RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

GOING WEST.

Chicago Express*	4.34 a.m
Louis Express*	11.06 a.m
Accommodation	11.45 a.m
Pacific Express*	6.15 p.m
Mail	7.35 p.m

GOING EAST.

Mail	6.40 a.m
Atlantic Express*	12.05 p.m
Day Express	3.05 p.m
St. Louis Express*	5.03 p.m
Mixed	5.10 p.m

*Run daily—Sundays included—between Niagara Falls and Windsor.

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GOING EAST.

Toronto, Montreal & Pacific Express	*5.00 a.m.
Toronto and Local Express	8.07 a.m.
Toronto, Montreal and Pacific Express	5.17 p.m.
Local Mixed	9.30 p.m.

GOING WEST.

Detroit Express	11.03 a.m.
Detroit, Chicago Express	*2.41 p.m.
Local	7.57 p.m.
Local Mixed	9.30 a.m.

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THIS WEEK.

No. 5—"A Sin not to be Forgiven," by Lizzie W. Champney.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—T L Newton.
Auction Sale—Jas Brady.
Auction Sale—L Thompson.
Shout—C F O Mason.
Clearing Sale—Coyne & Co.
Snap No 2—M L Stevens.
Specials—J W Upper.
Seeds—J S Pearce & Co.

The Chronicle

AND CANADIAN DAIRYMAN.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1888.

LOCAL MATTERS.

ASSAULT.—A. Thompson has been fined $6.25 for assaulting a Miss Lillywhite.

NEW STORE.—Mr. E. Chrysler, of Ridgetown, is fitting up the vacant store next to Woolson & Murdock's. He purposes going into the hardware line.

CARRYING A REVOLVER.—Wm. Craig was fined $20 and costs for carrying a revolver one day this week. He was also fined $5 and costs for being drunk and disorderly.

THE person who rang the fire bell last Monday morning evidently thought he would get paid for his work from the length of time it was rung.

KNOX CHURCH.—The Rev. G. Munro, Embro, will conduct the services in Knox Church on Sabbath next, when a special collection in aid of the funds of the church is requested.

GOOD BARGAINING.—One of our farmers while selling wood one day last week was offered $1.65 per cord for it, which he refused, but said he would accept thirteen shillings. This is one way of doing business.

KING ST. METHODIST CHURCH.—Quarterly meeting services next Sunday in the town hall, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor will occupy the pulpit. Subjects, morning "The Number Thirteen;" evening "The Scoffing Fool." Revival services every night at 7:30, in the hall. All are invited.

SHORT HAND CLASS.—Miss Annie Hardie, a graduate of Bengough's Shorthand Institute in Toronto, purposes starting a shorthand class in town shortly. Mr. Bengough will give a black-board address illustrating the system and organize the class. Full particulars next week.

HARMONY HALL.—The action of the town council in taking some steps to have this unsightly structure removed will be hailed with delight by our townspeople. The building is in a really dangerous condition and should have been pulled down long ago. A little more work in this line wouldn't do any harm.

WHO IS HE?—The London *Free Press* says:—A young man in Ingersoll has just married a girl to whom he had engaged himself sixteen separate and distinct times. He heard that she was sitting up nights counting the number of "H's" and "K's" in his letters and indexing them!

ACCIDENT.—Mrs. J. B. Capron and Miss Capron were knocked down by a horse and cutter on Thursday night last at the crossing between Grant's and Kneeshaw's stores. They were not seriously hurt, Mrs. Capron being slightly shaken by the shock. The person in the cutter was driving at a pretty rapid rate and should have exercised more caution, especially when turning corners.

A COLD BED.—Last Sunday evening a tramp was found curled up asleep in the ditch on Merritt St. He was awakened and taken to the Police Station, but no person being found there, was allowed to go. He was seen shortly after going back in the same direction from which he had been taken.

ENTERTAINMENT.—A musical and literary entertainment will be held at Dunn's school house, North Oxford, on Friday evening. A good programme has been prepared and an enjoyable evening will no doubt be spent. Those from town who are to take part are: The members of St. Andrew's church choir, Miss E. Boles, Mr. & Mrs. M. T. Buchanan, Dr. Williams and Mrs. Love.

F. R. C. I.—Mr. J. Castell Hopkins has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute of London, England. The objects of this powerful society are, very briefly, the promotion of closer relations between the colonies and the mother country, and the discussion of all subjects connected with the Empire. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is president and the Duke of Manchester chairman of the Council.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—Anniversary services will be conducted in the above church by the Rev. P. Wright, of Stratford, next Sabbath, morning and evening. Mr. Wright is one of the most popular preachers in the Canada Presbyterian Church, and has charge of one of the largest and most influential congregations west of Toronto. Many who knew him when settled in Ingersoll will be pleased to see and hear him again.

