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Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Feb. 25, 1874.

Benefits of Railways.

Macaulay, the great English statesman, historian and essayist has said that next to the printing press, inventions which shorten distance are the great civilizers of our race. Railways are the great shorteners, we might almost say extinguishers, of distance, and there are few people in the present day who fail to appreciate, at least to some extent, the enormous benefits they confer. The farmers who not many years ago had to carry their grain forty or fifty and in some cases a hundred miles to market, sell it at a very low figure and take the price out in trade, must acknowledge that the railways which have been built are of incalculable advantage to them. Markets have been brought within easy reach, and buyers who are prepared to take all their surplus produce, whether grain, cattle, horses, butter, eggs or whatever else they have, are brought to their very doors and pay them the highest prices in cash. These benefits are all due to the railways which have been built.

Although we have reasonable railway facilities it is a mistaken policy to rest and be thankful. The advantages we have derived should lead us to seek still greater. Though we have numerous railways traversing the country in every direction, the railway mileage per head of the population in England and the United States is much greater than in Canada. Sometimes we begin to think that too many railways are being built, but after all we need not fear that there will be more than are required. At any rate the rate-payers need not be afraid that they will not receive full value for all they are asked to contribute in aid. If the capitalists who put their money into these undertakings do not make a good investment that is their own affair. The Grand Trunk has never paid a penny to its stockholders, yet what would our province have been to day without it?

Some people object to the bonus system of aiding railways on the ground that the companies who undertake their construction should furnish all the money. This is unfair. Whenever a railway is built, all the property within a certain distance is increased in value, and it is only right that those who derive the most benefit should bear a share of the expense. The many other advantages which a railway confers should also be an inducement to make those who are to be benefitted bear a share of the expense of construction.

These remarks are called forth by the fact that there is a project on foot for the construction of another railway to Goderich. The bill incorporating the company which has the project in hand is now before Parliament, and that the charter will be granted there is no doubt. Upon the assistance which the municipalities give will probably depend the construction of the road. The project is a most feasible one, the road running east and west through the very heart of a rich agricultural country, which is badly in want of a competing line to the Grand Trunk and to the roads running north and south. In connection with the Ontario and Quebec and Northern Colonization roads now under construction, it will form the shortest and most direct route to the Atlantic seaboard. An immense trade is springing up with our North-west possessions and the Western states are rapidly filling up with an industrious agricultural population. In a very short time all the outlets for the surplus productions of those fertile prairies will be required, and if we look to our own interests there is no reason why we in Goderich should not have a share of this trade. If the road is built (and whether it is will depend largely on ourselves) our harbour will become of vast commercial importance, and in summer at least, our trade will be simply immense. In winter, having no connecting lines, the rolling stock of the road will be available for local traffic, just at the season when the Grand Trunk is so crowded with through freight that the local trade is ignored and the farmers suffer in consequence by obtaining lower prices for their grain. Should the county not feel disposed to grant a bonus to the road there are a sufficient number of townships, besides the town of Goderich, to be benefitted, to give all that is required without embarassing their financial position, especially if the London, Huron and Bruce road does not go on, of which there is no immediate prospect. A powerful reason why we should be willing to aid such a road is that we thereby secure a large grant from the Government. A sum of about four millions of dollars has been set apart as a railway fund, and as there are about forty counties in the province Huron contributes at least one fortieth of this amount, or about $100,000. This money cannot be spent except on railways, and if we do not do something to secure a portion of it, it will be spent for the benefit of others. Twenty years ago the counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, with an equalized value of only $4,000,000, contracted a debt of half a million for improvements, and is there a man in the three counties who will say the money was badly spent? Shall we be less wise in our generation? Will it not be better for us to give a little assistance and have the road with the many benefits accruing from it, than have the money which we *must* contribute to the railway fund spent elsewhere? We trust our readers will think over the matter, and considering the many and great advantages which will arise from the building of such a road, be prepared when the time comes to aid it, and thus secure to us the benefits of additional communication and competition, which will do more than anything else can to advance the growth of this town and the prosperity of this part of the country.

The Re-union of the Ridings.

