Dr. then diagnosed the mental and physical characteristics of Mr. Young and found him as large hearted and generous as was healthful and vigorous, and though he may not live to the age of Methuselah, there was no doubt he would always be *young*. As Mr. Y. might be looking around for some one to leave his wealth to, the Dr. reminded him that he, the Dr., would have no use for it, as he had no idea of living 120 years as was quite possible might be the case with Mr. Y——.

Mr. Gledhill in a very happy speech referred to Mr. Y's popularity, his township was not against him. In regard to Mr. Young's wealth he hoped he would live long to enjoy it and make as good a use of it for the future as he had hitherto. Scotsmen were proverbial for holding to what they once got, especially if it was a good thing. English and Irish and Germans had not so good a grip, they let go quicker, but then this was not so very bad a trait.

Mr. Jewell thought the township had as much respect for Mr. Young as they ever had, for his own part he wished him long life and happiness and he knew the whole township also did.

Song by the chairman. (Laughter and cheers).

Mr. Walker made some appropriate remarks and sang a Naval song with great acceptation.

The County Officials were next proposed with reference to Mr. Ross and Mr. Adamson. Mr. Adamson had a long experience in the Council. He had sat for seven years as reeve with Mr. Young and for fourteen years as Clerk of the C. C. He reviewed the former exigencies of the county and the difficulties the council had to contend with. As to Mr. Young, he had always looked after the interests of Colborne, there generally being a laudable emulation with Wawanosh. He thanked the C. C. for keeping the salary at former figures, not so much even for the amount of money at issue, as for the expression of confidence it showed. He knew reeves were making a sacrifice by attending council, but it was an honor, an honor not to be lightly regarded, for it was an expression of respect and confidence from those best able to judge. There was no more generous man living than the guest of the evening. He, Mr. A. could not have been present on account of a resolution Mr. Jewell gave notice of in the council, But the present reeve of Colborne waived the right to press his motion if it interfered with the Clerk's attendance to night.

Mr. Ross had heard the portentous rumblings in regard to salaries, but being a military man he never flinched. He was glad to know that the County Council had seen proper to renew the confidence they had for 21 years reposed in him. It was gratifying to know that there was so little difference between the County Council and the Officials. Not to be egotistical, he thought the County Officials did their duty correctly. There was not so much formality about the proceedings of the Huron Council but more congruity than in that of many. He would say that in regard to the special of object of their meeting to-night that it was not a mere matter of form, but a genuine out-power of respect for the guest of the evening. Thought it was an honor to Mr. Young's grey hairs to see the gentlemen present and hear the many warm tributes to his worth. Undoubtedly he had a strong hold upon the hearts and affection of the people of Colborne. Mr. Young was always in favor of County improvements, whether it affected Colborne immediately or not. Mr. Young had earned the respect of all, in losing the services of Mr. Y. Colborne had certainly lost a great deal. He said this with all respect for his successor. Mr. Y, if possessed of a competence, had been liberal in the use of it, (hear, hear).

Mr. Gledhill tendered an apology for the absence of Mr. Garrow.

Mr. H. Hamilton said from uncontrollable circumstances Mr. Horton was not able to be present.

Mr. Robertson proposed the township Council of Colborne. Drank with hearty cheers.

Mr. Jewell thought the old councillors should have been called upon.

Mr. Gledhill thought as he had only been a few minutes, so to speak, in the council it was imposing upon his good nature to ask him to speak again. However he thought Colborne had always been well governed—none better—and he had no reason to have any fears for the future. He though the ex-councillors should have something to say.

Mr. Buchannan thought to get in, but he failed. As there were so many excellent speakers present he would give them a song. He then favored them with "Tom Brown" with remarkable fine effect.

Mr. H. Snell responded to the "agricultural interests". He was more at home in the practical workings of agriculture than theorizing upon it, it was the mainstay of the country, he had much pleasure in being present in helping to honor the guest of the evening. Mr. Young was a straightforward man, generally said what he meant, and meant what he said.

Mr. Currie, then said though he had to practice agriculture he could not say much in regard to it. He and Mr. Young had held many disputations. Mr. Y. used forcible language and he returned the compliment. Had often occassion to agree to differ with his friend Mr. Young. Huron compared favorably with other sections in agriculture. H. Snell was our chief stock man; we however excelled particularly in wheat. We had better roads and spent more money on them than any other county, and Colborne held a prominent position; she in fact had got more than justice, owing to the force of character, strength and plausibility of the ex-reeve. The heaviest crop he ever took off was the first one. Improved machinery made agriculture mere pastime to what it formerly was. We wanted a different system of education one with special reference to agriculture; so as to know all about the constituent qualities of the soil. Too much attention was given to educating for the professions. He hoped we would all fare as well as the ex-reeve of Colborne.

