Huron Signal.

GODERICH, DEC. 24, 1868.

The Conservatives Condemn It.

While those of the conservative papers which are noted for their toadying proclivities have gloated over the defeat of Mr. Gibbons, others, which are guided by principles akin to those of justice and common fairness, condemn the whole job from first to last. For example, the Montreal *Daily News*, a staunch tory organ, says :—

"Those who study the proceedings of the South Huron election committee must confess that it was not consistent in its rulings. It assumed a license often exercised by committees, of picking out clauses of the statute as obligatory and treating others, equally imperative, as permissive. It is of less consequence to us to know in whose favor the committee decided, than to feel that the interlocutory judgments rendered during the sittings of the committee were founded on equity and in harmony with the statutes. It is evident, from the tone of the Ontario press favorable to Mr. Gibbons, that some of the renderings of the committee were in glaring contradiction to the authorities, legal and Parliamentary, which have heretofore been respected; and, as Conservatives, we must regret that there should be the slightest foundation for accusations which have a tendency to lower that party in public esteem, and weaken the influence of the Legislature. One remedy for the evils so deplored by Mr. Gibbons' friends is very simple and very effective. Let us abolish the present law regulating contested elections, and, following the sage example set us by England, confide such controversies to the Judges of the Superior Court."

All very well, but it is rather too bad that a gross outrage should be committed, and then a cry be raised by the very party who perpetrated it, for a change in the law which has been perverted for a purpose so base.

A Horticultural and Fruit-Grower's Association.

Several gentlemen have recently mentioned to us a necessity we have long felt, viz: the formation of a good strong Horticultural Society in this town. We heartily concur in the views we have heard expressed, and shall be glad to render every assistance in our power to a project so laudable. We have in Goderich a number of amateur gardeners who have done a great deal towards cultivating a taste for horticultural pursuits in our midst and the result has been the introduction, not only in town but through out the townships, of the very best fruits and vegetables to be procured. But in order that the important interests of fruit growing, &c., may be fully developed and sustained it is necessary that there should be unity of action, and the simplest way to accomplish this is by forming a society at once so as to secure a share of the government money and start on a proper basis. We have in town and the surrounding country men enough of the right stamp to form a first class society. We hope, however, that, if the project is undertaken, the *big guns* of horticulture will not hold back. In the interesting discussions which would, no doubt, arise, their experience and knowledge would be invaluable, and much good would inevitably result. Fruit-Growing has become an important branch of industry in the County of Huron, and no effort should be spared to advance it to the utmost possible extent. Let us have a Society, by all means!

That Wicked County Council.

The political horizon of our town contemporary is bounded North, South, East and West by the County Council. This earth is a dreary waste inhabited by prowling, howling, ferocious Gibbonses, Hortons, Morrows, Browns, Bishops, &c., and the only hope of humanity is the David of the *Star*, who is most indefatigable in his pursuit of the *ill*-starred municipal Philistines. In short the *Star* man has County Council on the brain to such an extent that we verily believe he could relate more of its sins of omission and commission than even John Longworth or W. T. Hays, which is saying a great deal. He, this week, goes over the whole subject of the County printing, but as he does not advance a tittle of argument which we have not met before we shall not inflict on our readers another dose of our private affairs. We have shown and a majority of the Council has sustained us by a majority of eleven that our contract was broken by the action of the Government, and no man need talk about partizanship and such like rubbish, when a principle of justice is clearly involved. Suppose we had failed to discharge our contract, for example in the matter of the minutes published in book form. What then? The *Star* would not have pitched into us like an embodiment of fury! Oh, no, of course not! We have, we repeat, never asked for a favor from the Council, and we can look at the matter which has so stirred up the anger of our friend in the light of an act of justice. The only indignation we have heard of exists in his own breast, and if it does him any good to give vent to his pent-up feelings we shall greatly rejoice.

"This excuse of the Council is also so worded as to make it appear that they had by a majority of eleven, given this sum. This was not the case. The grant was carried by a division in the Finance Committee and was never referred to in open Council."—*Star.*

It did not come up in the Council because the members were fully convinced that the report was right. But a motion condemnatory of the Government came up and was passed by a large majority.

THE NOMINATIONS.

A large number of the electors of this town assembled at the Town Hall yesterday (Monday) morning, in order to hear the nominations of candidates for the Mayoralty, Reeveship, Deputy Reeveship, &c. At the statutory hour of 10 o'clock, the Town Clerk took the chair, and after the usual formalities declared himself ready to receive nominations.