The following is the text of the bill to re-unite the Ridings of Huron for Registration purposes. We understand there is a prospect of its passing. A deputation consisting of W. Young, Warden, J. T. Garrow, Reeve of Goderich, J. Leckie Reeve, of Brussels and J. S. Sinclair, Barrister, went to Toronto on Monday to urge the passing of the measure, on behalf of the County Council:—

Whereas the Warden and Municipal Council of the County of Huron have, by their petition, represented that the division of the said County of Huron into North and South Ridings thereof, for the purposes of Registration of Titles, is inconvenient to the people of the North and South Ridings of the said County, and is unnecessary, and have prayed that the North and South Ridings of the said County of Huron should be reunited for the purpose of Registration of Titles, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. Upon, from, and after ——next, the North and South Ridings of the said County of Huron shall be reunited for the purposes of Registration of Titles, and the whole County of Huron shall upon, from, and after the said day, form one such Registration Division or County; the Registry Office for the said County of Huron shall be kept in the Town of Goderich in the said County, and the appointment of a Registrar for the North Riding of the said County of Huron shall have no further effect upon, from, and after the said day.

2. Upon, from, and after the day last mentioned aforesaid, all memorials, certificates, register books, calendars, instruments, documents and papers relating to the registration of, or other instruments or documents affecting real estate in the North Riding of the County of Huron, and registered in the Registry Office at the Village of Blyth, or in any way forming part of the records and memorials of the said Registry Office shall be transferred to the Registry Office for the County of Huron, to be kept at the Town of Goderich, and shall make and form part of the registers, records and muniments of the said office, and the same shall rank in the order and date of their registry in the said North Riding, as if they had in such order and date been registered in the Registry Office for the said County of Huron; and the Registrar of the said County shall have the same powers and duties with respect to them, and to all searches, certificates and other matters relating to them, as if the registration of the deeds, instruments and documents to which they relate had been effected in the said Registry Office in the Town of Goderich.

3. Upon, and from, and after the day above mentioned there shall be paid out of the amount payable to the treasurer of the County, from the surplus fees received by the Registrar of the united divisions of the said County, to William Torrance Hays, Esq., now Registrar of the North Riding, the sum of six hundred dollars yearly for the term of five years.

Mr. Blake's Withdrawal.

Hon. Mr. Blake's withdrawal from the Cabinet and the comments of the Tory press thereon, draws forth the following sarcastic remarks by Jimuel Briggs in the *National* newspaper,—

The Tories are gloating over the idea that they can now secure Blake. They feel as cheerful over his leaving the Cabinet as if they had elected some man for the Local Legislature by a majority of two and a half.

They are thankful for mighty small favors these days.

It is surprising how highly the Hon. Edward has risen in their estimation.

A short time since he was a harsh, ascetic, unsociable, haughty, cynical, morose, pedantic hair-splitter and Chancery quibbler.

Now he is the only man on the Govment benches who ever possessed the slightest qualifications for ruling this distracted country.

They have suddenly discovered that they always did think a great deal of the eminent Edward.

I suppose they know best about this. "Language was given to conceal our thoughts," said a cynical Frenchman, and the Tories have concealed their ideas about Blake most effectually until a few days since.

They always did so idolize the talented Edward!

A Misapprehension.

The Seaforth *Expositor* falls into a mistake when it speaks of the bill to unite the Townships of Colborne, Ashfield and West Wawanosh to the South Riding of Huron for registration purposes as a set off to the larger measure to re-unite the ridings. The promoters of the former measure are just as anxious as any one to have the ridings reunited, and it is only in case the larger measure fails to carry that they will press the lesser one. These townships feel the great inconvenience of the existing state of things to such an extent that they desire to have relief for themselves, if it should be denied to the county at large. There is, we are glad to learn, a fair prospect of the bill to re-unite the ridings being carried, in which case there will be no necessity for proceeding with the other measure.

Meeting of Parliament.

The Dominion Parliament will meet for the despatch of business on the 26th of March. Ministers are hard at work preparing their measures to be laid before the House. The Pacific Railway question will cause considerable discussion.

—A steamship built specially for laying telegraph cables in the Atlantic ocean has been launched at Newcastle.

The British Elections.

The result of the British elections is finally given as 351 Conservatives and 302 Liberals and Home Rulers. The total number of votes cast in the three Kingdoms was 2,500,000, a smaller number than at last general election, showing that a large number of electors must have abstained from voting. Mr. Gladstone has resigned the premiership and Mr. Disraeli was called upon to form a government, which he has done, its *personnel* being as follows,—Benjamin Disraeli, First Lord of the Treasury; Baron Cairns, Lord High Chancellor, Earl Derby, Secretary of State for Foreign Department; Duke of Richmond, Secretary of State for War; Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for India; Earl Carnarvon, Secretary of State for Colonial Department; George Ward Hunt, Secretary of State for Home Department; Gathorne Hardy, First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Lord Lennox will be Commissioner of Works and Buildings; Captain Stanley, Under Secretary of State for War; John Charles Hay, Secretary to Admiralty; and Lord Hamilton, Under Secretary for Foreign Department.

