Sunday School Anniversary, MacNab Street Presbyterian Church,

The eleventh anniversary festival of the Sunday School of the MacNab Street Presbyterian Church, was held Wednesday, the attendance being exceedingly large, and the proceedings peculiarly pleasant and interesting. At 6 o'clock the pupils assembled in the lecture-room of the church, and after singing, prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. D. Inglis. A bountiful store of dainties was then distributed, and this feature of the festival was particularly enjoyed. The large and happy company having repaired to the body of the church, the next order of proceedings was the awarding of a list of prizes provided by Hon. Isaac Buchanan and lady, as follows:

EXAMINATIONS ON THE SHORTER CATECHISM—FIRST DIVISION.

Boys—1st, George Willis; 2d, Archibald McKillop.

Girls—1st, Susan Budge, Catharine Stewart, Ellen Haddon; 2nd, Jane Harper, Elizabeth Addison; 3rd, Grace Davidson, Margaret Stewart, Margaret Harvey; 4th, Annie Hutchison, Ellen Wright, Jane Mowat; 5th, Mary Addison, Alice Kennedy, Lizzie Osborne.

A first prize is awarded to the following, they being much younger than the others in the division: 1st, Martha MacKenzie, Annie Kennedy.

SECOND DIVISION—Boys—1st, Wm. Alexander, Abner Fraser; 2nd, Robert Ewen, John Ewen; 3rd, Thomas Davidson, Robt. Balfour, John P. McKenzie.

Girls—1st, Elizabeth Hill, Catharine Chisholm, Barbara Hutchison, Eurelia Munzinger, Agnes Reid, Sarah Shaw, Jennie Clark, Mary Harper, Maggie Addison, Ellen Murison; 2nd, Mary Melrose, Jessie McGowan, Lydia Clinton, Mary Ann Thompson, Jessie Kennedy, Annie Fraser.

ON "LINE UPON LINE." (WHOLE OF THE BOOK.)

Boys—1st, Donald Dingwall, Charles Bawden, John Tinsley; 2d, James Davidson, William Campbell, Willis Smith; 3d, Donald McKillop, Walter Hill.

Girls—1st, Ina McKenzie, Clara Gray, Christina Clark; 2d, Maggie MacKay, Matilda Munzinger, Bella Trail; 3d, Maggie Chisholm, Maggie Potter, Sarah Clinton.

SECOND DIVISION—Girls—1st, Ellen Addison, Mary McGowan, Jennie Davidson; 2d, Janie Balfour, Annie Stewart; 3d, Jessie Duguid; 4th, Maggie Duguid, Annie Harper, Mary Logan, Elsie Reid, Lizzie Dingwall; 5th, Maggie Harvey, Janet McKillop, Jessie Murison.

INFANT CLASSES—ON "THE PARABLES."

Boys—1st, Willie Campbell, W. James Clark, John Grey; 2d, Frank Lawry; 3d, Richard Russell, John Trail.

Girls—1st, Jessie Logan, Bella Addison; 2d, Aggie Yale; 3d, Thomasina Hill; 4th, Lizzie Davidson, Annie Reid.

The following are the successful Essayists; Subject—

SANCTIFICATION—1st, George Willis; 2d, James Balfour; 3d, Archibald McKillop.

ADOPTION—1st, Miss Maggie Morton; 2d, Miss E. Johnston; 3d, Miss Annie Moss.

The following was the regular list of prizes awarded for regularity in attendance and general proficiency:

BOYS CLASSES.

No. 1, Mr. Mowat's—1st George Plastow, 2nd, John Logan.

No. 2, Mr Dingwall's—1st, Geo. Willis; 2d, Alex. Willis.

No. 3 Mr Chisholm—1st, John Cook; 2d, John Morton.

No. 4. Mr. Davidson—1st, none; 2nd, Henry Williams.

No. 5, Mr. Watson—1st, David Hill; 2nd Alex. Dewar and James Williams.

No. 6 Mr. Reid—1st, William Dryden; 2nd, Frank Young.

No. 7, Mr. Taylor—1st, none; 2nd, Abner Fraser.

No. 8, Mr. Simpson—1st, Fred. Plastow; 2nd, Wm. Stuart.

No. 9 Mr. McDonald—1st, Robert Balfour; 2nd, Peter McLellan.

No. 10, Mr. Trail—1st, Richard McKay; 2nd, Thos Davidson.

No. 11. Mr. Troup—1st, Chas. Plastow and Thomas C. Chisholm; 2nd, William Alexander.

No. 12. Mr. Budge—1st, William Sherbolt; 2nd, Geo. Hutchinson and William Hill.

No. 13 Mr. Ross—1st, William Hill; 2nd, John Tinsley.

No 14 Mr. Henry Watson—1st, James Chisholm; 2nd, Donald McKillop.