After about half an hour had been spent in conversation,

Hugh Johnston, Esq., nominated Dr. McDougall for the Mayoralty. He had known the Doctor for nearly a quarter of a century as a good honest man, and as they all knew how he had discharged the duties of the office for several years he thought it was unnecessary to say more.

Wm. Kay, Esq., briefly seconded the nomination.

R. Runciman, Esq., nominated Robert Gibbons, Esq., as Reeve. (Applause.)

In seconding the nomination, Mr. Sinclair said, it would be a work of supererogation on his part to say much with regard to a man whom they knew so well, and whose Municipal career had been so highly approved of by the people and their representatives. (Applause.) He hoped and believed there would be no opposition on this occasion. (No, no!)—Whatever might have been his (Mr. S.'s) idea at one time with regard to the Registry office he would say that Mr. Gibbons and the committee had been fully sustained by the Government and by the County Council, and it should be deemed perfectly satisfactory to all. (Hear, hear.) He hoped Mr. Gibbons in his address would tell them what the prospect was for getting rid of the incubus of the Northern Gravel Road. It was well known that farmers coming from the Northern townships had to pay nearly three times as much toll as those going to Seaforth and Clinton, and it was only right that the County Council should assume the Northern Road.—

Messrs. S. H. Detlor and L. O. Moore proposed Horace Horton, Esq., as Deputy Reeve.

Messrs. Smith and Swanson nominated Mr. W. E. Leonard as Deputy Reeve.—Mr. Smith said it was well-known there was a family compact, and it would be only right to divide the honors by giving Mr. Leonard a chance.

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Crabb arose and said there was some misunderstanding with regard to the requisition handed to him. It was signed by 100 of the citizens, but some of them now stated that they consented to do so because they understood Dr. McDougall was not coming out, and they now seemed inclined to draw back. He had known the doctor for many years and respected him highly, but if his friends wished wished it he would run if nominated. He alluded to the great disparity which, in his opinion, existed between the assessment of the town and the townships—the latter being assessed far below their value while the town was assessed at its actual cash value. Taking this into consideration he believed that a great injustice was done us, and the Reeve and Deputy Reeve should look a little sharper after the matter.

Mr. Wm Swafield moved and Mr. Geo. Graham seconded the nomination of C. Crabb, Esq., as a candidate for the Mayoralty.

Mr. Clifford rose and said he had a gentleman to propose for the Mayoralty, and that was Mr. W. G. Smith. (Applause.) His reasons for making the nomination was because Dr. McDougall had told him he was not going to run, and on that account he would support Mr. Smith. He had been a councillor for some time, and he was of the opinion that it did not require such an immense amount of ability to act as chairman of that board.

Mr. W. E. Leonard in seconding the nomination of Mr. Smith, said he believed he was doing the town a great justice. He (Mr. S.) was a working man, and he thought such a man was just as much entitled to municipal honors as the members of the 'upper ten.' It did not take so very much ability to fill the position. Some had said that Mr. Smith did not know much, and he knew it. (Laughter.) What he meant to say was that the man who was now President of a country second to none—the man who had given liberty to four millions of people—was originally a *tanner.* (Cheers for Smith and Cheat.) What they wanted was a man like Mr. Smith to tan the hides of the reprobates of this town. (Laughter.) The editor of the *Signal*, a journal which was the essence of truth, had said that Smith was the best man.

Mr. Cox—When? (Laughter.)

Mr. Leonard.—The *Signal* had told the electors not to put the round man into the square hole. (Laughter.) It could not mean Mr. Crabb, because if he had sailed on a 74 gun ship for years and had been drawn through a block as it was reported he had been on one occasion, he was not a round man. (Laughter.) And as for Dr. McDougall they all knew he was not a square man—therefore it must be Smith. (Laughter.) Smith was the man.

The Clerk declared Robt. Gibbons duly elected as Reeve for the year 1869. (Applause.)

Dr. McDougall, being called upon, said he need only remark that he had filled the office of Mayor for several years in this town, and, if they were satisfied with his conduct, he trusted the electors would give him their votes. He had nothing to say against either Mr. Smith or Mr. Crabb. They were both worthy men and good citizens, and no doubt had an interest in the welfare of the town. Something had been said about mechanics. If they meant working men he could say he worked as hard as any man in this town. If elected, it would be his study to advance the interests of the town of Goderich to the best of his ability. (Applause) It had been hinted that he did not intend to run, but such was not his intention, and he would now respectfully solicit the suffrages of his fellow-townsmen. (Applause.)

