

The writ for a new election in Markham, Man., Mr. Watson's former seat, has been issued. Nomination on the 16th, and polling on the 22nd inst. Senator Boulton has decided to resign his seat in the Senate and contest the constituency on a free-trade platform.

LENOX, West Northumberland, the Victoria, Two Mountains, West Huron and the other constituencies in which the Government promises of public works and public money operated to return Conservative candidates in the bye-elections, have been remembered by the Government with railway subsidies. Pontiac returned a Conservative on Tuesday and on Thursday it was given out by the Government that the Pontiac and Pacific Junction railway would receive the balance remaining unpaid of the subsidy granted to this road by Parliament, notwithstanding the expiration of the time when the subsidy could be paid. The Government has reduced to a fine art the business of bribing the people with their own money. It is in direct violation of the fundamental principles of the constitution as the power given was never intended to be used for the purpose of debauching representatives, constituents and even whole provinces.

The British elections are now under way. So far eleven Liberal Unionists and Conservatives and four Liberals have been returned by acclamation. Among the fortunate ones are Lord Randolph Churchill, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Sir Edward Watkin, Sir Algernon Borthwick, Sir John Lubbock, Speaker Peel, J. Hanniker Heaton, champion of ocean penny post, and H. H. Fowler. The first elections in which there will be contests will occur today. Elections today will include polling in only one London district. Forty-eight elections will be held in the provincial districts. Tuesday will be the test day. On that day elections will be held in 16 of the London districts and in about 40 of the provincial towns. On the following two days elections will be held in most of the boroughs. The results of these elections will virtually disclose the position of the parties in Great Britain. The polling in Ireland will extend from July 6 to July 16. There are a great many hot encounters and at Southampton a man was fatally stabbed.

In inserting letters from correspondents it must be understood that in no case will we hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by them.—Editor Mercury.

Permanent Sidewalks. To the Editor of the Mercury.

DEAR Sir—Under the above heading I noticed in your issue of Thursday evening a letter signed by James Keough, wherein the writer, in a highly logical (?) manner enlarges on the above interesting subject. As Mr. Keough is a gentleman of high standing and of high character, I am obliged to you to make some remarks of a personal and misleading nature, which seem intended to reflect upon myself. I shall feel obliged to you if you will give me a copy of your paper for a few words of reply. In doing so I feel that as a city official my action may be a little irregular, but when the present juncture of affairs is considered, I hope I may be pardoned.

In the course of my duties I have had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of a large number of recognized public men of this city, but I have never even heard of James Keough, which leads me to doubt whether that gentleman's knowledge of civic affairs, at this time, can be very extensive, or that his information is obtained from a very reliable source.

With regard to the equality of the pavement laid in Guelph, I think it is generally conceded on all sides, that the pavement which has been laid since I was given full control of the work has given unequalled satisfaction, as well as the terms and conditions under which it was the means of having the said pavement constructed.

I am under the belief that the City Council of last year, who inspected and selected a certain class and quality of pavement to be laid here, went to great pains and trouble in making their selection, and with an earnest and laudable desire to introduce an improved and more economical class of sidewalk, but when the installation is made that supposing this pavement should prove a failure, which is by no means likely, that I am to blame, it will be borne in mind by every fair-minded person that I was not asked to select a pavement, that I was called in at the eleventh hour to superintend the laying of a pavement under a mysterious patent process but lately introduced to Canada, and scarcely even heard of in the large cities among engineers; that the work was begun when the season was well advanced, and as every person seemed desirous of doing as much of the good work as possible, it will be seen that everything was done with a great rush and hurry, and I think we are lucky to come out as well as we have. While not imputing blame to any one, I beg to state that the proper order and regulation of the work was, therefore, beyond my control; although it is well known that I made more than one effort to remedy this.

Should like to make one other remark to James Keough. It appears quite evident that he belongs to that class who consider an official a fair target for abuse whenever things are not exactly to their particular liking, but I beg to inform Mr. Keough that I am acquainted with at least one city engineer who does not propose to be saddled with blame and responsibility for any public work unless he has proper control of said work from start to finish.