Mr. Caldwell, of Hullett, would not touch upon agriculture, but give a song; "Let us speak of a man as we find him," this was finely rendered and was in perfect harmony with the object of the meeting.

The legal profession was next toasted and responded to by Mr. Seager. He would not apologize for being present, he was only to happy to have an opportunity to express his good will towards the guest of the evening, as also to the County Council and ex councillors. This was not a mere ceremony, but a spontaneous and hearty expression of good will. Mr. Young will be missed in the County Council; his strong common sense and ready wit made him a tower of strength. The County Council was not merely a nurse for but an exempler for the Big County Council. He would be always glad, in Goderich, to hear the cheery laugh and feel the warm shake of hands from Mr. Young.

Mr. Robertson proposed the commercial interests, coupled with the name of Mr. D. C. McKay and Mr. Scott. Mr. D. C. McKay referred to the way of doing business in the old times and contrasted the vast improvement there was in this line as well as in agriculture. As the night or morning was progressing he would not occupy more time. Mr. R. B. Scott thought the bottom had fallen out of the commercial bucket; he gave them a song the rendition of which was loudly applauded. Mr. Robertson next gave "The Press" which was responded to by the representative of the *Signal*, He said he was heartily in accord with the object of the meeting and thought the eulogiums passed upon the guest of the evening were in every way well deserved; he tendered an apology for the absence of Mr. Allen who would have done more justice to "The Press" and the merits of Mr. Young.

Mr. Hanna made some remarks upon our educational system; he thought too much attention was given to fitting our children for the professions to the neglect of mechanical and agricultural occupations. Grange Clubs were now much in vogue and they were serving a good purpose in allowing an interchange of ideas upon matters vitally affecting the interests of farmers. Mr. Young was much missed at the Council, and although he might not leave any posterity a future generation would bear his name in kindly remembrance. Messrs. Young and Girvin responded to the "Pioneers" of Huron. Mr. Young had travelled from Gaspe to Sarnia and he had not seen any place equal to old Huron yet.

Mr. Kerr of McKillop related a story in inimitable style much to the merriment of those present.

The Chairman, Mr. T. Strachan said, though a highlandman, he was a Canadian first. No country in the world offered the same opportunities as this for a poor man to raise himself in the material and social scale. The worthy ex-reeve of Colborne was an example in point. We had not too much legislation as had sometimes been said, an extensive franchise, large representation, backed by a liberal education, and our liberties would never be endangered. Politics would go for nought were our country to be invaded. Farmers are the paramount element in the country and are not looked down upon. If a farmer respects himself others will, "a man is a man for a' that" aye and even by that. He then sang a Gaelic song, composed by a young lady who was a true loyalist but had to take up her abode in the United States after the Revolution. The sentiment was fine.

Mr. Slemmon made a very sensible and pithy speech and admirably showed how industry and honesty will succeed. He was proud to meet his old friend Young upon such a singularly auspicious occasion as this. Host and Hostess were drank with great enthusiasm. Mr. Martin returned thanks and gave a humorous song.

"The Ladies," responded to by Mr. Rose. He admitted he was in a difficult position he could only speak of the good qualities of the ladies from a distance. In fact he did not know that he ought to speak well of them at all. They had left him so long in single blessedness that he thought they were a very had hearted portion of the human race. However, he did not know what good fortune might be in store for him, so he would only say "God bless them."

The parties now dispersed to their homes.

Mr. I. Martin and lady and their several assistants do certainly deserve any praise that can be bestowed upon them; for the appointments in connection with the above affair were all the most fastidious could desire.

County Council.

Jan. 28th, 1879.

The County Council met to-day pursuant to statute, the Clerk in the chair. The following gentlemen presented certificates from the clerks of their respective municipalities of having been elected Reeves and Deputy Reeves, and then took their seats as such, viz:—

Ashfield—Robert Webster, Robert Hamilton.
Bayfield—W. W. Connor.
Blyth—Wm. Clegg
Brussels—John Leckie.
Clinton—J. Chidley, D. Menzies.
Colborne—R Jewell, T. Gledhill,
Exeter—L. Hardy.
Goderich Town—J. T. Garrow, F. W. Johnston, J. C. Detlor.
Goderich Township—G. Elliott, Jos. Whitely,
Grey—Thos. Strachan, Alex. Slemmon.
Hay — Dr. Buchanan, J. B. Kalbfleisch.
Howick—John Kaine, B. S. Cook, D Weir.
McKillop—Thomas E. Hays, Alex. Kerr.
Morris—G. Forsythe, F. Clegg.
Seaforth—D D. Wilson.
Stanley — Thomas Simpson, George Castle.
Tuckersmith—David Walker, John Hannah.
Turnberry—S. Black, James Hennings.
Usborne — Leonard Hunter, T. McKay.
Wawanosh East—James Potter, Robt Curry.
Wawanosh West — Charles Girvin, Edward Gaunt.
Wingham—Dr. McDonald.
Wroxeter—A. L. Gibson.