Mr. Smith said they had honored him with a nomination to a high office for 1869. He was not desirous of honors, but he believed if elected he would discharge the duties as well as any of those proposed. It was not always by high education that men were fitted for high civic honors. They required practical ability, a knowlege of every-day business, and if they wandered forth into the umbrageous woods, viewing Nature in all her lovliness—from the tiny blossom to the cumulous cloud mountains piled in gorgeous magnificence against the eastern sky, they could return to their municipal labors prepared with the best to convince even the most proud and haughty that "A Man's a man for a'that." (Cheers.)

Mr. Gibbons rose amid prolonged applause and said they had that day done him an honor of which he felt justly proud, after having served them for 21 years. He came here a mere boy to hew out a home for himself with his own hands and the fact that he had been elected as their reeve for the 22nd time amply rewarded him for all the trouble and annoyance he had passed through. (Applause.) Mr. Crabb's ideas of County Council injustice were, in his opinion, calculated to do a great deal of harm. There were, in reality, only three municipalities in the County lower than Goderich town on the equalization roll, and he could confidently assert that there was a disposition on the part of the County Council to do us every justice. Either Mr. Crabb must be stating what was incorrect, or there was something he (Mr. G.) could not fathom, after years of experience. In 1858 the Equalization committee had reduced the town by the sum of over $9[illegible] which had been continued ever [illegible]—With regard to the North[illegible] road, he believed that the time [illegible] the tolls should be thrown [illegible] ty roads. There was certa[illegible] that direction, and when [illegible] plished, he had no doubt [illegible] road would be purchased. [illegible] time he thought it was a [illegible] justice and right that the [illegible] should be completed to the [illegible] dary. (Applause) Path[illegible] abolish the toll system, a[illegible] Huron was quite as well a[illegible] fact a great deal better. In [illegible] office matter, all he wished [illegible] that, after much trouble and [illegible] the committee had got a good [illegible] building with a clear title. [illegible] sustained in their choice by [illegible] Council and Government. [illegible] had been unsuccessful in his [illegible] tary election, he was not sorry [illegible] been for a time in the House, [illegible] learnt much there that would pr[illegible] ble to him as a municipal of[illegible] thing he would say, that the [illegible] vince was united in the belief t[illegible] not received fair play. The [illegible] cumbent had resorted to the mos[illegible] practices to unseat him.

Mr. M. McGregor.—He is not [illegible] speak for himself!

Mr Gibbons.—I only wish he was [illegible] would tell him some very unpleasant truths. (Applause.) After again thanking the electors for his election, Mr. Gibbons took his seat.

Mr Crabb said that notwithstanding what Mr. Gibbons had stated there was a great discrepency in the assessment of the town as compared with the townships, and he insisted that the evil complained of should be remedied. The doctor had stated in his address that he had intended to run and Mr. Clifford stated he had told him distinctly that it was not his intention to come out. If the duties attached to the office of Mayor were discharged properly it required a great deal time and attention. The doctor had absented himself from several successive meetings when he was Mayor before.

Dr. McDougall.—I destinctly deny the charge and challenge a reference to the minutes.

Mr. Crabb.—Then I will search the minutes and publish extracts to prove what I say. He thought also the doctor was ineligible as Division C. Clerk, but he would be the last to relate against him. Mr. Smith was a working man, and, if elected, he had no doubt he would make as good a mayor as we have had for at least ten years. (Voices, oh! oh!) After thanking those who had brought him out, and having declared that he did not intend to spend money.—(A Voice, "Divil fear ye!")—but rather upon the spontaneous voice of the people Mr. Crabb took his seat amidst applause.

Mr. Horton, said they had heard so many long speeches, that he would be very brief. He did not consider that his opposition would be very severe.—

Mr. Swanson.—We'll see about that! (Laughter.)

Mr. Horton, (continuing) thought it was useless to talk about family compactism between Messrs. Gibbons, Hays and himself, as such a thing, in public matters, could not be said to exist. (Hear, hear.) If elected he would endeavor as heretofore to do all in his power to advance the interests of the town in the County Council, but if Mr. Leonard should be the fortunate man, he would just mention that he thought there was but little to gain and a great deal to lose by a system of bullying.—He thought the town was very fairly dealt by in the County Council, and that was all they had a right to ask. He took some little credit to Mr. Gibbons and himself in securing the new bridge as soon as they did, by pointing out the necessity for its immediate construction. (Cheers.)