INDUCTION AND TEA MEETING.—The induction of the Rev. Herbert C. Ross, as pastor of Knox Church, will take place in the church at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 16th. On the evening of the same day the ladies of the congregation will hold their annual tea meeting in the town hall, when speeches will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Beattie, Brantford; Rev. W. T. McMullen, Woodstock; Rev. Wm. Robertson, Chesterfield; Rev. G. Munro, Embro; Rev. W. Wylie, Paris, and other local ministers. A good musical programme is being provided. Tea served from 6 to 8 o'clock. Admission 40c., three for $1.

FIRE NEAR SALFORD.—Mr. Jas. Harris' residence, near Salford, was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon. The fire originated from a defective chimney, and although the family were all at home, it was impossible to stop it, it having got considerable headway before discovered. All the bedding and the best part of the clothing owned by the family were destroyed, in fact the only articles of furniture which were rescued without being more or less damaged, were two bureaus and an organ. The building was owned by Mr. John O'Callaghan of this town, and was insured for $400. The insurance on Mr. Harris' furniture is not known at the time of writing.

DRIVING WITHOUT BELLS.—About twenty farmers have been fined within the last week or two, on an average of $3.75 each, for not having bells on their horses. The following incident will show the need of having bells either on the horse or sleigh, and what might have been a serious accident was barely avoided. On Thursday of last week one of Mr. C. C. L. Wilson's children was nearly run over. The nurse girl was pushing the child in one of the hand sleighs used for children, and while going over one of our crossings a farmer driving a sleigh without bells nearly ran over the hand sleigh. Had it not been for the promptness of the person in charge the child would have been seriously hurt if not killed outright.

NARROW ESCAPE OF CHARLES ST. CHURCH.—The Charles St. Methodist Church had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. The sexton had left a big fire burning in one of the furnaces after closing the church, and the furnace not being put in properly, the intense heat ignited the floor around the register. Rev. Mr. Brown not observed a light in the church and thinking the sexton had left a light burning went in to put it out, when he discovered the fire. A few pails of water put it out without doing any great amount of damage. If the fire had got a fair start the church would probably have been doomed, as with the high wind blowing it would have been a hard matter to save it.

NATIONAL PILLS are unsurpassed as a safe, mild, yet thorough, purgative, acting upon the biliary organs promptly and effectually.

STRANGE HABIT.—An unprofitable character, who proposes to make his home in Ingersoll, has a habit of carrying a dog in his overcoat pockets, especially when under the influence of liquor. He no doubt thinks this is amusing.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Mr. John Christopher, while driving on Tuesday, had a narrow escape from being run into by the C. P. R. 11:35 a.m. express at the Thames St. crossing. He was coming out of Kerr & Co's yard, and the train being coming in, the stop-gate at the crossing was let down and he was caught between it and the track. Fortunately the person having charge of the gate saw the box he was in and opened it, thus letting him out.

COASTING ACCIDENT.—A young son of Mr. J. Smale was injured while coasting on Mutual street, north of the river, on Friday night. He was riding down the hill alone and ran into a cutter driven by Dr. Walker. He escaped with a slight scalp wound, and is recovering as rapidly as may be expected. The night being dark it was impossible for the doctor to see him coming or the accident would have been avoided.

LECTURE.—Rev. Jas Robertson of Winnipeg, delivered a short interesting address on "The future of the Presbyterian Mission work in the North-west," in St. Andrews' Church last night. He said there was a large deficit to be made up this year, and if it was not so made up, the church would have to retrench and lose much of the ground they have already won. He concluded with an eloquent appeal for help from the older provinces in order that this might be avoided.

SEED WHEAT CASE.—At Aylmer on Friday, J. B. Jackson, of Hegler & Jackson, barristers, of this town, brought action against J. Binn, farmer, Bayham, to recover the amount of two notes, dated May 10th, one for $150 and the other for $50, given the Ontario Seed Grain Company for ten bushels of wheat, which notes Jackson purchased in June last. The defendant said he only made one note for $150, which he gave to a man named Worthen. The jury disagreed.

THE W. O. P.—In conversation with a London Alderman the other day, W. T. Jennings, Chief Engineer of the Western Ontario Pacific Railway, assured him that the road will be pushed west to the international boundary this year. The reason given for the temporary delay is the indecision on the part of the company as to whether to locate their terminus at Detroit or Sarnia. In the event of the tunnel at the latter place being carried to a successful completion Sarnia will be chosen.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.—Henry Main, a private banker, of Galt, was shot dead by John Curry, a farmer, of Puslinch township, yesterday morning. Curry entered Main's office about ten o'clock and fired two shots at him, both taking effect in his head. Death must have been instantaneous. After shooting Main, Curry crossed the street to the sheds in rear of the Galt House and shot himself in the head, killing himself instantly. Money matters, coupled with an over-indulgence of whiskey, is supposed to have led to the tragedy.