With regard to the question of contract versus day labor work, which I suppose is the key note of Mr. Keough's letter, I beg to say that when the City Council, to whom I am responsible, does me the honor of calling for my opinion in the customary way on this question, whether for laying pavements or any other class of work, I hope to be prepared to give an answer without fear or favor. I am at a loss to understand why the Council hired me to come here unless to advise them in this and similar matters, and if they have not sufficient confidence in me for this purpose the sooner they dismiss me and procure an engineer in whom they can place confidence the better for the city of Guelph.

Yours faithfully, W. H. TOUR, City Engineer. City Hall, Guelph, July 2, 1892.

The City Engineer's Salary. To the Editor of the Mercury:

Sm.—In the issue of your valuable paper of 21st June, under the heading of the Council proceedings, I noticed a communication from Engineer Tour asking that his salary be raised to \$100 per month from the last inst., stating "I am sure there is no need for me to point out to the Council that the payment I now receive as your City Engineer and Ontario member of Works is entirely inadequate."

in the position and duties required of me, and I think if the Council will give the matter some consideration, it will be seen in common fairness I should now be paid the salary I was led to expect last year this time when I left a good position in Toronto of my own free will, under the impression that I was receiving myself to come here. Since coming here I have worked hard in the best interests of the city, and although I would not now be becoming on my part to show how the city has already been the gainer since my appointment, no one can know better than myself and the facts are patent to all who care to inquire. It is not possible that our city officials can form an agreement with men employed by the city without the ratepayers having to pay for that contracting and over-laying baby wine of it was promised more. Such bargaining is not businesslike nor worthy the reputation of the city and the employees who accept position under such promises. As to the great gainer the city has been through the services of the Engineer, "the man of which are past to all who care to inquire," having had to travel through the principal streets of the city several times during the season I have had of the streets worthy of the name except some graveling on the Elora road, and in no sense equal to the improvement of forty years ago. It is true I saw a sprinkling of gravel or broken stone spread over some of the roadbeds of the streets as if some antiquated old watering cart had sprinkled it along for the purpose of laying the dust, or a few stray loads deposited at some crossing. As for the walks I see no improvement over former years except the couple of hundred yards of permanent walk laid on the west end of Macdonnell street around the corner of the Albion hotel on Norfolk street, the levels of which were taken by the engineer with an assistant, but the supervision was in a great measure delegated to a retired farmer from Ermaosa, the Engineer being more conspicuous by his absence than his attendance. The city was a great gainer by having to pay an additional salary for work the Engineer is paid for doing. Then we have Mr. Ritchie in the front as supervisor in forwarding being paid for work the Engineer is paid for doing, which is another great gain to the city. Also the pipes laid in the water-works trenches are laid in a very irregular and crooked manner, thereby causing greater pressure in forcing the water through, every additional pound of pressure causing an additional consumption of fuel, making a great gain to the city. I might go on showing the great gain the city has received. But one more and I have done. The city has been a great gainer in having added one more citizen to her population in the person of the City Engineer, who appears to be more ornamental than useful, any benefit arising at breakfast pace through the streets of the city with a horse and conveyance supplied by the hard earned money of the ratepayers of the city. And I have not the least doubt that when the generous aldermen of our city take these great services of the Engineer into their most careful consideration, they will be only too happy to grant his request and vacate their seats at the next municipal election to men who have more of the interest of the ratepayers at heart.

Yours respectfully, JAMES KEOUGH. Guelph, July 2.

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Sporting News. BASEBALL. Saturday's games:—New York 8, Cleveland 2, Boston 4, Cincinnati 7, Washington 5, Louisville 4, Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 1, Brooklyn 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING. Won. Lost. Won. Lost. Boston 47, Philadelphia 41, Brooklyn 40, Cincinnati 35, Cleveland 33, Pittsburgh 32, Washington 30, Chicago 29, New York 28, St. Louis 26, Louisville 25, Baltimore 17.