Mr. Leonard appeared on the forum.—He said the honors should not always fall to one man. If a man always fed on beef steak and mutton chop, he would know what starvation was. (Applause.) He knew he had only one chance in a million of being elected, but he should stick to the one chance like a night hawk on a June bug. (Laughter.) If a man wanted to know what liberty was, he had to go to gaol with the reporter of the *Globe* for a day.

A Voice.—You were in gaol too

Mr. Leonard.—Yes I was! Not exactly for building a church but for putting up a church steeple, and after 21 days of it I paid the steeple debt, got out and I never want to be in again. (Loud Laughter.) The warden had done something wrong, but as he had been "peeled" by the Philistines in Toronto he would drop him like a hill of beans. But he thought that the deputy reeve was wrong in going for these drill sheds and so much soldiers' pay. It was disgraceful the amount the country had to pay for volunteers, secret service, &c. The United States managed things differently. They were not a warlike people, but when the occasion required they stood up like men for the country.—

Mr. Detlor.—We dont want any of your Yankee precedents here! were a *British* people (Applause.)

Mr. Leonard.—"Then I'll subside." Mr. Leonard subsided. The meeting then broke up with cheers for the Queen and for the returning offices.

Fatal Accident.

On Saturday evening last while Mr. Joseph Martin, who lived in the suburbs, was attending to his horse, &c., the high wind blew down the heavy barn door which fell upon him. The hasp of the door entered near his right eye, causing instant death. A coroner's jury next day returned a verdict of accidental death.

☞ W. T. Hays M. P. P., &c., has resigned his seat in the Town Council. We understand that Mr. Archibald will be a candidate for the vacant seat.

N. McHardy & Co., St. Helens, are selling good teas surprisingly cheap.

Mr. Benzie, grocer, of this town, had his shoulder dislocated and a severe cut in the head by a shutter which he was putting up on Saturday evg. last. We are happy to say that no serious consequences are likely to ensue.

☞ Dr. Lizars, having returned from the U. S. has again established himself in Toronto. A clever or better surgeon has never set foot in our country, and we wish him all success, especially as he is a Goderich boy.

☞ Pay your taxes right away, or look sharp. See Mr. McKay's notice.

We are compelled to omit several editorial articles to-day.

☞ Mr. Moorhouse is receiving very large additions to his present splendid stock of silver-plated ware.

☞ We are under obligations to Messrs. Chewett & Co., of Toronto for the Christmas No. of London Society. It is splendidly illustrated.

THE NILE MILL.—Messrs. Bell & Gilmour have now got the Nile Saw Mill under full headway, and are prepared to receive orders in their line. We understand that it is their intention to put in Stave, Shingle and Lath machines during the winter. We wish them every success.

☞ See Mr. Davis' adv. His new patent drum is a great saving in fuel, which is so high this year.

☞ Gardiner's for skates.

Mr. Hays Speaketh.

On Saturday the 12th inst., a fruitless debate was held in the House on the subject of Registrar's fees.

Mr. EVANS moved that a select committee, composed of Messrs. Wood, Carling Blake, Currie, Lauder, Scott (Ottawa,) Gr[illegible]ith, Sinclar, Smith (Middlesex) and [illegible]ver, be appointed to enquire into [illegible]ort upon, by Bill or otherwise, the [illegible] of having the fees of Registrars [illegible]n said fees exceed a fixed sum. [illegible] had brought this matter up [illegible], and the Government promised [illegible] be attended to, and such a meas[illegible]ed as might be found to be neces[illegible] Nothing, however, had been done, [illegible] felt it his duty again to bring the [illegible]efore the House, in order that [illegible]ight be an inquiry, and that some [illegible]ht be taken to meet the views of [illegible] with regard to it. His idea was [illegible] the fees exceeded $2,000, the [illegible] should receive as much of the [illegible] would be a fair compensation for [illegible]k, and that the remainder should [illegible]ed.

Gen. MACDONALD said the hon. [illegible]an had not made out a case, why [illegible]ouse or the Government should in[illegible]. It might be, that two or three [illegible]rs in the Province, were in the [illegible] unusually large incomes. But [illegible]ceived their offices on the un[illegible] that any profits to be derived [illegible] work of their offices, should be [illegible]n. There would be peculiar dif[illegible] attending any attempt to fund the [illegible] the way proposed; and the House [illegible]t in possession of the facts of the case.

Mr. BLAKE, The facts are contained in a return which I moved for last session.

