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New Advertisements.

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Mount Forest Correspondence.

From our own Correspondent.

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Our Municipal Election has resulted in the return of Messrs J. C. Wilkes, John Robinson, Thos. G. Smith and Henry Yarlett for the Council. There is a tie between Messrs Swan and Yeomans for the Reveschup, but it is said that Mr Swan will give way to Mr Yeomans. W. F. Brown is elected Reeve over Mr Wakefield, in Egremont, and for the Council Messrs Alex McIntyre, Andrew Swanston, Wm McDougall, and John Shields for Deputy Reeve. In Normanby, Mr Henry McMahon has again been successful for the office of chief magistrate of the township. Messrs McCallum, Grieve, Shenk, for the Council, and Thos Smith, Deputy Reeve. Our good town was visited by a number of gentlemen from Toronto, on Tuesday last, in the interests of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway scheme.

A meeting was convened in Mr Wilson's Hall, at 2 p. m., and was well attended by the farming community and others. Speeches were delivered in advocacy of the enterprise by the members of the deputation. In the evening the delegation was entertained at a most sumptuous dinner by Mr Wilson, which was got up in a style that places that gentleman in the front rank as a public caterer. After the numerous guests had done ample justice to the royal spread, the usual formula of toast, song and sentiment went round until 11 o'clock, when the company separated, highly satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

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Solree and Presentation in Puslinch.

The school in the Badenoch Settlement, Puslinch, was on Friday evening last the scene of a very interesting and successful soiree—being the annual tea meeting in connection with the Sabbath School held there. The school house was tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens. The building at an early hour was filled to overflowing, and although a large portion of the audience were compelled to stand, yet they took it in good part, and all listened with the greatest attention to the remarks of the speakers. The refreshments were of the best and served in great abundance by an efficient corps of ladies and gentlemen. The Rev. R. McDonald ably discharged the duties of chairman, and interesting and appropriate speeches were made by Rev. Messrs. Bath, Forsyth, Little and Yokim, and Messrs. Stirton, McLaren, Atkins, Melvin and Innes. The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the beautiful music rendered at intervals by the Morrison choir, led by Mr. D. McFarlane. We would particularly mention a charming duet given by Miss A. V. Leslie and Miss Greer, Mr. McFarlane, playing the accompaniment, which was received with well merited applause.

A very interesting part of the proceedings was the presentation to Mr. Lachlan Kennedy, Superintendent of the Sabbath School, of a very handsome illustrated self-interpreting Family Bible, with a number of other valuable works, including Baxter's Works, "Bonar's Family Sermons," "Eddie's Dictionary of the Bible," "Smiles' Huguenots," and "The Evidences of Christianity in the 19th Century." Mr. McLean, teacher, made the presentation, which was accompanied with an address in which mention was made of the untiring zeal Mr. Kennedy had always manifested for the benefit of the school, and the many years which he had faithfully and earnestly labored for the eternal welfare of the youth in the district. This gift was made in token of their appreciation of such services. It concluded with an earnest prayer that the Giver of all good would be pleased to prolong his own and partner's life for many years, and that he might still continue to be a blessing to the neighborhood and to the schools over which he so ably presided.

Mr. Kennedy, in his closing prayer, which he returned his sincere thanks to the teachers and scholars for this valuable present. He likewise bore testimony to the valuable services voluntarily rendered by the teachers of the school, and to the attention of the scholars, and concluded with the earnest prayer that their labors might be signally blessed.

The proceeds of the Soiree realized about \$38.

ARCHITECTURE.—The Bay City Signal has the following paragraph:—We are pleased to notice a very handsome design prepared by Mr. Murray, Architect, for Mr. E. O'Connor's proposed residence on the corner of Centre and Monroe streets. It is in the Italian style of mingled white and red brick, with out stone dressings, and promises to be an ornament to the locality, being very tasteful in design, and free from much of that frivolous, meretricious ornament which bad taste has rendered so prevalent. Mr. Murray's Bay City office is with that of Mr. Johnston, Surveyor, No. 5, in the Shearer Block, directly opposite the Fraser House, and now that men know where to go to get proper and reliable drawings for buildings, we trust there will be less of that slip-dash hit-or-miss work of building going on in future. We observe that Mr. Murray is also engaged on a handsome Italian villa design to be erected next season on Jefferson Avenue, Detroit.

Mr. Murray's numerous friends in this town will be glad to hear that gentleman spoken of so highly.

"No Thoroughfare" at the Athenaeum in Detroit promises to be very popular. Crowded houses are the rule.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

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