Taxing Bank Stock.

Our County Council at its January session resolved to petition the Ontario Legislature to abolish the tax on bank stock. The question came before the House last week, when a motion of Mr. Rykert to adopt the principle of taxing the stock was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas—Messrs. Boulter, Calvin, Clemens, Giles, Grange, Lauder, McCall, Meredith, Merrick, O'Donoghue, Robinson, Rykert, Springer, Wilson—14.

Nays—Messrs. Ardagh, Barber, Baxter, Bishop, Boultbee, Caldwell, Chisholm, Christie, Code, Cook, Corby, Craig (Glengarry), Crooks, Crosby, Currie, Deacon, Deroche, Farewell, Finlayson, Gifford, Gow, Graham, Haney, Hardy, Hodgins, McLeod, McManus, McRae, Monk, Mowat, Oliver, Pardee, Patterson, Prince, Read, Richards, Scott, Sexton, Sinclair, Smith, Snetsinger, Striker, Tooley, Watterworth, Webb, Williams (Durham), Wood—49.

The Estimates.

The estimates for the ensuing year were submitted to the Ontario House of Assembly on Friday last by Hon. Treasurer Crooks. They show an appropriation of $2,637,495.59, while those for 1873 were $2,944,061.23, a difference in favour of 1874 of $306,565.64. The estimated revenue is placed at $2,672,865 but will probably reach $3,000,000. After distributing amongst the Municipalities the large sum of $3,115,000, providing for all the claims created on behalf of railway enterprize, wiping off the whole burden of Municipal Loan Fund indebtedness, erecting public buildings, or providing for their erection, to the amount of nearly $3,000,000, the Province will probably enter upon 1875 with the handsome surplus in hand of not less than two millions of dollars.

The Ashantee War.

Advices from the Gold Coast announce that General Sir Garnet Wolesley, commander of the British forces, entered Coomassie, the Ashantee capital, on the 7th inst. The terms of peace were to be immediately arranged and it was expected the troops would leave for England about the 1st of March. There is reason for congratulation that this war has been brought to a successful termination before the bad weather sets in, when the army, which has already suffered severely from sickness, would be exposed to greater hardships than ever. General Wolesley has added another to his laurels by the manner in which he has carried out this campaign.

Dominion Agent.

The Dominion Government have appointed Mr. Edward Jenkins, M. P. for Dundee, Scotland, and author of "Ginx's Baby," Dominion Agent in the room of the late Mr. Dixon. He will have however, more extended powers, embracing not only emigration matters, but the transaction of such other business as the Government may require him to attend to. Mr Jenkins is well-known as an earnest upholder of the colonial connection, and it may be inferred that, in choosing him, the Government of Canada desire rather to strengthen than weaken the tie, notwithstanding the Tory cries of disloyalty.

Mechanics' Wages.

Mr. Meredith M. P. P. for London has introduced a bill into the Ontario Assembly exempting mechanics' or servants' wages from attachment. The following is the main clause of the bill:—

Debts due or accruing to a mechanic, workman, labourer, servant, clerk, or employer for, or in respect of, his wages or salary, shall not hereafter be liable to seizure or attachment, under the provisions of the common law procedure act, or of the act passed in the thirty-second year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled An act to amend the acts respecting division courts, or under the provisions of any other act relating to the attachment or garnishment of debts.

British Columbia.

The polling took place in British Columbia last Friday, but the only returns yet to hand are those from Victoria and New Westminster. For the former Messrs. DeCosmos and Rosse, and for the latter Mr. Cunningham are elected, all we believe supporters of Mr. Mackenzie's government. It was reported that Mr. DeCosmos had sought an outside constituency, but this turns out to be a mistake. He has been triumphantly elected for the capital, thus showing that the sympathies of the people are in complete accord with the policy of the present government.

False Alarm.

The Tory papers got up a sensational report last week that a rupture between the French and English sections of the Cabinet was imminent, and that Hon. George Brown had been telegraphed for to heal the breach. The story was of course a gross fabrication, the only possible ground for it having been that Mr. Brown called at Ottawa when on his way home to Toronto from New York *via* Ogdensburg. Such reports will no doubt be of frequent occurence but an intelligent public will take them for what they are worth.

Dr. Livingstone.