Att'y-Gen. MACDONALD said it was only in rare cases—as in the County of Middlesex—that Registrars received an amount of fees, which might be deemed excessive. He did not think the hon. gentleman had made out a case

Mr. EVANS read from the return alluded to by Mr. Blake, figures showing that the Registrars' fees in Brant, Bruce, and Carleton, exceeded $2,000; that in Grey, they were $5,500; in Huron, $4,800; in Lambton, $4,000; in Middlesex, $5,700; in Simcoe, $5,000; in Wellington, $4,000 while in other case they did not exceed $300. He thought this discrepancy was a sufficient reason for having an inquiry before a committee.

Mr. HAYS opposed the motion. The Huron County Registrar received a large amount of fees, but he had correspondingly extensive duties to perform, and had to employ and pay five or six clerks. When the expenses of the office were deducted, the remuneration was not so very great after all.

Here, my lords and gentlemen, is a statesman for you! An important question is under discussion, and Mr. Hays deliberately asserts that the Registrar of Huron employs and pays *five or six clerks*, when he knows in his soul that he only keeps *two*! It would have done quite as well for Mr. Hays' argument if he had stuck to the truth, but it could not be done. The only wonder is that his imagination did not stretch far enough to multiply the two by *six* instead of *three*. Well done Hays!

THE WESLEYAN SOIREE.

A GRAND SUCCESS.

$1508 00 Raised in 20 Minutes!

CHURCH TO BE EXTENDED.

One of the finest soirees, and perhaps the most remarkable in one respect, ever held in Goderich, took place last evening (21st.)

The basement was crowded from 6 to 8 o'clock by ladies and gentlemen who partook of the good things so abundantly provided and tastefully served by the ladies of the congregation. There was no confusion and nothing to mar the enjoyment of the guests. After tea the congregation entered the Church proper above, which was densely crowded. We noticed present a large number of the most respectable and influential citizens of the town and vicinity.

Hugh Johnston, Esq., Mayor, was called to the chair, the duties of which he discharged with his customary urbanity.

After the meeting had been opened with singing and prayer, by Rev. A. McKid, the pastor Rev. W. H. Poole begged a few moments to try a little experiment. It was found inperative to enlarge the church to meet partially the growing wants of the town, and he wanted the congregation to give the trustees $1200.00 to start the enterprise with. The stewards then handed around slips of paper, and in 20 minutes it was announced, amidst great applause, that the munificent sum of $1508, had been subscribed!

The chairman then introduced Rev. Dr. Jeffers, editor of the *Christian Guardian*, who for an hour and a half enraptured his hearers on the subject of "The Times, indicative of the World's Progress." Although our reporter took down the lecture pretty fully, we find it quite impossible to give to day even an outline of it. Indeed it would be difficult to do so. It was truly a masterly effort, vigorous in delivery, true to logic and to facts, and breathing withal such a love for free humanity, and true representative government everywhere coupled with a boundless breadth of liberal sentiment, that his audience was completely carried away. The Doctor is evidently a man who possesses a cultivated intellect and knows well how to use it. Few indeed but would wish to hear him again.

At the close it was moved by J. S. Sinclair Esq sec. by L. C. Moore Esq, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Dr. Jeffers for his able, instructive and philosophical lecture. Carried.

On motion of Geo. Acheson Esq, sec, by S. Pollock Esq., the Dr. partially promised to publish the sermon he preached on Sunday evening.

Councillors' Nominations.

St. George's Ward.—D. McKay, elected by acclamation.

St. Andrew's Ward.—A Smith and Alex. Watson.

St. Patrick's Ward.—T. B. Vanevery, Geo. McKenzie.

St. David's Ward.—R. Runciman, Lewis Elliott.

☞ The Rothschild who died lately in France, is found to have left an estate of about four hundred millions of dollars. His family is consequently in easy circumstances. All classes of people seem to have mourned his death, and his body was followed to the grave by about five thousand people—chiefly the poor of the neighborhood in which he lived. He is said to have been very charitable, and was universally beloved, which speaks much more in praise of his character than does the enormous wealth he had accumulated.

☞ "You must admit doctor," said witty lady to a doctor of Divinity, with whom she was arguing the question of equality of sexes, "you must admit that woman was created before man!" "Well, really madam," said the astonished divine, "I must ask you to prove your case." "That can be easily done, sir. Wasn't Eve the first maid?"

Every farmer ought to know that cut nails heated red hot, and dropped in cold water, will clinch as well as wrought nails

A BAND.—A move is on foot to establish a brass band in Goderich. We hope it will succeed, for it is really a shame that a town of this size should be without such an enlivening institution.

SEAFORTH.