No. 15. Mr Smith—1st, Donald Dingwall; 2nd, Walter Plastow.

No 16. Mr. Graham—1st, E. Watson Tinsley; 2nd, John Russell.

No. 17. Mr. William Trail—1st, William Campbell; 2nd, Peter Balfour and Thos. McLellan.

No 18. Mr. McLellan—1st, Henry Plastow; 2nd, John Trail and John Thompson; 3rd, James MacKay, Wm. James Clark, and Richard Russell.

GIRLS' CLASSES.

No. 2, Miss Skinner's—1st, Margaret Leslie; 2nd, Margaret Dow.

No 3, Miss Irvine's—1st, Annie Hutchinson; 2nd, Agnes Clark.

No 4, Miss Holmes—1st, Mary Addison; 2nd, Hannah Scott, Susan Budge.

No. 5, Miss Macnab's—1st, Jane Harper; 2nd, Margaret Stewart.

No. 6, Miss Annie Macnab's—1st, Sarah Plastow; 2nd, Annie Balfour, Mary Alexander.

No. 7, Miss Duffield's—1st, Jane Mowat; 2nd, Grace Davidson, Annie Murison.

No 8, Miss McKenzie's—1st, Catharine Chisholm; 2nd, Amelia Munzinger, Barbara Hutcheson.

No 9, Mr. Clark—1st, Helen Murison; 2nd, Harriet McKay.

No 10, Mrs. Johnstone—1st, Sarah Shaw; 2nd, Lydia Clinton.

No 11, Miss J MacKay's—1st, Alice Murison; 2nd, Mary Dryden, Elizabeth Hill.

No. 12, Miss Alexander's—1st, Cecilia Munzinger; 2nd, Minnie Williams, Mary Harper.

No 13 Miss Williamson's—1st, Agnes Reid; 2nd, Elizabeth Hutchison, Maggie Addison.

No. 14, Miss C MacKay's—1st, Mary Ann Thompson; 2nd, Jessie McGowan.

No. 15, Miss E C Logan—1st, Matilda Munzinger; 2nd, Clara Grey.

No. 16, Miss MacKenzie—1st, Sarah E. Clinton; 2nd, Maggie Chisholm.

No. 17, Miss Buchan's—1st, Annie Jane Stewart; 2nd, Maggie Duguid.

No. 18, Miss Ross—1st, Ina MacKenzie; 2nd, Jessie Murison, Jeanie Balfour.

No. 19, Miss M. MacKay—1st, Elsie Reid; 2nd, Agnes Thompson, Josephine Sistan.

No. 20, Miss Alice MacNabb—1st, Leila MacKenzie; 2nd, Maggie MacKay, Jessie Duguid.

No. 21, Miss Martin—Henrietta Sistan; 2nd, Jessie Thomson, Lizzie Dingwall.

No. 22, Miss Eliza Irvine—1st, Martha Jane Clinton; 2nd, Mary Stewart, Bessie Stewart; 3rd, Emily Ferrie, Jeanie McGowan, Thomazina Hill.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1866.

The close of another year furnishes the occasion for submitting to the teachers, parents, and friends of the school a report of its history and working during the past year.

In the previous year's report it was shown that the school was then in a highly prosperous condition, and the hope was confidently expressed that in this one we would be enabled to exhibit continued progress. It is cause of gratitude that to a considerable extent that hope has been realized, the number of pupils having steadily increased; while the teachers manifest a growing interest in the good work.

During the year there have been on the roll 397—172 boys, 225 girls, the number reported at its commencement being 229—127 boys, 172 girls.

We find that from this gross number there are struck off the roll no fewer than 56 names, as follows:

Left the city, 7 boys, 11 girls	18
" " school, 8 boys, 10 girls	18
Senior Boys' Class discontinued for the present, the members attending Mr. Inglis' Bible Class on Sabbath eve'g	12
Senior Girls' partially so also	8
Total	56

From the Senior Boys' Class we have however, obtained 1 teacher and 2 secretaries for the school, and from the Senior Girls' Class 2 teachers.

There are thus, therefore, now on the roll 341—145 boys, 196 girls, showing an actual increase for the year of 42—18 boys, 24 girls.

The average attendance in 1865, with a roll of 229, was 220—99 boys, 121 girls. This year it has been, with a large increase, only 221—104 boys, 127 girls. The highest attendance attained this year was 259; lowest, 131. In 1865, highest, 250; lowest, 181.

This comparatively small average is, to some extent, accounted for by the fact—apparent upon the School Register—that we have had at and during the hour of meeting, an unusual number of wet and stormy Sabbaths, and also that for some months recently a good deal of sickness has prevailed among the children. It is a matter of thankfulness that the latter cause has now, to a great extent, ceased, and that during its prevalence death has made no breaches in our number.