FIRE.—On Monday morning about five o'clock a two story frame house on Canterbury street was totally destroyed by fire. The building was owned by Mrs. Moore and occupied by her son Mr. Wm. Moore. The only inmate of the house who was at home at the time was a brother-in-law of Mr. Moore's, who had left a good fire burning in the stove when retiring, and is supposed this was the cause of the fire. He had a narrow escape from being suffocated, having to jump out of an upper storey window. Nothing was saved except a couple of tables. The building was insured for $400 and the contents for $900. The chemical and steamer arrived on the ground too late to be of any service, the alarm not being sounded until the fire had gained too much headway.

ACCIDENT TO THE GLOBE TRAIN.—The first mishap in her eleven months journeying happened to *The Globe* special train on Friday morning—about a mile and a half west of Princeton, while the train was at full speed, the side-rods of the engine broke. The engine was brought almost at once to a standstill, her trucks leaving the track. The car stopped on the rails, and received no damage whatever. None of the crew was hurt in the least, and the engineer and fireman walked back to Princeton to inform the station agent of what had happened. The papers were sent on by the regular train, which came up several hours afterwards. *The Globe* car was sent back to the city last night to continue the regular daily trip. A few hours' work reinstated all the damage that was done to the engine, and she too will go on as usual. The breaking of the side-rods is one of commonest of railroad accidents.

ANOTHER SWINDLE.—The Ayr *Recorder* has heard of another swindle among the farmers. It is a pump swindle this time. A short time ago Mr. Robert Harmer, near Bright, was called upon by an agent for some pumps. He gave the man an order for one, which was to be delivered right away. At the time the agent took the order he told the farmer he would give him an agency for the sale of pumps, to which proposition Mr. Harmer offered no objection. In due time agent No. 2 comes along to put in Mr. Harmer's pump, and to deliver another dozen pumps which had been ordered from agent No 1, and for which he held a note for $172 ready to be signed. Mr. Harmer smelled a rat, and gave the agent to understand that he could put in the one pump, if he liked, but if he did not take the other pumps, as well as himself right away off those premises, he (Harmer) would run him off. Agent No. 2 saw that the intended victim was a man of fire and muscle, so he put in the one pump and slunk away with the balance without getting his $172.

THE PIANO FACTORY.—During the last week a good deal of talk has been heard in town regarding the piano factory. From a variety of causes the firm were unable to realize their expectations for fall and Christmas trade. Orders were numerous, but it appears that in December, when they had a large stock in an advanced state, they could not get certain supplies because of the removal of the house manufacturing them. Orders were consequently lost, which meant the accumulation of an abnormally large stock in the month of January, when the piano trade slackens considerably. The creditors of the firm were informed of the state of affairs and the firm stand in sufficiently high repute to have made an amicable settlement of the difficulty as far as they are concerned. There has been no stoppage of work at the factory, beyond the suspension of the woodworking departments for a few days for the half yearly stock taking, and work will go on just as usual. We learn that the factory and fittings in connection with it have cost nearly $11,000, not taking into account additional machinery, &c., and this is the best answer to those carpers who wish to know what has become of the money advanced by the town. The fact remains that at present the firm are out of pocket by the removal, and their benefit from the change can only be prospective, so that a good feeling should prevail towards them.

THE LATE DR. THRALL.—Last Thursday morning about three o'clock, John Hamilton Thrall, M. D., one of our most prominent and highly respected citizens, passed away. His fatal illness was contracted a week ago last Sunday, whilst in the country on a consultation with Dr. Wilford. Inflamation of the lungs set in and, notwithstanding all the skill his medical brethren could bring to bear on his case, he gradually sank till death relieved him of all suffering. Dr. Thrall was born in Livingstone Co., N. Y., on Jan. 27th 1834. He graduated at an early age at the University of Buffalo, and at once commenced the practice of his profession in Springwater Co., N. Y. state. After a brief residence there, he removed to Rochester. After hearing flattering reports of Oxford county, he removed here and located at Burgessville in 1860. For many years he enjoyed there a large practice, but finding it more arduous than his constitution could well stand, he in 1884 removed to Woodstock, with a view to confining his practice largely to the town. But this he could not do, and up to the last he retained a large practice in his old location. Dr. Thrall was twice married. His first wife was Miss Esther R. Putnam, of Springwater N. Y., who died in 1863, shortly after coming to Canada. The issue of this marriage was Mr. Geo. Thrall, of the C.P.R. at Medicine Hat. In Dec. 1864 he married Margaret, daughter of the late James Chambers, Esq., of East Oxford, who with a family of five children survive him. In religion he was a consistent Presbyterian and enjoyed the respect and confidence of his pastor, Rev. Mr. McMullen. In politics he was a most uncompromising Conservative and was a warm personal friend and admirer of Sir John MacDonald. While residing at Burgessville he received the unanimous nomination of the Conservative party for South Oxford, but is being a forlorn hope he did not push candidature. At the general election for the House of Commons, at the call of his party, he undertook the herculean task of opposing Mr. James Sutherland M. P., and nothing but his personal popularity secured for him the large vote he polled. He took a deep interest in sanitary matters in town and the improved condition of affairs is to a large extent the result of his counsel and efforts. As a man the Dr. was highly respected by all classes of the community; and as a physician he took high rank. The funeral took place on Saturday last at 2 p.m. to the Presbyterian Cemetery and was largely attended.—*Woodstock Standard.*