MARKET.—Wheat has gone up a little last week but there is very little coming in to market. Farmers seem to be holding on for higher prices. Pork is lively bringing from $7 to 7¼.

SHARP'S LIVERY.—Any one wishing to have a comfortable drive in a very superior cutter or sleigh can be accommodated at Sharp's.

MARKET HOUSE.—The market house is finished and the stalls sold by auction on the 22nd inst.

Go to Duncan's, if you want a superior hat.

For Christmas and Newyears gifts go to Lumsden's.

Scott Robertson, has a fine supply of oysters on hand, and every thing else that's nice to eat or drink on Christmas and Newyears day or any other day.

Mr. Grassy, is carrying on his business in Smith and Murray's shop near the Station until he gets a new shop erected.

At a School examination, not a thousand miles away, a boy on being asked by the examiner—"What is the religon of Canada?" "Flour beef and pork" was the reply.

Typhoid Fever is prevalent in Egmondville and Vicinity.

Saturday was a very cold day, yet the Main Street, from end to end, was literally crowded with teams.

The Seaforth chess club meets for play every Thursday evening at Sharp's Hotel.

Mr. C. H. Cull, has sold his Book and Stationery business to W. Elliott.

Kennedy, will be in Seaforth on the 26th.

McNaught turns out some splendid cutters.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Seaforth Council met at Sharp's hotel on the 11th inst. Present Councillors, McDougall, Cash and Beattie. Mr Cash being moved into the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. A petition was received from Mr Artale Stratford, asking for a saloon licence. A report was presented by Mr McDougall and an account by Andrew Govenlock. The account of A Govenlock for lumber, was passed and a debenture amounting to $33 13, was ordered to be issued for the same. The By-Law was read a first, second and third time to decide the the place where the nomination and election for 1869 shall be held. Councillors Strong and Cash were appointed a Committee to inspect the weigh scales near Willamson's blacksmith shop, and report if they would be suitable for market scales and if they could be purchased for the Municipality. The Council then adjourned.

Seaforth, Dec. 14th, 1868.

The Council met at Sharp's hotel this evening. Present Councillors Cash, McDougall, Strong and Beattie. Mr Beattie having taken the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. A petition was presented by John Gustard, a blind man, praying the Council to remit his taxes, as he is very poor, the prayer of the petitioner was granted. A debenture was ordered to be issued amounting to $12 to pay the Clerk's debenture for copies of assessment of 1867. The 23rd rule of Council was suspended for the night. The By-Law to establish a public market within the village of Seaforth and to make regulations for the management of the same was read a first, second and third time. The Council then adjourned to meet next day

December 15th 1868

The Council met again this evening. Present Councillor Cash, Strong and McDougall. Mr Strong was moved into the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The market By-Law was then passed and signed. Moved by A McDougall, seconded by E Cash, and resolved, That the purchaser of the market fees should give two good and sufficient sureties owning real estate of sufficient value as security to the corporation for the payment of the purchase money and such purchase money shall be paid in monthly proportions, in advance, and also for the general performance of the duties of his office—Carried. Moved by A McDougall, seconded by E Cash, and resolved. That the clerk do publish in the Seaforth *Expositor*, the notice of the market fees and stalls in the market house, to take place on Tuesday, 22nd Dec at the hour of one o'clock p. m. at the market house, and also 100 bills to have same effect and have the same posted up and distributed as extensively as possible—Carried. Council then adjourned.

DEAR SIGNAL.—Since writing you on the 15th, I find that Kinloss has expended $295 more on the bour dary than Wawanosh. We have now a sum of $209 ready to expend, and until Wawanosh thinks fit to meet this appropriation of Kinloss we leave the blame with them. M. CAMPBELL.

EXETER.

When it was understood that Isaac was to take his seat in Parliament, the gentlemen in Exeter did not know how best to show their delight. Fair play or foul they did not care. Carling is in, and that is enough; the railway and telegraph will be in Exeter next summer without a doubt, (although the intelligent part of his friends say it is too bad, for the only difficulty with Carling was at the time of the election, that he could not get enough *dutch aliens* votes.) However the Division Court Bailiff along with the Division Court Law yer's son and a few others got up a bonfire on the Saturday night before Isaac was to leave for Toronto, and great was the joy. One young man got so excited over the affair that he threw his muffler into the fire and the great dealer in needles and pins pitched a five dollar white hat after the muffler, and at the same time (it is supposed) would have jumped in himself if he had not noticed that it was his own boxes, they were feeding the fire with; But at last he cried out in despair, I have no objection to your rejoicing over our success, but it is too bad to burn all my boxes. He was ordered to go home by the Bailiff and he would call to-morrow and pay him for his boxes for he had always plenty of money. At last the snow balls began to fly so fast around the uncovered head of the merchant that he considered it best to beat a retreat. It is not very often we do anything in Exeter, but when we do, it is always something *big*, with *spick* at the head. BAYARD.