The Rev. Robert Moffatt, English Missionary to South Africa, doubts the correctness of the report of the death of Dr. Livingstone his son-in-law. He does not think it possible the doctor could have reached the place he is said to have died. He further states that the doctor's supply of provisions was ample. The report is also doubted at the Foreign Office. The friends and admirers of the intrepid explorer will await with great anxiety for further intelligence respecting him.

Prescott is have a new market house and Town hall.

The Re-union Bill.

Just as we are about to go to press, we learn by telegraph from Toronto that the bill to re-unite the ridings of Huron for registration purposes has been lost in committee by a majority of one.

—Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, who was Secretary of State for War in Mr. Gladstone's Ministry, is to be elevated to the peerage under the title of Viscount Rivington.

—Mr. McGowan, opposition, was on Friday elected to the local house for North Wellington, by a majority of 84 over Mr. O'Callaghan.

LOCAL NEWS.

Bazaar.—A sale of fancy goods in aid of St. Stephen's Church, Huron Road, was held in town last week. We understand a considerable sum was realized.

Bell Ringers.—There are two companies of bell ringers travelling through Canada at present. One of the troupes gives a performance here next week.

Concert.—Don't forget the concert in the Methodist Church to-morrow evening in aid of the Sabbath School. A very attractive programme has been prepared.

Grand Orange Lodge.—The annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario took place in Toronto last week. Clinton was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Sleighing Wanted. — The mild weather of the last few weeks was succeeded by a cold wind and sharp frost on Monday. A fall of snow to make sleighing would be very acceptable.

Tea-Meeting.—A very successful tea-meeting was held in the W. M. Church on the 4th Concession, Goderich Township, on Monday evening last. Quite a number from town were present.

For Sale.—Any one wishing to engage in the manufacture of salt can now have a favourable opportunity to do so as the Ontario Salt Works in this town are offered for sale.

New Village.—Ferricsville is the name of a new village which has sprung into existence on the town line of Wawanosh, half way between Wingham and Lucknow. It wants a post office and railway station.

What's the Matter?—What has come over our contemporaries in the North Riding? The last Brussels *Post* comes to hand printed on coloured paper, the Wingham *Advance* minus a column on the third and fourth pages, and the Lucknow *Sentinel* with only half a sheet.

The Ice Harvest.—Complaints are being made of the difficulty of obtaining good ice for summer use this year. What is being packed away is not over 8 or 9 inches thick and is very porous so that it is not likely to keep well. It is many years since there was so little ice in Lake Huron at this season.

Death of an old resident.—Mr. William Piper, one of the old residents of Goderich, and from whom the mills just outside the town limits received their name, died on Saturday morning last at the advanced age of 68 years. He was much respected by all who knew him. He was interred on Monday with Masonic honours.

Burglars.—People would do well to look to their locks and fastenings. The hard times in the United States have driven all kinds of loose characters to Canada and we hear of burglaries in every direction. This town has escaped as yet, but we may expect to be visited by some of the light fingered gentry.

Town Band.—The Orange Brass Band owing to internal dissentions has been broken up, and most of the members have offered their services to form an independent Town Band, if they are allowed the use of the instruments, which, we understand, were purchased by subscription for the 33d Battalion.

Licenses.—The Town Council of Goderich have again refused to grant saloon licenses. The same number of tavern licenses as last year have been granted, and the number of shop licenses has been increased by one. The charge for license by the town is the same as last year, but the government fee has been increased from $17 to $25.

The Newly Riding Member.—We understand the friends of Mr. Farrow, M. P., intend to give him a feed at Forbwich some time soon, probably about the time the local house adjourns "as that good talent will be had." We suppose Abraham Lauder and Charley Rykert are the good talent. Save the mark!

The Harbour Works.—We do not know where the fault lies, but the works at the harbour do not appear to have been properly done. The outer end of the north pier and the inner end of the south pier are sinking, the crib work evidently not resting on a solid foundation. Men are engaged in protecting the south pier by placing brush and stones around it.

Serious Accident.—We learn that Mr. Joseph Beck of Maitlandville, met with a serious accident about ten days ago. While engaged in the upper story of Mr. Kirkpatrick's tannery where he is employed, he lost his footing and fell to the floor below, a distance of six feet, striking on his head. When the other men, who were away at dinner, at the time, returned, they found him lying quite stunned by the fall and bleeding freely. He was carried into the house and attended to and is now fast recovering.

Our Jail.—The total expenditure for the maintenance of the Huron County Jail for last year, including ordinary repairs, was $1736. The cost of daily rations per prisoner was only 10 cents. The number of commitments was 87. 32 are classed as of temperate habits and 55 intemperate. Few jails in the province are better kept, and the proportion of crime, taking into consideration size and population, is less than in any other county in the province.