Go to J. W. Upper's for your horse blankets. He is selling at cost for the present.

You can get a horse brush for 10 and 15 cents each at J. W. Upper's.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE.

A Brilliant Gathering and a Grand Success.

For some time past the town has been in a flutter of excitement over the Masonic Conversazione, which was held in the town hall on Thursday evening last, and the mysterious parcels going to and from our fashionable millinery and dressmaking establishments, were sufficient evidence that extensive preparations for this great social event were being made by the fair sex.

During Wednesday and Thursday large numbers of gentlemen were busily engaged in decorating the hall and making the necessary alterations, and when we say that "a change came over it" we draw it mild indeed. The stage was re-arranged, the wings removed, the platform neatly carpeted and furnished with sofas and lounges, while the whole end of the hall was richly decorated with curtains, flags, etc. The main body of the hall was tastefully draped with yards upon yards of bunting and gay *parti* colored streamers. In the alcove was erected a platform richly festooned and decorated, which furnished excellent vantage ground from which to view the magnificent toilets. On the whole it was universally conceded that our town hall never was so transformed and one almost forgot its somewhat uncomely appearance on ordinary occasions, and saw in it for once "a thing of beauty." The entrance over the main stairway was used as a ladies dressing room, and the council chamber was used for a refreshment room, while the assessors office and armory were converted into a kitchen and gentlemen's dressing and smoking rooms.

The refreshments were all that could be desired in point of quantity and elegance, and spoke volumes for the caterers who furnished them, while the music furnished by twelve members of the 7th Batt. Band of London, under the leadership of Bandmaster Hiscott, was simply grand, and many were the expressions of praise heard on all sides of their playing.

The number of beautiful ladies present and the elegant costumes worn was the subject of much comment. No doubt a description of the toilets would be interesting to our lady readers, but as we are not well enough versed in the terms and phrases used, we will, of necessity, have to forego that pleasure. Suffice it to say, that never have we seen so many handsome and elegant toilets as graced the hall on this occasion.

The Masons of our town have never been known to fail when they undertake to get up an entertainment, and the unqualified success which attended their efforts on Thursday evening, while it was perhaps one of the grandest affairs ever held here, was no more than might reasonably have been expected from their well known reputation in this respect.

At about half-past eight the guests began to arrive. At nine the ceremonies were opened "in due and ancient form" (we suppose) by the members of the Masonic fraternity present. Quite a number of Grand Lodge officers were in attendance, and after a few remarks of welcome extended by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, D.D.G.M., on behalf of the fraternity at Ingersoll, the entertainment began, the first number being confined exclusively to the members of the craft.

The first sets were composed of R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler and Mrs. Suter; R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown and Mrs. Slawson; R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin and Mrs. Hegler; R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford and Miss Kerr; R. W. Bro. C. H. Slawson and Mrs. Brown; V. W. Bro. W. A. Woolson and Mrs. Woolson; V. W. Bro. J. Kerr and Mrs. Ferguson; V. W. Bro. I. R. Walker and Mrs. F. Choate.

Below we give a list of those who were present, from which there may be a few omissions.

FROM INGERSOLL.