The Clerk then said the first business before them would be the election of a Warden, and he was theretore prepared to receive nominations.

It was then moved by Mr. Clegg, seconded by Mr. Kerr, that Mr. Thos. E. Hays, be Warden for the current year.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Currie, that Mr. A. L. Gibson be Warden for the current year.

Upon a ballot being taken twenty-five yeas were recorded for Mr. Hays, when he was, accordingly declared alected.

After taking his seat the Warden briefly thanked the Council for the honor conferred upon him, and then signed the declaration of office.

The minutes of the last day of December meeting was then read and approved.

The Council then adjourned.

Jan. 29th, 1879.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, all the members present except Mr. D. D. Wilson.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Castle, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that a committee of five be balloted for to appoint the standing committees for the current year.—Carried.

Upon a ballot being taken, the committee was found to consists of Messrs. Kaine, Elliott, Hogarth, Potter and Gibson.

Moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Hannah, that W. R. Watson, of Seaforth, be appointed auditor for the current year.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Whitely, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that Jas. Patton be auditor.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Cook, that David Patton be auditor.

Upon a vote being taken upon the amendments they were negatived and the original motion passed. The Warden appointed Mr. Arch. Dickson as a second auditor.

Moved by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Chidley, that Messrs. P. Adamson and F. W. Johnston be appointed auditors of Criminal Justice accounts, &c.—Carried.

The opinion of Mr. C. Robinson, Q.C., in reference to the claims of the different county officers upon the Council to provide them fuel, stationery, lamps, oil, &c., &c., was read and referred to Finance Committee.

A letter from the Board of Audit, on the same subject was read and referred to Finance Committee,

Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Weir, that by-law No. 3, 1876, imposing a tax on dogs, of $1 and $2 on bitches, be repealed.

Some warm discussion took place on this motion, many points were made by the advocates of the tax, and when a vote was taken it was found the motion was lost by a majority of nine.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Mason, that the Clerk be instructed to draft a by-law to confirm by-law No. 4, 1878, of the township of Hullett, to step up a road allowance through lots 17 and 18, in the 9th con. of said township—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. McMillan, that by-law No. 10, 1876, be amended by adding the following to it. That every hawker, pedler, petty chapman, and other person carrying on petty trades, &c., shall, on demand, show his license, and if he refuses to do so, he shall be liable to the same penalty as if he had no license. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Whitely, that the salary of the engineer be reduced $200.—Referred to the Salaries Committee.

Moved by Mr. Garrow, seconded by Mr. Clegg, of Blyth, that it is the opinion of this Council that manufacturers of articles within this county, who peddle the same, should be exempt from peddlers' license, and that all articles manufactured outside the county, and peddled within it, should be so peddled by licensed pedlers.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till four p. m., to give time to the selecting committee to appoint standing committees.

Afternoon—Warden in the Chair—Communication from Mr. Miller, Secretary of the West Huron Teachers Association in reference to appointment of County Examiners was read and referred to School Committee.

Report of Inspector Miller read and referred.

Communication from County Council of Carleton requesting the co-operation of the Council in petitioning Legislature to extend time of Reeves and Deputies to remain in office to three years, was read and filed.

Letter was read from County Clerk of Lambton in reference to Grand Bend Bridge.

Poor house sites were offered for sale by Messrs. R. W. Moore, A. Taylor, John Ridout and Wm. Brigham.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Kerr, that a grant of $200 be given for repairing Gravel Road from Clinton North to Londesboro; also $200 for North of Seaforth to Walton. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by Mr. Gaunt that $200 be granted to improve the boundary line from Wingham to Lucknow. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Detlor, seconded by Mr. Hardy, that Malloch, of Clinton; Gregory, of Exeter and Halls, of Goderich be a Board of Examiners of School Teachers for the current year. Referred to School Committee.

Moved by Mr. Gaunt, seconded by Mr. Mason, that $3000 be raised for the improvement of boundary lines. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Hennings, that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to memorialize the Local Legislature to pass an act for the following purposes, viz:—That when a township has already granted two or more bonuses to a railroad company, and where no portion of said township is more than seven miles from a R. R. Station; that no more bonuses be granted to R. R. Company by the said township without a vote of two-thirds of the qualified electors of the township, Carried.