It has to be remarked, however, that great irregularity has been apparent among the more advanced scholars than among the junior, which, of course, should not have been the case if the state of the weather is accepted as the cause.

The school is arranged into 40 classes,—18 boys', 22 girls', supplied with efficient teachers—an increase of 2 girls' classes, over last year, when there were 38 classes—18 boys', 20 girls'.

It must be here noted, also, that the attendance of teachers has not been so good either this year, though it cannot be alleged that this has arisen, for the most part, from insufficient cause.

The financial position of the school is as follows:

Balance due from 1865	$32 34
Amount paid for addition to library, &c, 1866	28.98
Amount due Mr. McLellan, for catechisms, &c., 1866	19.35
Amount due for reports S. S. Teachers Convention	6 25
Total	$77.72
Received from congregational collection, January, 1866, $56 67; and from A. Jamieson, late Secretary, $4.67	61 32
Balance due	$16 40

Besides this sum now due, at least an equal amount will be required to obtain similar class books for the current year; while it is also a matter of the greatest importance for the interests of the school, that funds be furnished by the congregation adequate to procure an almost entirely new and much larger library.

It has been felt that the annual contributions hitherto for the maintenance of the School, in the view of the fact of its being so manifestly a congregational—if not a personal—object, have been miserably deficient. Indeed, the teachers themselves, together with one or two generous friends, contribute more each year towards the School, than the whole congregation besides. Surely these facts need but to be stated to secure, that the collection appointed to be taken up on an early Sabbath, will be at last double the amount of last year.

The contributions for missionary purposes during the year have been as follows:

Boys' Classes	$47 06
Girls' do	77 41
	$124 47

being an increase over last year of only $1.89.

Before closing, we cannot refrain from alluding more at length to the discontinuance of the senior boys' class, the importance of the proper maintenance of which has again and again been presented in former reports. It is greatly to be regretted that attendance on Mr. Inglis' evening class should be made the excuse for ceasing to be immediately connected with the Sabbath School. It is worthy of note that one member of this class has, on entering the Provincial University this year, obtained a scholarship, and has, at a recent examination, carried honors in three branches; that four members of it were among the noble band who were led to confront the wicked Fenian horde who dared to invade our free Canadian soil. And it is matter of proud gratulation to know that each of them, as well as two of our teachers and the "wee bugler boy," in presence of the enemy and in conflict with him, amid circumstances such as never British troops have been called upon similarly to encounter such a foe—we say it is matter of just and honest pride that throughout this trying occasion, each and all conducted themselves in a manner which reflected credit upon themselves, upon our school, and upon the city. Would that we had the continued assurance which their adherence to the noble Sabbath School army would inspire, that they were good and faithful soldiers of the great Captain of Salvation.

Finally, in presence of the fact of so many, year by year, passing out from beyond our direct influence, to what an extent should not our earnestness, zeal, and devotedness be quickened, that the impress of those may be made upon them, and above all, that God's own Word may be lastingly and savingly impressed upon their hearts and minds.

Let us, as parents and teachers, see to it that in the precious trust committed to us, ours be not the mournful, ancient excuse: "As thy servant was busy here, and then they were gone."

A. J. MCKENZIE, Superintendent.

T. M WATSON, Secretary.

It was suggested by Rev. Mr. Inglis, and assented to by the pupils, that the Sabbath School missionary collections for the year, amounting to $124 47, be divided as follows: $60 to the support of a boy and girl at the Point aux Trembles School, and the remainder to be expended equally between the Home and Foreign mission Fund.

The proceedings of the evening were rendered doubly pleasing by the excellent singing of the choir at intervals.

After the pupils had been dismissed with the benediction, the teachers and friends of the school present again returned to the basement and partook of refreshments, and the company were entertained with brief addresses by Rev. Dr. Ormiston, Mr. P. W. Deyfoot, Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday Schools; Mr. Thos. Alexander, Superintendent of Knox's Church Sabbath School; Mr. Young, Superintendent Central Presbyterian Sunday School; Mr. Hopkins, ex-Superintendent MacNab street Presbyterian Sunday School, and several others.

THE Marquis de la Rochejaquelin, who was in a state of illness in Paris, which no longer left any hope, received the blessing of the Pope by telegraph. Some time afterwards an unexpected improvement, it is affirmed, took place in the sufferer's condition. The French Catholic journals say it is a miracle; others say it is a clever physician.

Count de Bismarck has addressed a letter to the President of the Lutheran Consistory of Frankfort, which contains some sharp menaces against the ministers of the Gospel, who, in their sermons, attack the Government.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY—(CONTINUED.)

In the course of the discussion in committee on the year's accounts, Mr. Waddell said, that having consulted the Treasurer, he found that the $12,000 on hand on the first of January was required to meet other debentures than those included in the $25,000 he referred to. Since January there had already been paid $7,660 on such debentures. The amount that would require to be raised to meet sinking fund, &c., would be about $34,000, independent of the ordinary County rate of $15,000.