FOOTBALL. A picked team of Canadian footballers from Galt, Preston, Seaford and Toronto, play in Detroit today, at Acton Friday between the Tecumsehs, of Acton, and Queens Own of Sayers Mill, Nassagawey, which resulted in a score of 6 goals to 0 in favor of the Queens Own, the first goal being taken with three kicks.

TECUMSEHS. KENNY goal, Johnson half backs, Rothell backs, Johnston half backs, Taylor half backs, Allen centre, Fortune right wing, Garney forwards, Lambert left wing, Bolton Referee—Mr. Richardson.

QUEENS OWN. Bell, Brownlee, Carmichael, Campbell, Rawson, Campbell, Job, Anderson, Frank, McLaughlin.

At Georgetown the Riverdale cricket club defeated Georgetown on Saturday by 24 runs. Score—Riverdale 19-25; Georgetown 16-4. In the second innings Georgetown were kept down to four runs.

Mr. Robert H. Denoir. An Exempt Fireman of Jackson Engine Co., Long Island City, N. Y., says: "Last Christmas, 1890, he could only take a small dinner, as he was in a fearful condition from Dyspepsia. The next summer he went to Europe for his health, but the home cure failed. It is he decided upon a thorough trial of Hood's Sarsaparilla."

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From the ball and a extra. THE MATCH. The regular weekly match of the G. O. H. R. G. took place on Saturday. There were a good turnout of the members and several good scores were made. The following is the score:—

Table with columns: Name, Score, Opponent. Includes John Smith, H. W. Humphries, M. H. Odean, A. Ritchie, etc.

A team of the Guelph Lawn Tennis Club played the Bramford club at Bramford on July 1st and sustained a most disastrous defeat at the hands of the Bramfordians. The Bramfordians were a very steady game and took seemed to be against the Guelph team from the start as although most of the games and many of the sets were close and, and advantage games and sets nevertheless Bramford always scored the winning points.

The event of the game was the ladies' double between Mrs. Whitehead and Miss Crompton (B) against Miss Saunders and Miss Oxnard (G) in which all four ladies covered themselves with glory and the Guelph ladies although unable to win the event gained unlimited applause by their really fine tennis.

The Bramford club entertained their visitors nobly, their beautiful grounds being thronged all afternoon during the progress of the match by a gay crowd to whom afternoon tea was served by the hostesses of the day and in the evening a most enjoyable dance was given at the residence of Mr. Geo. Wilkes, the Hon. President of the Bramford club.

In spite of their defeat the members of the Guelph team and those who accompanied them, of whom there were a number, had a splendid time and will have very pleasant recollections of Dominion Day, '92.

The following is the detailed score:—Muir (B) beat Ashworth (G) 6-3, 6-0. Watt (B) beat Heward (G) 7-5, 6-0. Temple (B) beat Finlay (G) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Nelles (B) beat Dawson (G) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. Kilmaster (B) beat Dunbar (G) 6-4, 5-7, 9-7.

Richardson (B) beat Bull (G) 6-3, 6-2. Miss Whitehead (B) beat Miss Saunders and Miss Oxnard (G) 7-5, 6-4.

Miss Gould and Miss Mackenzie (B) beat Miss Chisholm and Miss Graham (G) 6-0, 6-1.

Muir and Mrs. Whitehead (B) beat Finlay and Miss Saunders (G) 6-1, 7-5. Watt and Miss Crompton (B) beat Heward and Miss Oxnard (G) 6-1, 6-0.

Temple and Miss Mackenzie (B) beat Bull and Miss Chisholm (G) 6-2, 6-0. Nelles and Miss Graham (B) beat Dawson and Miss Oxnard (G) 6-1, 6-3.

Bramford wins by 15 sets to none, 30 sets to 5, and 200 games to 98.

B. B. cured Mrs. B. Maddis, of Mt. Pleasant, Ont., of a neural sore which broke out on her left side.

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