The Estimates.

The Treasurer of Ontario has presented his budget, and on Tuesday and Wednesday the House was in committee for its consideration. The total estimated expenses of the Government is put down at $1,558,202, which sum is divided as follows:

Lieut.-Governor's Office	$ 1,200
Executive Council Office	1,015
Attorney General's Office	6,150
Treasury Department	7,145
Secretary and Registrar's Office	8,155
Agriculture and Public Works	8,165
Crown Lands Department	38,070
Departmental Contingencies	21,371
Colonization Roads	50,000
Legislation	57,825
Court of Chancery	15,937
Court of Queen's Bench	7,410
Court of Common Pleas	4,700
Criminal Justice	129,000
Miscellaneous Justice	31,437
Public Works and Buildings	448,497
Agriculture	68,450
Immigration	10,000
Miscellaneous	33,400
Hospitals and Charities	40,000
Lunatic Asylums	141,200
Reformatory, Penetangnishine	23,027
Literary & Scientific Institutions	3,000
Education	227,300
Unforseen and unprovided expenses	20,000
Grant to widow W. L. McKenzie	4,000
	$1,558,202

Under the head of Public Works and Buildings there is $60,000 for completing the Lieut. Governor's residence; $75,000 for enlarging the present Lunatic Asylum at Toronto, and $100,000 for additional accommodation for Lunatics; $75,000 for the erection of a Deaf and Dumb Institution, and $100,000 for improving the Navigation of Inland Waters. Charities are to have $40,000. The Crown Lands Department is to cost $91,000; postage for the Legislature, $1,500; printing, stationery, binding, &c., $500; books for the Library, will cost $1,000; agriculture in all its various branches [illegible] $[illegible]; Legislation costs $57,825.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

The Council met at Holmesville according to appointment on Friday the 11th day of December 1868. Present the Reeve and all the Councillors. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Petition of Edward Kelly wishing to have the use of a piece of land adjoining his house. Moved by Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Weston, That Edward Kelly be allowed the use of that piece of land adjoining the Pound in Holmesville asked for in his petition.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Pollock, sec. by Mr. Ford, That Alexander McDougall be paid six dollars for work done on the Big Hills centre road.—Carried. The account of Mathew Donnelly for gravelling on the 4th con opposite lot 17, amounting to five dollars; ordered to be paid. Moved by Mr. Ford, sec. by Mr Cox, That John Clarke be paid the sum of $1.50 for moving logs and digging a ditch opposite lot 24, on the 1st con. Moved by Mr. Pollock, sec. by Mr. Ford, That Thomas Stokes be paid $5 for his services as Returning Officer for ward No. 1 for 1868, and $2 for use of house for holding election, and James Richardson for ward No. 4, Thomas Woods, for ward No. 3, to be paid $7 each as above.—Carried. The petition of the Rev. E. L. Elwood, John Mossly, and John Hunter, asking assistance for Benjamin Longworth, on account of bereavement and affliction in the family. Moved by Mr. Pollock, sec. by Mr Cox, That $20 be granted Benjamin Longworth on the petition or letter of Rector Elwood, John Mossly and John Hunter the said Longworth being in indigent circumstances.—Carried The account of J. W. Cox, for repairing a bridge on the 6th con opposite lot 17, and repairing side road between lots 20 and 21 on the 7th con. amounting to $6; ordered to be paid. Moved by Mr. Cox, sec. by Mr. Weston, That D. Cox be paid $1.85 for lumber to cover a bridge on the 6th con. opposite lot 15.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Cox, sec. by Mr. Weston. That the account of A. Chisholm be paid, viz: for gravel taken for the centre road and the 1st con. certified by the pathmaster to $20.56
and also for 13 cords of gravel for the Hills 2.75
$23.15