Teachers' Association.—The next regular quarterly meeting of the Huron Teachers' Association will be held at Clinton on Saturday, 7th March, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M. Mr. Millier, Inspector of Schools, will illustrate the "Look and Say" method of teaching reading, Mr. R. Ferguson will explain his method of teaching Object Lessons and Mr. J. Ferguson will introduce a discussion on the best method of teaching Composition. Friends of education are invited to attend.

Taking it out in Trade.—We commend the article on the first page, under the above heading, to the careful perusal of our readers. The utterances of the *Monetary Times* on trade subjects are usually sound, and the statements of this article are unfortunately too true. We have in our mind several failures among small traders, which were brought on by the pernicious habit of "taking it out in trade" which unfortunately is indulged in among business people to such an extent. The system proves disasterous to those who practice it, as well as injurious to those who desire to conduct business on sound business principles.

Perilous Adventure.—One of our fishermen named James McDonald, met with rather a perilous adventure last week. In company with a boy he went out to where his nets were set some distance from the shore. While engaged there he noticed that the ice on which he was had become detached and was floating out towards the middle of the lake. With the aid of a pole he succeeded in getting the boy across the opening in safety, but in order to save himself he was obliged to plunge into the water and swim a distance of about fifty feet and then clamber out on the ice and walk to shore. Such a cold bath is anything but agreeable at this season of the year.

Seaforth 1874.—As the time for purchasing flower and vegetable seeds will soon be here, we call the attention of our readers to one of the most extensive catalogues that we have had the pleasure of examining. Among the many dealers who are and have been catering to the wants of our people, there are none who "twig in an appearance" to exceed that of Mr. Geo. McBroom, London, Ont. We are assured that the seeds from this establishment are first tested before being sent to purchasers, and if the directions on cultivation are followed, no one will be disappointed in possessing a fine flower and vegetable garden. Very liberal inducements are offered to individuals and clubs requiring vegetable and flower seeds, especially the latter. Catalogues are mailed *gratis* and post free to all who are interested. To such we would say, do not fail to send for a copy at once.

Curling.—The return match between the Goderich and Lucknow clubs took place at the latter village on Wednesday last and resulted in an overwhelming victory for Lucknow. The play took place on the mill pond where the ice was very rough and bissed, and the Goderich players were, therefore, placed at a great disadvantage being accustomed to play on good ice in the rink. The Lucknow curlers entertained their visitors to a splendid dinner at Copeland's. The following the score:—

Lucknow.	Goderich.
Rink No. 1.	
N. Scott. S. Ward	
R. Lees T. Hood	
G. Douglas A. M. Ross	
Dr. Tennant, skip 40	C.E. Humber, skip 18
Rink No. 2.	
R. Somerville P. Adamson	
T. Matthie J. Thomson	
R. L. Hunter H. Cooke	
G. Kerr, skip 20	H. Horton, skip 24
Rink No. 3.	
C. McLean Horace Horton	
T. R. Dunn R. Gibbons	
J. Hunter E. Martin	
A. Murdoch, skip 32	J. H. Finlay, skip 13
Total Lucknow	92
" Goderich	55
Majority for Lucknow	37

The Steam Fire Engine.—About a fortnight ago the agent of the Silsby Manufacturing Co., from whom our steam fire engine was obtained, visited this town with a deputation from Mitchell, for the purpose of seeing the machine tested. It was taken to the tank where the main sewer crosses West Street, and after a short time it gave out and would not work. On examination the pumps were found to be badly worn by sand and gravel which had passed through, and they were accordingly sent to the manufacturers to be repaired. They came back last Saturday and were put in place, and the engine is now in as good working order as ever. It is but justice to state that the failure to work was not the fault of the engine, but owing to the accumulation of sand in the tank, resulting from the extension now being made of the main sewer on Elgin Street. Though the Insurance Companies give lower rates where there is a steam fire engine, it is only on condition that the fire tanks are kept properly cleaned out, as no engine can be effective if it is obliged to pump sand when running at high speed. The town authorities will do well to remember this and see that the tanks are kept properly cleaned. The Silsby Co., though it was not fault of theirs that the pumps gave out, made no charge for repairing them.

Town Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held on Friday evening last, all the members were present.

Minutes of last regular and two special meetings were read and approved.

The following communications were received,—

Letter from Jas. Doyle & Co., showing that they have expended the sum of $355 31 in the erection of a distillery, and claiming exemption from taxes in accordance with a former resolution of Council. The taxes for last year were remitted.