W. W. Farren, of Clinton, T. F. McLean, of Goderich and S. G. McCaughey, of Clinton were appointed High School Trustees for their respective schools. Council adjourned until 8 p. m.

The council resumed, Warden in the chair. Letter from Mr. Cockerline offering a site for Poor House was read and filed.

Council adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. on 30th.

January 30th, 1879.

Council met, Warden in the Chair. All the Councillors present. Minutes of yesterday approved. Report of Mr. Bray County Engineer, was read and referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Letter from Mr. Bay containing his resignation on account of ill health was read. Moved by Mr. Strachan, seconded by Mr. Currie, that it be accepted. Moved by Mr. Leckie, seconded by Mr. Black that this Council grant the sum of $500 as a retiring allowance, to Mr. Bay, after 22 years faithful service. Carried on a division by a majority of four.

Five tenders for County Printing. Referred to Printing Committee.

Report of Finance Committee was read. Moved in amendment by Mr. Clegg, seconded by Mr. Johnston that $200 be granted to improve gravel road north of Seaforth. Lost by a majority of 13.

Moved by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that twenty dollars be granted the County Attorney in full of his claim of $43.50. Carried.

Report of Salaries Committee was read. Moved by Mr. Detlor, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that this report lie over until to-morrow. Lost on division by a majority of 24.

Moved by Mr. Strachan, seconded by Mr. McMillan that this council do not provide any of the officials connected with the Court House with stationery and postage, except those officers appointed by the council. Carried.

Mr. Macdonald moved, Mr. Girvin seconded that a guard fence be put along the embankment near Wingham. Referred to Road and Bridge Com.

Jan, 31st 1878.

Warden in the chair. All Councillors present. Minutes of yesterday approved.

Copy of petition to the Governor General in reference to increased Railway facilities was read.

Moved by Mr. Garrow, seconded by Mr. Gibson that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign petition, for the consideration of Dominion Government, of the present arrangements for Railway approaches and facilities from the west to the city of Toronto. Carried on a division by a majority of 35.

A motion was brought in to extend the time of making assessment in towns, villages and townships from the 1st Feby. to 1st July in each year—Lost by majority of 22.

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Chidley that the sum of $100 be granted to each of the three Riding Agricultural Societies in the county—Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by, in amendment by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Girvin that the $100 so granted be distributed by Agricultural Societies in the same manner as the Government grant now is; amongst the several branch Societies within the different ridings—Referred to Finance Committee.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Elliott and Mr. Connor be authorized to sell the old bridge at Bayfield and hand proceeds to County Treasurer

Moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr, Gaunt that Messrs. Hardy, Menzies, Gibson and Girvin be appointed road commissioners to assist reeves, when called upon, in letting the building and repairing of the county bridges—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Garrow that the Warden's Committee advertize for applicants for position of engineer—Lost.

It was moved and seconded that notices be placed on the ends of all bridges over 30 feet span to prevent against furious driving—Carried.

Accounts of McLean Brothers and Henry Horton referred to Finance Committee.

Council adjourned.

Feby. 1st 1879,

Council met. Warden in the chair. All Councillors present. Minutes of yesterday read and appoved.

By-laws were passed appointing County Auditors, a Board of Audit and Road Commissioners.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Black that the County Treasurer, on the order of the Road Commissioners, be authorized to pay for building and repairing County bridges—Carried.

The Clerk was authorized to request the late Engineer to collect all tools and other property belonging to the county and place the same in charge of Mr. Menzies in Clinton—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Kain, seconded by Mr. Simpson that the Council do now adjourn to meet again on the first Monday in June next—Carried.

School Board.

The regular meeting took place on Monday evening last. Mr. Crabb in the chair—all the members present.

After routine the report of W. R. Miller was read, showing the number of pupils attending Goderich Public Schools during the past month was 753, of whom 416 were boys and 337 were girls. Average attendance 604, per centage 80. Report adopted.

Several small accounts incurred by the late caretaker amounting to $15.67, were ordered to be paid.

Account of Alex. Wallace, for clock repairing, $4.50, ordered to be paid.

Auditors' report adopted.

Mr. Swanson called attention to clocks, &c., which were out of order and were not worth repairing. He was ordered to get new articles where he thought it beneficial to do so.

A resolution of condolence with the family of the late James Bisset, caretaker of the school, was, on motion of Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Swanson, read and placed on record.

On the duties of caretaker, Mr. Swanson thought it was not advisable to have the duties of caretaker and that of wood cutter centered in the same person. There were many now looking for employment and by dividing the duties more persons would get employment.