In answer to Mr. Wood, Mr. Stock said it was a mistake to suppose that the sinking fund had been retained to pay the $24,000 of debentures falling due this year. It had been usual to purchase debentures from year to year, and thus reduce the interest account. This year we should have more to pay than in previous years, and they had looked forward to being compelled to make a special effort for that purpose. They might have done this, but the extra expense for registration purposes, jail, and volunteer fund, had taken the amount, and they would therefore be compelled either to submit to much heavier taxation, or else issue debentures.

MR. WOOD asked if debentures were issued equal to the amount of the extraordinary expenses of last year, would it be necessary then to make any higher assessment.

MR. STOCK said it would, because the amount of debentures coming due was greater than in former years.

DR MILLER said the Treasurer informed him that no sinking fund had been raised. They had raised but six per cent, and that had been appropriated for interest. They found themselves now with nearly $25,000 to meet, and it would be necessary to raise at least $20,000 by debentures.

After some further discussion the matter was, on motion of Mr. SEXTON, referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, with instructions to report.

The Council then resumed, and the resolution as reported was adopted.

On motion of Mr. SEXTON, the communication from the County Clerk of the County of Kent, respecting the sale of lands for taxes, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. STOCK, Mr. Sexton, Deputy Reeve of Ancaster, was added to the Committee on Finance.

The WARDEN read a letter from Mr. R. R. Waddell, tendering his resignation as County Solicitor.

Mr. WADDELL explained that he resigned because the fact of his being County Solicitor was made use of against him at the elections, although not having been legally appointed, and not receiving any remuneration, it did not in any way invalidate his holding the position of a member of the Council.

Mr. SEXTON moved, seconded by Mr. MALCOLM, That the resignation of R. R. Waddell, Esq., as County Solicitor, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Council be, and they are hereby tendered to Mr Waddell for his services during the last two years.—Carried.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND TRUSTEES.

The following appointments were made by the Council:

Rev. Robert Grant was appointed Local Superintendent for East Flamborough.

Mr. William Robson and Mr. William Stuart were re-appointed Trustees of the Waterdown County Grammar School, and Mr. Oliver Springer was appointed to fill up the time of Mr. Alfred Bingham, who has left the place.

Rev. John Bates was re-appointed Trustee of the Dundas County Grammar School.

Rev. John Porteous was re-appointed Local Superintendent for Beverley.

Rev H. S. Cooper was appointed Local Superintendent for Flamboro West.

Rev. Thomas D. Pearson was appointed Local Superintendent for Glanford.

Rev. George Cheyne was re-appointed Local Superintendent for Binbrook and Saltfleet.

Rev. George A. Bull was re-appointed Local Superintendent for Barton.

Mr. Thomas Hammill and Mr. Thomas Porteous were re-appointed Trustees of the County Grammar School at Ancaster.

Rev. John Lees was re-appointed Local Superintendent for Ancaster.

Mr. WADDELL moved, seconded by Mr. OLMSTEAD, that the Warden and Messrs. Stock and Miller be appointed Commissioners of the Guelph and Dundas road, and the Warden and Messrs. McMahon and Eggleston be Commissioners of the Dundas and Binkley Hills road. Carried.

Mr. WADDELL inquired whether the city of Hamilton had paid the amount due for their proportion of the Registry books.

The WARDEN said he was not prepared at this moment to answer the question.

ROAD OVERSEERS AND PATHMASTERS.

Mr. MALCOLM moved that Oliver Goodfellow, George Renwick and Robert Gray be appointed overseers of highways on the County roads between Beverly and Puslinch for the current year. Carried.

On motion of Mr. WOOD, Michael Tinan was appointed Pathmaster on that portion of the County road lying between Beverly and Ancaster, extending east of the eastern limit of Lot 31, in the first Concession of Ancaster.

On motion of Mr. MALCOLM, Henry Bond was appointed Pathmaster on that portion of the County road between the Townships of Beverly and Dumfries, extending from the 7th concession of Dumfries to the Dundas and Waterloo macadamized road.

On motion of Dr. BETHUNE, Wm. Ralston, William Terryberry, Philip Perry, and Wm Gage, jr., were appointed overseers of the town line between Barton and Glanford for the current year.

On motion of Dr. BETHUNE, Edward Kelley and Jonathan Cook were appointed overseers of County road between Glanford and Seneca.

On motion of Dr. MCKAY, Geo. Magill, John Cline, J. Jarvis and Moses Clark, were appointed overseers of highways on the lower line between Saltfleet and Binbrook; John Gallon and George Hart, on Town-line between Saltfleet and Grimsby; Rufus Freeman, John Wilson and Wm. Dalgleish, on the town-line between Binbrook and Glanford; and Robert Ford and Wm. Reid on the town-line between Binbrook and Seneca.