Letter from Silsby Manufacturing Co. with reference to Steam fire engine. Read and fyled.

Letter from Trustees of Sons of Temperance asking the Council to give them possession of their Hall, now occupied by the High School, and claiming one half year's rent for same, amounting to $35. Referred to special Committee consisting of the Mayor and Messrs Garrow, Smith and A. Watson.

Letter from John Buckhamand others asking for certain instruments in the possession of the town for the purpose of organizing themselves into a Town Band. The Clerk explained that certain instruments in charge of the 33rd Battalion Band Committee were in his keeping and that he had received instructions to offer them to the town to be used by a Town Band if such should be organized. The matter was referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs Sloan, Savage, Mackay, D. Watson and Smith.

Petition of Mrs. McCaig asking for further relief. Referred to Relief Committee.

Report of By-law Committee recommending that a Solicitor be employed for the purpose of examining the Town by-laws and revising them in accordance with existing laws, an engrossed or printed copy to be submitted to him.

Moved by Mr. Smaill, seconded by Mr. A. Watson, that the report be referred back to the committee with power to employ a solicitor should they deem it absolutely necessary. Carried.

Report of Finance Committee recommending the payment of the accounts of Jas. Saunders, smithing, $9.43; Buchanan, Lawson & Co. lumber, $12.08; Jas. McDonogh, putting up fence on N. G. coal, $8; D. Adams, coat for indigent person, $3.33. Report adopted.

Report of Street Inspector showing that Jas. Craig has completed his contract for extension of Main Sewer, and a balance of $86 being due him, recommending that it be paid.

Moved by Mr. Smaill, seconded by Mr. Watson, that Mr. Craig be paid the amount of his contract, less $15 to be retained till he completes some filling in, the time for said filling in to be extended till spring. Carried.

Account of Jas. Craig for extras on Main Sewer $30.60. Referred to Finance Committee.

Application for Tavern Licenses was made by Henry Martin, John O'Donohue, Elijah Martin, E. Hosker, W. J. Johnston, John Donogh, F. West, W. Cox, John Craig, John Pharis, R. Tichborne, E. Bingham, F. Mack, and for Shop Licenses by Whitely & Elliott, Shepherd & Strachan, D. Ferguson, J. L. Sturdy, Mitchell Bros., Geo. Cattle, H. Cooke, Geo. Grant, John Payne, Henry Horton, G. H. Old.

The Inspector reported favourably on all these applications.

An application for Tavern License was also received from Jas. Vivian, but no report was received from the Inspector, so it could not be entertained.

Report of Mayor showing relief granted in January to be $186.76.

Account of E. Clifford, bread furnished as relief $1. Ordered to be paid.

Account of P. O'Rourke, drawing engine. Referred to Finance Committee.

By law No. 3 of 1874, granting certificates to obtain Tavern and Shop licenses was read as first and second time and referred to Committee of the whole, Mr. Campbell in the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Garrow, that the number of Tavern License shall not exceed ten.

In amendment, moved by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. MacKay, that the number be fourteen.

For the amendment—A. Watson, Robertson, D. Watson, Johnston, Savage, Mackay, Evans. 7.

For the motion—Smaill, Smith, Sloan, Garrow, Horton, Passmore, Gordon, Campbell. 8.

Moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that the number of Shop Licenses be eleven. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. D. Watson, that four Saloon Licenses be granted. Yeas—Robertson, D. Watson, Johnston, Mackay, Horton, Passmore. 6. Nays—Smaill, A. Watson, Smith, Sloan, Savage, Evans, Gordon, Garrow, Campbell. 9.

Moved by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Horton, that $60 be the charge for Tavern License.

In amendment, moved by Mr. A. Watson, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that $80 be the charge for Tavern License. Yeas—A. Watson, Robertson—2. Nays—All the other members—13.

Moved by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that three Saloon Licenses be granted. Yeas—Robertson, D. Watson, Johnston, Savage, Mackay, Horton—6. Nays—Smaill, A. Watson, Smith, Sloan, Evans, Garrow, Passmore, Gordon, Campbell—8.

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Savage, that the sum to be charged for Shop License be $30—Carried.

The remaining clauses were passed and the committee rose and reported.

In Council it was

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. A. Watson, that the By-law be amended and that ten shop licenses be granted instead of fourteen. Yeas—Gordon, Campbell, A. Watson, Smith, Garrow—5. Nays—Passmore, Smaill, Robertson, D. Watson, Sloan, Johnston, Savage, Mackay, Evans—9.