Mr. Ferguson could not understand the drift of Mr. Swanson's remarks after the observations he made upon the previous evening, then he, Mr. S., was in favor of combining the duties and giving the billet to the lowest tender.

Mr. Swanson explained.

There were 36 applications for the office of caretaker. Upon opening them they were found to range from $225 to $500 per annum.

Mr. Cooke called attention to an order in Council for the regulation of schools wherein it is stated that the principal of the school shall engage a competent person to light fires, sweep school, etc. He thought the Board could not legally make the appointment.

Mr. Swanson agreed with Mr. Cooke.

Mr. Ferguson thought the meaning of this law was simply to prevent teachers from imposing on children. The law would not allow teachers to order children to do the sweeping, etc., but gave them the power to engage some one. In his opinion this did not take away the appointing power of the board, the teacher was only supposed to exercise this power when the school board had made no provison.

Mr. Crabb held the same views as Mr. Ferguson, and contended that the appointing power laid with the Board.

Mr. Simmons agreed with Mr. Crabb.

Mr. Nicholson had no doubts about the power of the Board in this matter.

Mr. Passmore moved, seconded by Mr. Buchanan that Stewart Macdougall be appointed caretaker at the sum of $248, subject to the approval of the principal.

Mr. Buchanan thought that the lowest tender should be accepted, if the party offering was capable of doing the duties, as public servants the Board had no right to do anything else. There was a tender for $225, but he understood the person offering at this was not vigorous enough to do the work.

Mr. Swanson thought it could not be done for the sum named, and he would not like to see the appointee come back asking for increase of salary after a month or so.

Mr. Cooke contended that the law was imperative in placing the choice of of caretaker in the hands of the principal. It would be unreasonable to think that the Board could foist a caretaker upon the principal, in some cases it would be a great evil.

Mr. Crabb contended that the Board is endowed with power by the act to appoint caretaker.

Mr. Ferguson thought we should appoint a caretaker with the approval of the principal. He would therefore approve of the nomination of Mr. McDougall.

Mr. Simmons moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Swanson that Mr. Alex. Johnston be caretaker of Central School, for the year 1879 at $300. Amendment lost.

Mr. Cooke moved in amendment that $290 be offered for a caretaker and that the selection be left with the principal. No seconder.

Mr. Simmons moved, Mr. Nicholson seconded in amendment that Mr. Rusk be the caretaker at $375 per annum.—Lost.

Mr. Nicholson moved, Mr. Simmons seconded in amendment that Mr. J. Craigie be caretaker at $325.—Lost.

Mr Simmons moved, Mr. Nicholson seconded that Mr. Wm. Hutton be the caretaker at $225,—Lost.

Mr. Simmons moved, Mr. Swanson seconded that Mrs. Rumball be the caretaker at $299,—Lost.

Mr. Nicholson moved, Mr. Simmons seconded that Mr. Wm, Moss be caretaker at $320.—Lost.

Mr. Simmons moved, Mr. Nicholson seconded that Mr. Huckstep be caretaker at $300—Lost.

West Huron Teachers' Association.

The West Huron Teachers' Association held its regular half yearly meeting in the Central School, Exeter, on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24th and 25th. The attendance was large and the greatest interest and enthusiasm were manifested throughout the whole meeting.

A considerable portion of the time was taken by up Dr. McLellan, who gave many useful hints and much valuable instruction on the methods of teaching reading, arithmetic and algebra. In algebra particularly his unique method of fastoring and his remarkably short and simple solutions of difficult problems were much admired.

In the evening of Friday he delivered his popular lecture on "The Future of Canada," to a large and highly appreciative audience.

Inspector Miller, as representative to the Provincial Association, gave a minute and detailed report of the last meeting of that body after which he took up the subject of military drill in connection with school work; pointing out the many benefits arising from a regular course of calisthenics and drill. The subject was made practical by the teachers adjourning to a large vacant room and going through a number of movements under the direction of Mr. Miller.

Mr. H. I. Strang, B. A., of Goderich, dealt in a very interesting and instructive manner with the difficulties in analysis and parsing presented to him.

Miss Spicer ably illustrated her method of teaching Canadian History to a class of beginners, and Mr Gregory treated Physical Geography in a similar manner.

Mr. S. P. Halls treated in a very lucid manner the method of applying the principles of the Triangle of Forces to the solution of problems in Natural Philosophy.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Association:—

I Resolved, That the members of this association take much pleasure in conveying to Dr McLellan their hearty thanks for his able lectures on algebra, reading and arithmetic, and last but not least, for his eloquent lecture on "The Future of Canada," and that they deem it their duty to say that they feel greatly indebted to him for giving such clear and instructive explanations of the subjects he discussed; and that they can go back to work much better able to give instruction in these important departments of school work; and further, that this association takes this opportunity of thanking Dr. McLellan for his valuable works on Mental Arithmetic, which contain so many useful hints and examples for teachers and pupils, and hope that he may see fit to prepare a work on Elementary Algebra.