On motion of Dr. MILLER, the following persons were appointed overseers of County roads between the townships of West Flamboro' and Beverly: John L. McGregor, Abraham Harris, John Ramsay, Thos. McRae, Francis Roberts, Daniel Finlay, Wm. Johnston and Arthur Reid.

On motion of Mr. EGGLESTON, the following persons were appointed overseers of highways between Glanford and Ancaster: Wm. Byce, Bryan Carpenter, Joseph Fletcher, and Thos. Smith, James Bates, Amos S. Smith and Robert Smith.

SEPARATION OF CITY FROM COUNTY.

Mr. WADDELL gave notice of his intention to move a resolution to-morrow directing the Warden to take the necessary steps to procure a separation of the city from the county for resigtration purposes, and he would at the same time urge upon them the propriety of a separation for all other purposes, as he believed if they went on as at present they would soon be put to the expense of erecting a new and larger jail. He suggested that the Warden should call on the Mayor in the meantime and ascertain from him what course the city intended to take.

The WARDEN said he would do so.

The Council then adjourned until ten o'clock this morning.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

The Council proceeded to business at about 11 o'clock.

Present—The Warden, and Messrs. Olmsted, Waddell, Burkholder, Bethune, McKay, Eggleston, Sexton, Nisbet, Malcolm, Wood, Peebles, Miller, Bickell, McMahon, and Stock.

The minutes of proceedings on Tuesday and Wednesday were read and adopted.

Mr. BICKELL presented a petition from Alexander Ogg, the lessee of the Dundas and Binkley road, praying the Council to accept of silver at par for the rent for 1866. The rent agreed to be paid was $2,013, and the petitioner states that his collections fall $340 short of that amount.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the petition, Mr. WOOD in the chair. It was stated that the reduction asked for would amount to about $80. Mr. Bickell and Mr. McMahon supported the granting of the prayer of the petition, on the ground of the late very wet season having interfered with travel, and of the extraordinary competition for the leasing of the gate which had taken place. Mr. Peebles, Mr. Eggleston, Dr. Miller, Dr. McKay, and Mr. Stock, were opposed to allowing anything off. It was agreed that if this demand were acceded to, the trouble from other parties in the same way would be endless.

Mr. WADDELL said, that allowing the propriety of taking what is claimed to be an equitable view of the matter, the fact that Mr. Ogg had been the lessee of the gate for four years previous to 1866, should be considered. In former years the lessee had got the gate for $1,300, $1,400 and, such like sums. Let Mr. Ogg set the profits of the preceding four years, which there was reason to believe must have been considerable, against his loss in 1866.

The motion to grant the prayer of the petition was lost, being voted for only by the mover and seconder.

Dr. MILLER moved, seconded by Mr. BICKELL, That the name of Mr. Peebles be added to the Jail and Court House Committee. The motion was supported on the ground that the City Council Committee being seven in number, the County Council Committee should not be less.—Carried.

THE CITY AND COUNTY DISPUTE.

Mr. WADDELL enquired of the Warden if he had had an interview with the Mayor on the subject of the amount claimed by the County from the City, for the City's share of Registration Office expenses under the new Act.

The WARDEN stated that he had this morning seen the Mayor on the subject. The Mayor told him that the City Finance Committee were desirous of doing what was equitable and right, but he felt compelled to add that they looked upon a recent resolution of the County Council as conveying a threat, and they thought the matter might be put by the Council in another way. They also thought that they had as yet nothing legally *binding* from the County Council on the subject.

It appears that the amount paid by the county for registration purposes, under the new Act, was a little over two thousand dollars, and it is claimed that the city should pay one-third of this. The following is the resolution of the County Council alluded to, which was passed on the 5th of December last.

On motion of Mr. WADDELL, seconded by Dr. MILLER,

Resolved, That, in the event of the Chamberlain of the city of Hamilton paying the Treasurer of this county the sum of six hundred and eighty-one dollars, that being the equitable proportion to be paid by the city towards defraying the expenses incurred under the new Registry Act, in preparing indexes, no further steps be taken towards a separation of the city and county for registration purposes; and if, at a future period, a separation should take place, and the city of Hamilton be required to pay for the said indexes, that this Council refund the sum of six hundred and eighty-one dollars, or so much thereof as will cover the expense of procuring the same.

While the matter was being discussed, the following communication from the City Clerk was received and read:

CITY HALL,
January 24, 1867.

G. S. COUNSELL, Esq.,
Clerk of County Council.

SIR,—I am directed by the Finance Committee to state in reply to your communication of the 10th December last that, inasmuch as the resolution referred to might be rescinded at any subsequent meeting of your Council, the Committee feel that they may reasonably expect a more formal guarantee under the seal of your Warden.

I have the honour to be, &c.,
(Signed,) THOMAS BEASLEY,
City Clerk.