Rule 34 was suspended and the by-law was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that certificates for license be granted to those who held them before, with the addition of R. Tichborne in place of J. J. Wright.

In amendment, moved by Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. A. Watson, that the name of each applicant be voted on separately—Carried.

The following names were submitted and tavern licenses granted to each, viz: H. Martin, E. Bingham, W. Cox, F. West, E. Martin, E. Hosker, J. Craig, W. J. Johnston, J. Donogh, The names of Messrs. R. Tichborne, J. O'Donohue, J. Pharis and F. Mack were also submitted but being voted down the tenth licensee was not rewarded

Report of Special Committee on Town Clock stating that the County Council had granted permission to erect clock on Court House if their Engineer though it could be done without damage to the building. The Committee further stated that they would report as to cost, &c., at next meeting.

The Council then adjourned.

Tuckersmith.

A Successful Tea meeting.—On the evening of Thursday the 19th inst., a very successful tea meeting was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Latta's corners. Music was supplied by an able choir from Seaforth aided by an organ, and led by Prof. Crawford, music teacher, of that village. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Collins, Rev. H. B. Palmer, pastor of the Church, and by Dr. Campbell of Seaforth. The sum of $73 was realized, which completely clears the debt off the stables, the object for which the soiree was got up.

Hay.

Council Meeting.—The Council met in the Township Hall, on Monday, Feb. 9, 1874. All the members of the Council present; the Reeve in the Chair. As by adjournment from last meeting, this meeting should have been held on the 6th inst., but, as it was not convenient for some members to attend, it was further adjourned till the 9th inst., and met at the call of the Reeve. This meeting had been called chiefly to amend and rearrange the existing By laws of the Township, and adopt new ones if necessary. After having gone very fully into these matters, it was moved by Mr. McAllister, seconded by Mr. Geigher, that the By-laws, as now revised, be adopted.—The Clerk introduced a By-law for the purpose of building a School house in said section. Debentures to be issued payable in five years.—Carried.

Moved by M. Dalton, seconded by A. Dreany, that T. J. Moorhouse's account for stationery, $6.72, be paid.—Carried.

Moved by A. C. Haskins, seconded by A. Dreany, that the Treasurer be notified to renew his bond.—Carried.

Moved by M. Dalton, seconded by A. C. Hawkins, that Donald Boyd be paid the sum of $2.45 on account of mistake in his assessment.—Carried.

Moved by A. Dreany, seconded by P. Clare, that Philip Phelan, Thos Allan, Wm McQuoid and others be granted an order for $7.50 for repairing a breach on the road, 5 and 7 con., caused by a flood in the June month of last year.—Carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, seconded by M. Dalton, that the Reeve be and is hereby empowered to give an order to the Honourable the Treasurer of Ontario, for the sum of ten thousand one hundred dollars for the purpose of paying certain debentures of this township given to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, said order to be paid out of the division of the surplus on the Municipal Loan Fund appropriation to the township of Ashfield.—Carried.

Moved by A. Dreany, seconded by A. C. Hawkins, that Wm. Mulligh be Assessor for the present year.

Moved in amendment from the Legislature of the Township, that Jas Dalton be Assessor.

The motion carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, seconded by M. Dalton, that R. McDonald be given the sum of $5, he being in destitute circumstances.—Carried.

Moved by A. Dreany, seconded by P. Clare, that Denis Ford be Collector.—Carried.

Moved by A. Dreany, seconded by P. Clare, that the salaries of the various officers of the township for the year 1874 be as follows, namely:—$1 a day, Treasurer $65, Auditors $10 each, License Inspector $2 for each tavern, Collector $85, Assessor $85, Selectors of Jurors $1 each, Returning officers $5 each.—Carried.

Moved by A. Dreany, seconded by P. Clare, that James Thompson be License Inspector for the year 1874, provided he furnishes the Council with the necessary security for the fulfilment of the duties of said office on or before the next meeting of Council.—Carried.

Moved by A. C. Hawkins, seconded by M. Dalton, that this Council now adjourn to meet at Pollock's Hotel, Kingsbridge, on the second Monday in Feb. nary next.—Carried.

JOHN COOKE, Tp. Clerk.

Colborne.

Council Meeting.—The Municipal Council of Colborne met on the 14th Feb., 1874, in the Town Hall.

Members all present, Reeve in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and signed by the Reeve.

Petition of D. McLaren and 63 others praying for the Council to select a piece of land for a cemetery, also recommending a portion of the late Sheriff's property for the same.