II. Resolved, That Military Drill in schools is highly beneficial, not only as a means of developing the muscles and expanding the chest, but is also a valuable aid in promoting orderly habits and good discipline, and, therefore, we consider that it should be introduced into all our schools.

III. Resolved, That while the members of this association have full confidence in every member of the Board of Examiners for 3rd class certificate, they consider that it would give more general satisfaction if High School teachers and all others preparing candidates for such examinations were not members of the Board of Examiners, and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the county clerk with the request that it be laid before the County Council at its next meeting.

IV. Resolved, That the disposal of the funds of the association be left to the managing committee.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

This evening there will be the annual congregational meeting in Knox Church.

Rev. Mr. Pritchard preached last Sabbath, evening in Knox. Church, East St.

On first page will be found an interesting letter from a correspondent in the North West, a former resident of Goderich.

Trotting horse "Starvation" was shipped from here to St. Catharines to contest trotting matches on the ice, on Monday.

There will be a tea meeting at Smiths Hill on Thursday first in aid of building shed for Presbyterian Church there. The refreshments will be ample and the speaking of a high order.

Joseph Clements was sentenced on Monday, by Judge Toms, to three months at hard labor for larceny There were two cases, terms of imprisonment to run concurrent,

Rev. Charles Ross, of California, will preach next Sabbath at eleven o'clock a. m., in Gaelic, and at half past 6 a. m. in English, in St. Andrew's church.

Mr. Hutchison of this town has received notice of his enrollment as an honorary member of the St. Mary's curling club. This is a real honor, coming as it does, from the "boss" club of Ontario.

J. W. Weatherald has removed his Sewing Machine and Musical Instrument business to George Sheppard's Book Store, opposite Detlor's, North St., where he will be pleased to supply the public with anything in his line at reasonable prices and easy terms.

"Shaughraun."—Those who wish to see delineated the better side of Irish character with its strong human triats, and intensely human sympathies will be delighted to see Mr. McDowell as *Conn* in "The Shaughraun."

One day last week as Mr. McNiel, of Colborne, was driving from Maitlandville to Goderich, he gave a traveller a ride in his cutter. The passenger was smoking and fire from his pipe caught in Mr. McNiel's coat, curtailing it worse than the Tory press do the Parliamentary speeches of prominent Reformers.

Personal.—Mr. C. H. Clark advance agent of The Shaughraun Company is an old Goderich resident having resided here in 1863 & '64 He has relatives living in the Town, and feels confident Goderich will keep up its old reputation of liberally patronizing first class entertainments.

In North St. Methodist Church on next Sunday there will be Sunday School anniversary services, The Rev. Dr. Fowler will preach in the morning and evening. On Monday evening there will be a public meeting in the same church. Addresses will be given by Dr. Fowler and other prominent speakers.

The Huron Prohibitory Association have decided to call a meeting of delegates from the different municipalities to be held in the Temperance Hall, Clinton, on Tuesday Feby, 11th 1879, at 1.30 p. m. The question to be considered is that of going actually to work, get petitions signed and have a vote taken on the "Dominion Temperance Act" in conjunction with the Counties of Lambton, Middlesex, Essex, Kent, and possibly Perth. A full attendance is desired.

McDowell's Shaughraun Company. This Combination will visit our town next week. It is pronounced by the press—The *Globe*, *Mail* and other leading dailies—as the best and strongest company now catering for the lovers of the drama. The leading gentlemen are very successful in their personations, whether as the reckless, mischief-making, good-natured vagabond, or as the quiet gentlemanly character. Miss Fanny Reeves is spoken of as acting in a charmingly natural manner, and when the cast suits gives a most pleasing pourtrayal. The scenery is a very attractive feature, and in "the Shaughraun" has always elicited immense applause.

Canadian Methodist Magazine for February. Rev. S. Rose, publisher, Toronto. The variety and high character of the engravings in this popular magazine are well sustained. The present number has four illustrated articles, all of much inteaest. The large picture entitled "The Heart of Winter," and the interior of the "Academy of Design," are gems of art, and are printed on fine-toned paper. We do not think they have ever been surpassed in Canada. The most notable literary feature is a noble 12 page form, "The Hungry Year." by Wm. Kirby, auther of "The Chien d'Or." This is a touching story of the sufferings of the U. E. Loyalists on the Niagara, and of their relief by Edward Duke of Kent, the father of the Queen. "Neville Trueman," the serial story of the war of 1812, gives an interesting account of Colonel Talbot, Tecumseh, and Hull's surrender, and the death of Brock, with pictures of the times not to be found in any history. A Day at Windsor Castle, Odd Characters, Athanasius, and other articles complete a number of more than average interest.