J P Boles, Mr and Mrs G K Brown, the Misses Bailey, W R Burke, Mr and Mrs T J Brown and Miss Brown, Mr J Brady and the Misses Brady, Mr and Mrs M T Buchanan, Miss Booth, Mr G E and Miss Booth, H H Cragg, Mr A and the Misses Choate, Mr and Mrs G Chamberlain, Mr and Mrs J Christopher, C Choate, Mr and Mrs J H Choate, Mr and Mrs A N Christopher and Miss Christopher, Miss Chadwick, Mr Carroll, the Misses Crotty, Mr Clutton, Mr and Miss Chambers, Miss Downs, Dr Dickson, Mr and Mrs Ewart and Miss Ewart, J Folsingham, Dr Foxton, Miss A Ferguson, Miss Farris, A Fotheringham, Mrs Galliford, F Gayfer, Mr and Mrs Gunson, J Hood, J H Hegler jr, Mr and Mrs J C Hegler, J C Hopkins, C T Hoagg, A D Hoagg and Miss Hoagg, Mr and Mrs Hodder, J Ireland, Mr and Mrs J S Jackson, J C Kerr, Miss Kerr, Miss Kirkwood, Miss Lyons, Mr and Mrs J Morrison and Miss Morrison, C W Mason, Miss D Morrisen, J O Matheson, Mr J F and Mrs T F Morrey, R Munro, H Mason, Mr and Mrs J W Marsden, Mr and Mrs C F O Mason, Miss Malcom, Mr and Mrs A Murdoch; J McLaren, G L McDonald, Miss J McKellar, Mr and Miss McMorris, Mrs and Miss McCaughey, J Noxon jr, T H Noxon, W R Noxon, Miss O'Grady, Miss O'Neil, Mrs O'Gorman, Miss Oliver, Mr and Mrs H O'Connor, the Misses O'Connor, E E Partlo, Miss Podmore, Mr and Mrs J Podmore, Miss Payne, Mr and Mrs Wm Partlo, Mr and Miss Revell, Mrs and Miss Robinson, Mr and Mrs J A Richardson, C W Riley, T Runciman, Mr and the Misses Rumsey, H Richardson, F Richardson, Mr and Mrs A W Smith, J A Shaw, Mr and Miss Smith, R W Smith, Miss Smith, Mrs Suter, the Misses Stimpson, C H Sumner, C Staff, D Secord, Mr and Mrs C H Slawson, W A Sinclair, Mr and Mrs L Thompson and Miss Thompson, Miss Tilney, Miss Thornton, Mr and Mrs G A Thompson, Mr and Mrs W L Underwood, Jas Vance, Miss K Vance, Mr and Mrs D White, Mr and Mrs W A Woolson, D White jr, G H White, Mr and Miss Wood, Mr and Mrs J M Wilson, Dr and Mrs Walker, Mr H and Miss Walker, M Walsh, Miss White, the Misses Walsh, Miss Wilson, Mr and Mrs C C L Wilson, J Warnock, Mr and Miss Wilson, T Walls jr, Mr and Mrs Wassell, S A Warnock, Mr and Mrs G Walker, S S Williison, C E Warnock.

FROM WOODSTOCK.

R N Ball, Miss Brown, Mr and the Misses Hood, Mr and Miss Laidlaw, Mr and Mrs F C Martin, W H Martin, W Norris, W C Noxon, W B Palmer, J D Patterson, Mr and Miss Patullo, Mr and Miss Patterson, W C Perks, A Ramsey, T H Webb, Mr and Miss White.

FROM LONDON.

C A Blinn, Mr and Miss Barron, F Danks, Miss W Danks, A C Fitzgerald, R B Hungerford, Mr and Mrs B McDonald, Mr and Mrs C A Stone, C Tune, and W Thompson.

FROM OTHER PLACES.

The Misses Hunter, Beachville; R. A. Watt, Brantford; F. A. Brady, Montreal; C. Rees, Kingston; Miss Chadwick, Simcoe; F. Bond, Galt; Mrs. Rooks, Brandon, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Munro, Embro; Miss J. Wilson, Hamilton; J. D. Meakison, Strathroy; C. Lindof, L. Merrill and F. Hillman, Tilsonburg; Miss M. McGregor, Galt; Mr. and Mrs. A. McLaren, Stratford; Miss O'Reilly, Hamilton; Miss Gibson, Delaware; Miss Hamilton, Stratford; Miss Doyle, Detroit; W. Hunt, Beachville; Miss E. Oliver, Pt. Huron.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Chas. Rees, of Kingston, was in town last week.

Mr. F. Bond, of Galt, was in town last week.

Mr. F. A. Brady returned to Montreal on Saturday.

Miss Farrow, of Mitchell, is the guest of Mrs. H. Holland.

Miss Welsh, of Guelph, is the guest of Mrs. G. A. Fowke.

Mr. Clutton, of the Traders Bank, has been removed to Aylmer.

Miss M. McGregor, of Galt, was the guest of Miss A. Oliver last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Seldon returned from England on Tuesday.

Miss A. Polson is visiting friends and relatives in Galt.

The Rev. A. O. McKenzie, of Owego, N. Y., is the guest of the Rev. P. R. Ross.

Mr. Jas. Long has returned to town and taken his old position in J. L. Grant & Co's store.

Our old townsman, Mr. S. Ditchfield, who has been for some time visiting in western cities, has returned home.