Moved by Mr. Pollock, sec. by Mr. Ford, That D. Bruce Sen. be refunded $9 being overcharge on assessment for 1868.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Ford, sec by Mr. Cox, That Joseph Young be paid the sum of $7 20 for building a culvert &c. on the side road between the 10th and 11th con. The account of John Colclough for filling a hole &c., certified by the R C, amounting to $9; ordered to be paid. Moved by Mr Cox sec. by Mr. Weston, That Alex Chisholm be paid for 27 cords of gravel for gravelling on the centre road, certified by Mr. Weston, amounting to $6.75.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Ford, sec. by Mr Cox, That Isaac Irwin be refunded $1 for a dog as he did not own any &c.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Pollock, sec. by Mr. Weston, The Wm Proctor be paid $15 for the use of room for sitting of Council for 1868.—Carried. Moved by Mr Weston, seconded by Mr Ford, That James Elliott be refunded $1 for a dog which he did not own.—Carried. The account of Wm Johnston for a sheep killed by a dog, as sworn, certified to before Messrs. G Cox and H Ford J P amounting to $8; ordered to be paid. Moved by Mr Ford, seconded by Mr Pollock, That H Cooke be paid the same of $4.50 for digging a ditch opposite lot 40, on the 4th con.—Carried. The account of Peter Magee for unpiking between lots 35 and 36, on the 10th con and putting in a culvert, certified by the R C, amounting to $8.50, ordered to be paid. Moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Ford, That the widow Leavis be paid $10 on account of indigence. Moved by Mr Ford, seconded by Mr Cox, That John Callick be paid the sum of $30 for his services as R C for the E D of this township, and also $10 for extra services, $1.50 for hauling gravel to repair the Huron Road.—Carried. The account of the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Councillors, for their services for the year 1868, being in attendance 10 days, except the Reeve 2 days absent, and Geo. Cox 1 day absent, viz:

Wm Sheppard, Reeve	216	Miles	$1 00	$17.00
S. Pollock,	20	"	9 00	28.00
H Ford,	20	"	1 00	21.00
G Weston,	20	"	5 00	25.00
G Cox	18	"	3 60	21.60

Moved by Mr. Pollock, sec. by Mr Weston, That the Reeve be paid $10 additional for work and extra services performed by him.—Carried. Moved by Mr Pollock, seconded by Mr. Ford, That the time for the collection of taxes be extended till the 25th day of January 1869.—Carried. Moved by Mr Cox, seconded by Mr Weston, That Alex Cox be paid $31 for gravelling and repairing the big Hills centre road. Moved by Mr Cox, sec. by Mr Weston, That Robert Porter be paid $22 for his services as Road Commissioner for the W D of this township for 1868.—Carried. The Council then adjourned for the current year

JOB SHAW,
Township Clerk.

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We would call the attention of all interested to an article of undoubted merit, and which we would advise all who want of to give a trial. We refer to "Darley's Condition Powders and Arum Heave Remedy" now being extensively used by many of the largest horse dealers in the country; these men have discovered that it improves the condition of horse by purifying the blood and removing from the lungs and liver all that impeds their healthy action; its effects are so apparent in the improved appearance of the animal, which is one great reason why horse dealers use it as they are thus enabled to get better prices and at the same time give their customers sound and healthy horses. Remember the name, and see that the signature of Hurd & Co. is on each package. Northrop & Lyman, Newcastle, Ont., are proprietors for Canada. Sold all medicine dealers.

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This remedy has long been used by the community for its remarkable effects in relieving, healing and curing the most obstinate and long-standing cases of *Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Inflammation of the Lungs*; while even one dose of it has yielded to its magic influence when all other means have failed. Its whole history proves that it has produced no remedy of equal value, as it meets numerous and dangerous pulmonary affections prevail all over the land.

Unsolicited Testimony.

FROM ANDREW ARCHER, Esq., Gardiner, Me.

About eight years since my brother Harry A. Archer now Postmaster at Fairfield, Somerset County, Me., was attacked with spitting of blood, weakness of lungs, and general debility, so that our family physician declared his case to be "HOPELESS CONSUMPTION." He was under the treatment for a number of months, but received no benefit from it. At length, from the solicitation of friends and others, I was induced and to purchase one of WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY, which benefitted him so much I obtained another bottle, in a short time restored him to his usual health. I think I can safely recommend this medicine to other in like condition, for it is. I think, all it is said to be—THE GREAT LUNG REMEDY FOR THE TIME. The above statement, gentlemen, is my unbiased testimony to you in favour of your Balsam, and you are at liberty to use it as you may think proper.

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Yours with respect,

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COMMERCIAL ACADEMY.

THE Commercial Academy will close after the holidays on Wednesday next. Students from town and country should present themselves at the beginning of the term, which will be resumed on Thursday evening, 7th January, and each week till the end of June. [illegible] nights.

Goderich, December 23rd, 1868. [illegible] w 35 td

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Goderich, 22nd December, 1868. [illegible] 35