It is not often that we pay much attention to the small patented arrrngements that are ofttimes offered for sale through the country, but having a personal acquaintance with Mr. Harvey Howell, the patentee of Howell's improved self-fitting chart, and knowing his reliability when he makes statements we were induced to take notice of this improvement which he has effected, whereby every lady can be her own dressmaker if she is so inclined. Feeling somewhat interested in this self-fitting chart as the invention of a townsman, we took occasion to call upon several of the dressmakers, and they all speak in the most flattering terms of the perfectness, simplicity and utility of Mr. Howell's chart. Miss Morris and Miss Williams who have long done a large and fashionable trade here and in Toronto, have been using this chart, and they have no hesitancy in recommending it as superior for the use of dressmakers, to any chart or system that they have tried. The ease and quickness with which *any form* can be fitted by the use of this chart is simply marvellous. Mr. Howell deserves success and is in a fair way of obtaining it. He will soon have agents in all leading points.

Royal Black Knights of Ireland. The annual meeting of the County Grand Black Chapter, County of Perth, was held at Listowell, on Wednesday January 29th, 1879. Ther was a large attendance from all parts of the County, namely, Pt. Edward, Park Hill, St. Marys, Stratford, Goderich, Brussels and Blyth. After the usual routine of business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

John Niblock, Park Hill, C.G.M.
W. H. Murney, Goderich, D.C.G.M.
Rev H. Cooper, Listowell, C G.Chap.
H McBride, Pt Edward, C.G.R.
T. G. Fenwell, Listowell, D C.G.R.
R Woods, Listowell, C.G.T.
C V Floody, Blyth, D C.G.T.
H. Clark, Brussels, 1st Lecturer.
W. Little, Listowell, 2nd "
Geo. Hawkins, P Albert, 1st Crusr.
H. McGill, Blyth, 2nd "
A. F. Lustig, Listowell, 1st Standard bearer.
W. Cooper, Petrolia, 2nd "
A. Morrow, Listowell, Pursuivant.
J Kinnisten, Park Hill, 1st Committeeman.
W. Ellis, Blyth, 2nd "
S. S. Colter, Stratford, 3rd "
Wm. White Millbank, 4th "
C. Zilliax, Listowell, 5th "
S. Page, Listowell 6th "
W. Dunseith, St. Marys 7th "

After the preceptory was adjourned the members were treated to a beautiful oyster supper at the Dominion Hotel, which was furnished by Listowell Preceptory.

A mail driver in Montana lived for ten days and ten nights on tobacco and snow.

Our Friends who live out of Town and do not often find it convenient to patronise the Theatre, should make it a point to see the original "Shaughraun Co." on the evenings of 10th and 11th Feb. Those who stay away will miss a decided treat, See Large Posters.

A Goderich Boy Heard From.—Reliable information has been received, that Aleck Saunders, at Saunders' Variety Store, frames pictures of all kinds at lower rates than any other dealer in town. A Stock of chromo's, Engravings, &c., at Rock bottom Prices. "The Cheapest house under the Sun."

Important Decision.—The first case in the 1st Division Court on Saturday was an action for damages brought by C. Crabb, against Hugh McGratten, for impounding two cows property of plaintiff. The plea set up by plaintiff was that defendant's fence was not a lawful fence in accordance with the by-law, and independent of the by-law, was not such a fence as would be necessary to keep ordinary cattle out, and such being the case plaintiff argued that there being no legal fence there could be no legal trespass, or, in other words the field enclosed not having a lawful fence, as regards cattle allowed to run by law, the field, against cattle, could only be regarded as a public common. The defence set up was that the fence was a good fence, but that plaintiff's cows were breachy, and the cows being breachy were outside of the protection of ordinary cows, and liable to be impounded. It was rebutted that said cows were not trespassers on other property where the fences were ordinarily good. Decision deferred. On Monday the Judge rendered his decision for plaintiff, $1.09 damages, amount claimed. The above suit was brought by the plaintiff on purpose to test the question as to the legality of impounding cattle that were allowed to run by by-law, where the fence is palpably bad and not in accordance with by-laws of the municipality. Mr. Crabb ably conducted his own case. Mr. Doyle was for defendant.

Communications.

To the Editor of the Signal.