Mr. Jas. McLaren, who has been in Mr. J. Cooke's cheese office for the past summer, returned to his home, near Mitchell, on Saturday.

Mr. R. F. Hunter, late of this town, has gone into the real estate and brokerage business with Mr. M. A. Smith, of Denver, Col., as a partner.

Miss E. Merrison, who has been in Tilsonburg for the past year, has returned to town, and will have charge of D. White & Co's show room for the coming season.

Mr. A. Park, formerly of West Oxford, is home from the Oak River District, near Brandon, Man., for a short visit, looking as if the climate there agreed with him. He reports considerable satisfaction in the country since the defeat of the Tory government.

TENDER CORNS.

Soft corns, corns of all kinds removed without pain or more spots by Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Thousands testify that it is certain, painless and prompt. Do not be imposed upon by substitutes offered or the genuine "Putnam's" Extractor. Sure, safe, harmless.

I thank God that you ever invented such a medicine for catarrh. I have suffered for five years so I could not lie down for weeks at a time. Since I have been using Ely's Cream Balm I can rest.—Frank P. Burleigh, Farmington, N. H.

TOWN COUNCIL.

A Lengthly Session—A Little Surprise Party—Coasting Matters Discussed.

The regular monthly meeting of the town Council was held in the Council Chamber Monday evening.

There were present his worship, Mayor Buchanan, and Messrs. Stevens, Holmes, Stewart, Mitchell, Smith, Morrison, King, Mills, Thompson, Richardson, McGill and Williams.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Communications were read from, Alex. Anderson, Toronto, re fire alarm telegraph system; Jesse M. Smith, applying for the position of sidewalk overseer; Thos. Henderson, asking for instructions with regard to preventing coasting; A. N. Christopher, for an increase in salary; ladies of Knox Church asking for Council Chamber on the 16th, for their tea meeting; Collectors report for Jan., showing $9, rents as having been collected; treasurer's report showing overdraft in Imperial Bank of $9,789.84.

ACCOUNTS

were read from:—Ingersoll Gas Co., $86.54; Jas McIntyre, $7.50; McInnes & Co., coal, $60.76; Bell Telephone Co. 30 cts.

REPORTS.

F. Stewart, Chairman of the Indigent Committee brought in there report as follows:—

That F. Stewart has been elected chairman of the Committee

That the following accounts be paid: E. Bishop, $1.15; R. H. Young, $21.85; Jas. Childs, $2.20; McInnes & Co., $2.30; J. Cavanagh, $7; Wm. McKim, $7.20.

The Police Committee's report stated that they had appointed W. Mills as Chairman, and they could not recommend the accounts of Thos. Henderson for special police on Jan. 1st, as they thought it was an unnecessary expense.

The Market and Public Building Committee reported as follows:—That they had appointed R. W. Smith as Chairman; that the account of Messrs. O'Callaghan Bros., amounting to $6.75 for flooring their stall in the market building be not entertained; that the following accounts be paid: J. Nunn, $10.00; E. Bishop, $9.50; that the petition of the Ladies Aid, of the Charles St. Church, for rebate of $5, be granted.

The Park Committee reported that they had appointed F. Stewart as Chairman.

The Fire Water and Gas Committee reported that they had appointed S. King as Chairman; that the Communication of E. Wassell on waterworks be laid over until the next meeting; that the account of Robt. Stuart be paid, $12.15; that the thanks of the Committee be tendered W. A. Woolson for the report of the fire brigade, and that he be appointed chief of the brigade in place of A. Matheson, resigned.

The Board of Works reported that they had appointed W. Mills as Chairman.

The Railroad Committee reported that they had appointed R. W. Smith Chairman.

The Industrial Committee reported that they had appointed M. L. Stevens Chairman.

INQUIRIES

F. Stewart asked if any communications had been received regarding the bridge on Hall St. The mayor said there had not been any received or it would have been read.

J. W. Holmes asked by whose authority the salt had been scattered on the sidewalks? The mayor said Chief Henderson, and he had told him to stop as it was not bringing about the result expected.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

On motion of W. Mills, seconded by L. Thompson, the Police Committees' report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by J. Morrison, the Council went into Committee on the report of the Market Committee. M. L. Stevens in the chair.

The three first clauses of the report were adopted, and the fourth clause, after some discussion as to the character of the troupe, was struck out.

On motion the reports of the park, indigent, fire, water, gas and industrial committees were adopted.

On motion, the use of the Council Chamber was granted the ladies of Knox for their tea meeting on 16th inst.

On motion of J. Morrison, seconded by S. King, W. A. Woolson was appointed Chief of the fire brigade in place of A. Matheson, resigned.

On motion of F. Stewart, seconded by J. W. Holmes, the account of Jas. McIntyre of $5, for coffin for Mrs. Bevins was ordered to be paid.