Moved by Mr. WADDELL, seconded by Mr. OLMSTED, that the matter referred to in the communication from the City Clerk be considered in Committee of the whole this afternoon.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. WADDELL, seconded by Mr. OLMSTED, that leave be given to introduce a By-law fixing remuneration to members of Council for their services. Carried.

A By-law fixing the remuneration to members of the County Council at TWO Dollars per day, with five cents per mile for mileage, necessarily travelled, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. STOCK, seconded by Dr. MILLER, Mr. John O'Neil was appointed Pathmaster for that portion of the County road between the townships of East Flamboro and Nelson, and lying between Dundas street and the Plains road; and Mr. James Wheeler was appointed for that portion of the County road between East and West Flamboro, commencing at the 12th concession of East Flamboro, and extending to the rear of the township.

THE WARDEN'S SALARY.

Mr. WOOD moved, seconded by Mr. MALCOLM, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law, to repeal a part of by-law No. 150. Carried.

A by-law was then read by Mr. WOOD, making the Warden's salary $200, instead of $300, as formerly. Mr. Wood supported the reduction on the ground that the present salary was excessive, amounting to $6 or $7 per day for services rendered. $200 would still give $4 or $5 per day. It was no new proposition to make the Warden's salary $200, that amount had often before been said to be sufficient by many members of the Council.

Mr. McMahon thought the question should not be brought up till near the close of the the year.

Mr. Waddell said if Mr. Wood would alter his by-law so as to add $100 to the Warden's salary, instead of taking $100 off he (Mr. Waddell) would vote for it.

Dr. Bethune was opposed the reduction. The Warden's salary had been before reduced from $400 to $300, and he thought it was now low enough.

Mr. Wood referred to the keen competition every year for the position of Warden, as a proof that it was accounted a great prize, and worth striving for. Mr. Waddell probably expected to be Warden next year, himself, and that was the reason why he was opposed to the reduction of the salary. Mr. Waddell had before now supported the view that $200 was sufficient, and had once brought in a by-law to that effect. The Warden drew his salary quarterly, and if a reduction was to be made, it should be made at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Sexton would vote for the reduction if it could be shown that the present remuneration was excessive, but he thought this had not been shown.

Mr. Waddell said he would vote to make the position an honorary one; but if the salary was attached, it ought to be a respectable amount.

Mr. Wood replied, saying that his estimate of the time spent by the Warden in the duties of his office was based upon the statements made to him by the late Warden, Mr. Brown. As the Council seemed to be opposed to the reduction he would ask leave to withdraw the by-law, which was granted, and the by-law was withdrawn.

The by-law on remuneration of the Council, was read a second time.

On motion of Dr. Miller, the Committee on Printing was authorized to procure the necessary Assessment and other blanks.

The Council then adjourned till two o'clock.

The by-law fixing the remuneration of members of the County Council at two dollars per day, with five cents per mile for milcage, was read a third time and passed.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the matter in dispute between the city and the county, referred to in the letter of this date from the Clerk of the City Council, Mr. Sexton in the chair. The letter, which was given in yesterday's paper, was read from the Chair.

It was then moved by Mr. WADDELL, seconded by Dr. MILLER,

Whereas, the City Council has neglected to pay to the Treasurer of this county the sum of $681, in accordence with a resolution of this Council passed in December last, be it therefore,

Resolved, That the Warden be and is hereby authorized to take the necessary proceedings to procure a separation of the county and city for registration purposes.

Mr. WADDELL spoke strongly in favor of the course marked out in the resolution. His main argument was that the objection as to the want of a binding guarantee raised by the City Council was not made in good faith, but was a mere technicality, the object of which seemed to be to stave off payment on various pretences, with perhaps the hope of wearing out the County Council in its just demands.

Mr. EGGLESTON did not see such advantages to accrue from separation as should make them in a hurry about it. If the formality of adding the seal of the County were all that was required, it might as well be added.

Dr. MILLER said that although he was the seconder of the resolution, his preference was for a complete separation—for judicial purposes as well as for registration.

Mr. STOCK said that the course of the City Council in the matter was evasive and unsatisfactory. The question was a very plain one, but it seemed that a plain and straight forward answer on the subject could not be obtained from them.

Dr. MCKAY was in favor of appointing a special committee to confer with the City Council Committee.

Mr. STOCK said this was perfectly useless. If named on such a committee, he should refuse to serve. He considered that discussion and conference with the City Committee had gone far enough. Nothing now remained but to take action in the matter, as the law allowed.

Mr. WADDELL was strongly in favor of a judicial separation as well; of a complete separation. This, however, should be brought up in a separate resolution. He contended that the county was paying annually $1100 more than its legitimate share of the expenses, without counting anything for interest on investments in buildings.