Sir,—In your two last issues I was much pleased to see articles touching on salt producing, and on the most profitable ways of obtaining the same. Your Colborne correspondent writes in a spirit that would become us ratepayers, if we wish to have a change in the present state of things (and I think a change is needed). Mr. Hardin also shows us that there is no risk in shafting here since Mr. Attrill has made all necessary discoveries, and that it only remains for him to adopt the proper process. It is well known that the salt making business at present is not a profitable one, and that we are not able to compete with other producers. For instance, in Saginaw they have their salt works in connection with saw mills, and use sawdust and slabs, as well as exhaust steam to reduce the brine. But unlike us, they will not be able to resort to mining when their fuel becomes costly, as there are impurities intermixed with their salt deposit. I, having seen the core taken from Mr. Attrill's test well, can certify that there is an inexhaustable supply of pure chrystal-like salt rock. I also beg to say in reply to your Colborne correspondent that the investment necessary for making salt by evaporation is a wearing principle (extremely so), for, notwithstanding the continual and costly repairs [illegible]ve to be replaced anew about every four years. So I think Mr. Slabtown will see that making salt for $2.40 [illegible] ton would not be remunerative. While judging the cost of mining salt rock to be the same as coal it can be brought to bank for 80 cts. per ton from shafts deeper than a salt shaft would require to be here; but the difference of a few hundred feet in depth is immaterial when speed is risen on the engines. I consider the hoisting engines used at the Manhattan shaft to be well proportioned to its rise, and I believe a shaft 10 feet in diameter inside the tubing, to be quite large enough, as the engines are well adapted for fast hoisting, and capable of making 80 revolutions, raising the bucket 35 feet every revolution, or hoisting at the speed of 2,880 feet per minute, and quite able to bring a ton at a load and a load per minute; giving ample time to load the bucket that is down and to discharge the one at the mouth of the shaft. They would bring to bank 60 tons per hour which I think would be doing a very good business.—Salt making by the evaporation process is unprofitable, and is not only fast going to the wall, but is dragging with it many of our most enterprising men. I would be pleased to see the people of Goderich make an effort to cast their fair town into the current that flows towards the basin of prosperity, and there find ourselves at no distant date anchored in a preferred place. I look upon salt ming as the grand starting point, as there are many industries connected with it. We, more especially may expect all these on account of our excellent shipping facilities. Whatever industry our good townsmen may see fit to support, I hope it will not be that of making and selling whiskey, for I think they have already shown great pluck in that way.

James Strachan,
Engineer, Goderich.

Goderich Township, Feb. 1, '79.

To the Editor of the Signal.

Sir,—I beg to solicit your favor for a small space in your well conducted and moral paper. There is a general feeling with many of the ratepayers in the township of Goderich that our Reeves and Councillors get too much pay for their public services. I am not aware as to the amount they do draw, I think it is their duty to give a statement in the local papers of the financial affairs of the township, and it might be the means of allaying much jealousy, which is abroad in the public mind. It is reported by many that there has not been a balance sheet struck this last three or four years. There is also a rumor abroad about some five hundred dollars borrowed from the bank during Mr. Henry Ford's reeveship. Now, I think the public has a right to know if this money is paid, when and by whom?

A Ratepayer.

Seventeen deaths from small-pox in Montreal last week,

A writ of attachment has been issued against J. L Cassidy. His liabilities will be about $300,000, chiefly secured by real estate.

Mrs. J. C. Snyder, who died in Waterloo the other day, had seven children, 67 grandchildren, and 151 great grandchildren.

Joseph B. Weller, of Belleville, Ont., was arrested in Buffalo on Saturday night, charged with conspiracy in defrauding the Merchants' Bank of Canada out of $31,000.

A very interesting lecture was delivered in Walkerton by Rev Mr. Brod[illegible] on the subject of "Ireland and the Irish". It was delivered in aid of the Y. M. C. A and in their hall.

The village of Wallaceburg has voted a bonus of $1,000 to Harvey Morris, to assist in enlarging his hoop factory, and $500 to Henry Marchetter, to assist him with his furniture factory.

A young Indian woman in Manitoba in endeavoring to reach Battleford wandered for ten days with only a single blanket, no fire and only the few wild berries she could find for food. She was strong and freshlooking when she started out when she reached Battleford she was aged and haggard.

Auction Sales by J. C Currie, Auctioneer.

Feb, 8, at Auction Mart, Goderich.
12, at Hector McGregor's, Ashfield.
15, at Auction Mart, Goderich,
21, Seymour vs. Flood. Lucknow.

DEATHS.

In Colborne, on Monday, February 3rd, 1879, James Linklater, aged 80 years and 9 months. Weekly *Globe* please copy.

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