Moved by H. J. Nott, seconded by A. Malloy, that the Council meet at the said property for the purpose of inspecting it and other lots in the neighbourhood as to the fitness of said lands for the purpose of a cemetery, and if possible to secure a five acre lot for the same.—Carried.

A petition was read praying for a road to be opened between lots 5 and 6 leading from the 6th to the 4th concession, and making the road through the swamp.—Deferred to next meeting.

The following persons applied for and were granted Tavern licenses, viz: Rodney Adams, Anthony Allen, Thos. Allan, Samuel Bodwen, Wm. Latham, Jonathan Miller and Shepherd Jones. The sum paid to the Township for Tavern Licenses to be as heretofore.

Moved by H. J. Nott, seconded by D. Fisher, that no shop licenses be granted in this Township for the present year.—Carried.

Moved by A. Malloy, seconded by J. Buchanan, that the portion of money coming to Colborne (one of the Townships of the County of Huron) out of the Municipal Loan Fund grant, be appropriated to the improvement of roads and schools. Also purchasing a cemetery. A by-law to be passed for the same, and that the Clerk send a copy of by-law to and communicate with the Government.

Moved in amendment by H. J. Nott, sec. by D. Fisher, that the aforesaid money be exclusively, and that a by-law be passed for the same.

The Reeve decided in favour of the amendment.

Moved and seconded that block F be placed in S S. No. 1; lot 2 on the 3rd con. be placed in S. S. No. 6, and that a by-law be passed for the same.—Carried.

Moved and seconded that the order drawn in favour of No. 2 on the Treasurer in dispute is settled.—Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Simmonds be given $2.50 per week, Mrs. Murray the same as formerly, and that Mrs. McLean receive $2 per week until next meeting of Council.—Carried.

$10 was refunded by John Morris to the Township having been paid to Geo. McKee through mistake.

Moved and seconded that the Council do not accept the above mentioned $10 as the money has not been refunded by the contractor to the Tower.

The following persons were appointed Pathmasters, viz: John Boyd, John Robertson, W. J. Hunter, Isaac Fisher, Wm. Vanstone, Thos. Merriah, Samuel Oake, Ed. Strachan, Wm. Fagan, John Stevens, Chas. Walters, Wm. Church, Jas Jones, Samuel Piper, H. Spence, Jas Stewart, John Long, David Rogers, Wm Allen, Martin Swance, Peter Fisher, Benj. Munning, Wm Sharle, John Morgan, Patrick Miller, Joshua Allen, George Lormier, Jas Symington, Gordon Young, Wm Ferguson, John A. McDonagh, Jas Jones, Patrick Carroll, Robt Buchanan, Jas Moore, Jas Tubin, Richard Fulford, Jas O. Stewart, John McHardy, Wm Green, A. Stewart, John Fawns, Wm Clark, Jos Heatherington, Jas Dustow, R. Sturdy, Thos Christian, Francis Graham, Michael Hassett, D. Ellis, R. Huston.

The following persons in Poundkeepers, viz: George Morris, Sidney Adams, Peter Fisher, John Fisher, Samuel Oake, Shepherd Jones, Samuel Bodwen and J. Robertson.

Fence Viewers—H. Spence, William Bissett, James Linklater, Amos Fisher and James Howatt.

The Council then adjourned to meet again at a call from the Reeve.

JOHN A. McDONAGH, Tp Clerk.

The Late William Muir.

Many of our readers will deeply regret to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of one of Huron's oldest and most esteemed residents, Mr. William Muir, Township Clerk and Treasurer of the township of Tuckersmith, who died at his residence on Thursday last, at 9 o'clock, from congestion of the lungs. Mr. Muir was born in the Parish of Kirkmichael, Ayrshire, Scotland, in the year 1807, and at an early age removed to England, where he resided until 1834, when he emigrated to Canada, and, in June of the same year, settled in the township of Tuckersmith, on the farm on which he lived ever since and where he died. Had he lived until June next he would have been a resident of Tuckersmith for 40 years. He was the first Clerk and Treasurer of the township, and continued to fill the joint offices with credit to himself and profit to the municipality until his death. He was appointed to these offices in 1843, and has, consequently, held them 31 years. He was a most painstaking and careful official, and was ever as anxious and zealous for the welfare of his municipality as if it had been his own property—in fact, he seemed to cherish a feeling that himself and Tuckersmith were inseparably connected, and that an injury to one was an injury to the other. Mr. Muir was never married and had no relations in this country. By his own energetic and ceaseless industry he succeeded, unaided, in converting a forest farm into one of the most fruitful and handsome in the County of Huron,