Two resolutions with regard to employees of the corporation, running accounts without orders, were ruled out of order by the mayor, on the grounds that they conflicted with the by-laws of the town.

On motion of L. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Mills, Dr. Williams, R. W. Smith and the mover were appointed a committee to collect all deeds, insurance policies and other papers belonging to the town, and that the deeds be placed in the town vault, and the insurance policies in the hands of the treasurer.

On motion of F. Stewart, seconded by M. L. Stevens, the clerk was instructed to find out from C.C.L. Wilson, or otherwise the number of telephones in use in the town with a view to assessing the revenue derived from them and placing a tax on it.

On motion the salary of Wm. Tennant amounting to $41.66 for January was ordered paid.

M. L. Stevens moved, seconded by H. Richardson, that $7,336.00 be paid the Hamilton Cotton Co., being balance of bonus due that Co., and that the Chairman of the Industrial Committee be instructed to investigate the matter as to this being the correct amount, before the same is paid, and that the clerk notify the treasurer not to sign the check until receiving orders from the chairman of Industrial Committee, so to do.

On motion of Dr. Williams, seconded by J. Morrison, the mover was granted leave to introduce a by-law for the purpose of raising money by note or otherwise.

By-law was read a first and second time read in Committee, blanks filled in the amount of $20,000, read a third time and finally passed.

Wm Watterworth was heard regarding getting permission to build a frame building on the east side of Oxford Street, and promised he would brick it in as soon as the weather permitted with either a four or nine inch wall. The reason he asked this privilege was, that the parties who wished to use the building wanted it built at once, and he could not put up a brick building in the winter.

On motion of Dr. Williams, seconded by L. Thompson, the proposition was referred to the Fire Water and Gas Committee, with power to grant the request asked for, when the satisfactory arrangements are made.

THE SURPRISE.

R. W. Smith moved, seconded by O. J. Mitchell, that the town solicitor be instructed to withdraw the suit now pending against W. B. Wilson in the Division Court of the County of Oxford.

M. T. Buchanan asked H. Richardson to take the chair for a few moments in order that he might say something in regard to the resolution. He called it pure cheek on the part of Mr. Smith. The points in this case had all been discussed time and again. The Judge had said in his report that W. B. Wilson owed the town $116.00 and they were going to collect it through the Division Court. He thought Mr. Smith was acting not as a representative of the people but as Wilson's legal adviser. If this is the baby way in which we are going to transact our business, we are a nice lot of men, and this after the trouble we have gone to, to establish our case. He asked Mr. Smith how as a councillor he could do this. He couldn't stultify himself to be made a tool of, and again said it was a piece of unadulterated cheek.

R. W. Smith said he was not there as a representative of W. B. Wilson, but was doing what he thought was to the best interests of the town. The Judge had decided that Wilson owed the town $100. He moved this resolution because Wilson had entered a counter-claim of $328, as a set off against the town's claim. He thought the counter-claim was a good one. It was made up of 100 items, $300 for a reward offered by the Council of 1886 for the conviction of the parties who had been setting fire to buildings about that time, and $28 balance on salary. Mr. Wilson had secured the conviction, and was entitled to the reward. Mr. Wilson was willing to withdraw his claim if the town would withdraw the suit, and we have had enough of law suits. He was not Wilson's legal adviser, and had not received any money from him.

Mr. Stewart was glad he had not gone home before. He was astonished at the remark made by Mr. Smith, that Wilson was entitled to that reward as he himself had told Wilson that Wright had done it and he had got his information from one Piper. Wilson is not entitled to one cent of the reward. The matter had been before the Council before when he was a member, and he knew all about it. He didn't think we would be gulled out of the $100 on that grounds.

Mr. Richardson thought we should not withdraw the suit. Our town solicitor was the proper person for us to get information from in our suits.

The Yeas and Nays on the resolution were called for and stood as follows:—

Yeas, Stevens, Mitchell, Holmes, and Smith. Total, 4.

Nays, Williams, Thompson, Mills, King, Morrison, Stewart, McGill, Richardson and Buchanan. Total, 9.

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Mills, Dr. Williams, Mr. Mills, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Stevens and mover, were appointed a Committee to go over the town and see if there was any place which our citizens could use as a coasting ground, and to allow them the privilege to use it until such time as the Council met and passed a by-law for that purpose.

On motion of Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the report of the auditors in the Chadwick matter was referred to our town solicitor who has charge of the case.

Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Mr. Mr. Stewart, that the old Harmony Hall be pulled down or put in a proper state of repair, and the Chairman of the Board of Works be instructed to attend to the same, that Christopher Bros. be notified of this action.