Mr. STOCK was in favor of confining present action to the one matter of the registration expenses, and separation for registration purposes. It might look revengeful to push matters further at present. Perhaps by and by, it might be before the June session, a better disposition on the part of the City Council might be evinced, and a fairer course in dealing with the County adopted.

Mr. WOOD said that the existing arrangements as to the boarding of prisoners and other expenses connected with the administration of justice, were most unfair to the county. The city sent a dozen or twenty prisoners to jail for one that the county sent, notwithstanding which, half was paid by each. He thought that separation for judicial purposes was far more important, and more urgently required in the interests of the county, than the separation for registration purposes then being discussed. He would mention one grievance of no small importance from which the people of the townships had to suffer under the existing arrangement. At court time jurors, suitors, and witnesses from the country, were kept in the city two or three weeks at great expense, the time of the court being taken up with city suits and criminal cases. If they had only the county business to attend to, the court would get through in a few days, or one week at the most. It would be a great relief to the country people to get clear of this tax upon their time and upon their purses, caused by city civil and criminal business. Besides, they ought to look forward a little. It was certain that ere long a new jail would be required, and the expense which that would involve would be as much as that of separation. To continue in union with the city would only put off this expense for awhile. It would be sure to come by and by, and they might better have the permanent benefits of separation as an offset, than have to incur the expense without any benefit. He did not see the great advantages that some did, that were to accrue from separation for registration purposes. It was the other separation that was the real benefit, and which the people of the County should strive to obtain.

Mr. NISBET coincided generally with the views of Mr. Wood on the matter. He saw no great advantage in the registry separation, but a great deal in separation for judicial purposes.

Mr. STOCK said they would at least gain the avoidance of such difficulties as the present.

Mr. WADDELL said this was not the only loss. The County had already paid some $1,350 for copying memorials, of which the city should have paid its share, but did not.

Dr. BETHUNE was in favour of a complete separation, and thought they might as well go into it at once.

Mr. WOOD said the difficulty was that the County Council was always kept dancing attendance upon the city. He thought the Mayor might have come here, instead of sending such a letter as that read, and stated precisely what was wanted; and then the matter might have been settled.

After some further debate, the motion was put and carried.

The Council resumed, and the resolution was passed by the Council.

Moved by Mr. WADDELL, seconded by Mr. OLMSTED, that the Warden and Messrs. Wood, Stock, Sexton, Dr. Miller, Dr. Bethune, and Dr. McKay, be a Special Committee to confer with the City Council on the subject of the existing arrangement between the City and County in connection with the Gaol and Court-house, and matters connected with the administration of justice.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned until ten o'clock this morning.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

The Council met again this forenoon. Present: The Warden and Messrs. Olmsted, Waddell, Burkholder, Bethune, McKay, Eggleston, Sexton, Malcolm, Nisbet, Wood, Peebles, Miller, Bickell, McMahon and Stock.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The Chairman of the Finance committee read the following report.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the County Council:

The Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to report:

That they have had under their consideration certain accounts, the following of which they fin correct, and recommend the same to be paid, namely:

1. To J. Eastwood & Co. for Stationery for County	$11 13
2. G. Barnes & Co. for Stationery for Administration of Justice	10 79
3. G. Barnes & Co. for Stationery for County Board of Public Instruction	7 50
4. S. B. Freeman, Esq. for services in connection with Clerk of the Peace's office	94 70
5. T. & R. White, for printing and advertising	21 06
6. C. E. Stewart & Co., do	15 38
7. C. E. Stewart & Co. for publishing list of convictions	15 75
8. G. Barnes & Co., stationery for County	11 78
9. Copp & Bro. for stove for Registry Office	13 50
	$201 59

Your Committee have also had under their consideration the account of J. H. Greer, Esq., the County Registrar, for wood furnished his office, but are of the opinion that the same forms no legal claim upon the County.

Your Committee have taken into consideration the communication of the County Treasurer respecting the debentures maturing this year, amounting to $34,880; and would recommend that new debentures be issued to the amount of $20,000, redeemable in ten years, with interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent.; and that a by-law providing for the same be duly advertised previous to the next meeting of this Council.

Your Committee find that the balance to the credit of this County, on the 1st day of January inst. to be $12,348

To which may be added the following available assets, due from Townships, viz $8,377

Bronte and Acton Road Debenture ..... 500 — 8,877

$21,225

Out of which the following sums must be paid:

Debenture paid this month	$1000
Special rate under By-law No. 24,	789,
" " " "	60, 1,968,
" " " "	104, 807,
" " " "	113, 7,669,
Non resident taxes due to Townships	435,
Debentures under By-laws 24, 60, 104, and 133,	6,252
Due Township officers,	470,
	$19,480
having a balance of	$1,745.

Your Committee are of of opinion that the amount to be raised by direct taxation this year cannot be less than that of 1866.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) R. R. WADDELL,
Chairman.

Committee Room, 25th January, 1867.

The report was adopted.

Mr. WADDELL then asked for leave to bring in at the next sitting of the Council, the following by-law, in accordance with the report of the Finance Committee, which was granted.

By-law No. ——.

Whereas it is expedient and necessary to raise by way of loan, for the purpose of paying off those debentures which will mature during the present year, (1867,) the sum of twenty thousand dollars; and whereas it will require the sum of $3,400 annually, to be raised as a special rate for the purpose of paying such loan and the interest thereon, during the space or term of ten years from the 10th day of June, 1867, to the 10th day of June, 1876, both years inclusive; and whereas, the amount of rateable property in the County of Wentworth amounts to $6,369,877, the assessed value for the year 1866. It will require the rate in the dollar mentioned in the schedule appended hereunto, and forming part of this by-law, upon such rateable property, as a special rate for the payment of the said interest, and for the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of such loan, according to the requirements of the 226th section of the act, the 29th and 30th Vic., chap. 51.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Municipal Corporation of the County of Wentworth, and it is hereby enacted: That it shall and may be lawful for the Warden of the said County to raise by loan, and at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, from any person or persons, body corporate or politic, who may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of the debentures hereinafter mentioned, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole $20,000, and to cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said County of Wentworth.

The debt owing by the said County of Wentworth on the 31st day of December, 1866, was $47,753; no interest in arrears.

2. That be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Warden to cause or direct any member of debentures, in sums if not less than $100 each, to be made out and issued for such sums of money, no exceeding in the whole the sum of $20,000 as any person or persons, body, corporate or politic, shall agree to advance on the credit of such debentures to be under the corporate seal of the said County, signed by the Warden and Treasurer, with coupons attached, for the payment of the interest thereon, half-yearly, on the 10th day of December and the 10th day of June in each year, and made payable at such periods, not exceeding TEN years from the 10th day of June, 1867, as the Warden shall think fit.

3. And be it further enacted, that the special rate mentioned in the schedule appended to, and forming part of this By-law shall be raised, levied, and collected, over and above all other rates for the years hereinafter mentioned, upon all rateable property in the said County, for the purpose of paying the said sum of $20,000, with the interest thereon, and the proceeds of such special rate to be so levied and collected, shall be applied solely to the payment and satisfaction of such debentures and the interest thereon, until such debentures and the interest thereon shall be fully paid and discharged.

4 And be it further enacted, that the sum realised by the sale of such debentures shall be applied to the payment of those debentures falling due in 1867.

5. And be it further enacted, that this By-law shall be in force and take effect from and after the 10th day of June, 1867.

[The schedule referred to provides for the raising of a rate of five hundred and thirty four ten thousandth parts of a cent on the dollar of all the rateable property in the County, in each of the ten years from 1867 to 1876, both years included. The amount raised in each year to be $3,401; total in ten years, $34,010.]

A by-law to confirm by-law No. 28 of the Township of Barton, disposing of part of an original allowance for road in front of lots 17 and 18 in the 6th concession of that township, was passed.

On motion of Mr BICKELL, seconded by Dr. MILLER, the thanks of the Council were voted to Messrs. T. & R. White, of the *Spectator*, and Messrs. C. E. Stewart & Co., of the *Evening Times*, for copies of these papers, furnished during the sitting of the Council.

The business of the session having been completed, the Council then broke up.

[The following was omitted from our report of yesterday's proceedings: Resolved, on motion of Mr. Eggleston, that the following receipts be accepted as sufficient vouchers for the expediture of the sum of $15, a portion of the three per cent appropriated to the Township of Ancaster for the repair of roads and bridges per the year 1866, viz., Michael Turing, $6, James Smuck, $7, Wm. Bird $2—in all $15, leaving a balance in the hand of the Township Treasurer of $60.54.]

WEATHER TROUBLES IN CHINA.—While Western Europe was drenched with rain throughout the summer, it appears from the latest accounts that they have been eleven months without rain or snow at Pekin. This is, in China, a great public calamity, which is sought to be averted by fasting, prayer, and expiatory ceremonies.

The Valparaiso Assassin.

HE IS FOUND IN CHICAGO, WHERE HE GIVES HIMSELF INTO CUSTODY, DENYING THE CRIME.

[From the Chicago Tribune.]

The horrible tragedy enacted near Valparaiso, Indiana, on Tuesday night, when an infuriated man shot dead his young wife and her aged mother, shot and beat a child of 17 until he thought her dead, and then set fire to the house to consume the bodies of witnesses of the deed, is fresh in the memory of our readers, and still a subject of lingering comment.

The first chapter closed with the discovery of the tragedy in the flames which were consuming the bodies of the victims. The second is now completed by the arrest and secure imprisonment of the murderer, who, all lovers of justice will rejoice to know, is awaiting his trial and