Mr. Stevens moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the petition of Jas. Waterhouse and others in regard to Harmony Hall be referred to the Board of Works.

The amendment upon being put was carried.

Council adjourned at 11.45.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday evening in the council chamber.

There were present, J. C. Norsworthy in the chair, and Messrs. Vance, Slawson, Gibson, Brady, Sudworth, White, Williams and Jackson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

W. A. Sudworth, chairman of the special committee appointed to strike the standing committees for the ensuing year reported as follows:—

That the teachers committe be composed of Messrs. Slawson, Williams, McKay, Sudworth and Jackson.

That the property committee be composed of Messrs. Robertson, Podmore, Williams, Gibson and Galer.

That the finance committee be composed of Messrs. Slawson, White and Vance.

That Jas. Brady be a member of all committees as far as high school matters are concerned.

The report was upon motion adopted.

The following accounts were read and ordered to be paid: Hearn & Co. $1, Louis Thompson $12.65, H. Rowland $19.95, A. McGill $81.65, W. Thompson $177.04, A. Matheson $61.77, A. H. Ellis $13.66, E. & C. Gurney Co. $179.33, Geo. Bloor 15 cts., J. Gibson & Sons $1.50.

Prof. Tagg was heard in reference to having a certain time set down for the purpose of teaching music in the Collegiate Institute.

On motion of Jas. Brady, seconded by J. Gibson, the teachers committee were instructed to confer with the Principal of the Collegiate Institute with regard to teaching music in the school.

On motion of J. B. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Williams, the treasurer was granted the privilege of paying accounts up to the amount of $200, after getting the certificate of the chairman of the committee to which the accounts might belong, and that he present the said accounts to the board after such payments.

C. H. Slawson moved, seconded by Dr. White, that the salary of H. F. McDairmid, principal of the public school, be increased to $900 per annum, such increase to date from the 1st of January.

Dr. Williams moved in amendment, seconded by J. B. Jackson, that H. F. McDairmid's salary be increased to $850 per annum.

This amendment upon being put was lost and the original resolution carried.

On motion of Dr. Williams, seconded by J. B. Jackson, the salary in connection with Room No. 1, North of the River, was raised to $260 per year.

On motion of C. H. Slawson, seconded by Jas. Brady, the secretary was instructed to take steps to collect the over payment in salary made to C. A. Scott, late teacher in the Collegiate Institute.

SPORTING NOTES.

MR BOYLE'S SALE

The sale of Charles Boyle's race horses, which took place on Friday at Woodstock, had been looked upon for several weeks as a great bidding contest. This however was not the case, and from a financial standpoint the sale proved a total failure. It was expected that buyers from all over Canada would be there, but blood prices ruled very low and not inclined to pay exorbitant prices.

Shortly after 2 o'clock Auctioneer Brady of Ingersoll mounted the stand, when the bay stallion Lansdowne was led into the ring, looking the pink of condition and a credit to any sport house. He was started at a bid of $400 by Mr. G. L. Hayes of Fergus; then Mr. Scott of Galt went another $100 and was out-bid by Mr. W. E. Owen of Toronto, who offered $575, but as Mr. Boyle was recently offered $700 he refused to allow Lansdowne to go at that price, and he was finally bought in at $700.

The handsome golden bay stallion Springfield, by Bonnie Scotland, was next brought out and a grand-looking piece of horse-flesh he was. It was a foregone conclusion that he would not bring the price he was held at $2500, thought there were several horsemen present who would probably have given $2000. The bidding was started at $2500 by the auctioneer, and no advance being offered he was sent to the stable.

The next to appear was the highly bred stallion Harkaway. There were no bids and he was retired. Wildwood was next offered, and he likewise never received a bid. The chestnut gelding Borderer followed, being run up to $250 and bought in at that figure.

Carrie C., 4 years, by Cape Race, dam Belle Aiken, was put up and sold to Mr. S. Biller of Woodstock for $235. Comique Lilith and Medea were also offered, but failed to secure bidders.

Mr. Brady remarked that cows would probably suit the crowd better. At the close of the sale an enterprising agriculturalist acting on the suggestion, produced a cow and she was put up. The highest bid received was $34, and she was also withdrawn. Mr. Brady then retired in disgust. It was not even a good cow crowd.

The result of the sale was no doubt a great disappointment to Mr. Boyle, who spared no pains and money in advertising the sale, and it is evident that the horsemen in Canada are not anxious to purchase. Among the turfmen present were Mr. T. O. Patteson, Toronto; Dr. Smith, Toronto; S. B. Fuller, Woodstock; J. D. Matheson, Toronto; G. L. Hayden, Fergus; J. Scott, Galt; Mr. Workman, Brantford; W. E. Owen, Toronto; R. O'Leary, Toronto; R. Burgess