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Reciprocity — Difference of Opinion.

It is curious to notice the difference of opinion that exists in the made of many of our leading of the control of the many of our leading of the control of the cont

sight, and firmness by the very men who now deride and flout him."

The Middlesex County Council have got into a muddle about the toll gates in that County. At the evening session on Friday, the opponents of the scheme to abolish tolls on county roads took advantage of the absence of several members favorable to the scheme, and passed a resolution rescinding the previous vote of the Council on the subject. Saturday the abolition men mustered in force, and restored the resolution that had been expunged. They also passed a motion instructing the Warden and Solici or to draft a petition to the Legislature to pass an Act empowering the county to take necessary steps to complete the scheme of abolishing tolls.

It was rumoured on Saturday that Mr. Whitehead, of Huron, was the lowest tenderer for grading the Pembina branch of the Canadian Pacific, and that Mr. Waddell, of Kingston, lowest tenderer for the Government telegraph from Thunder Bay to Winnipeg.

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A Leipsie paper publishes a story which, pervaded by an element of romance, is undoubtedly true, and illustrates the poverty in which the devotees of learning in Germany are often compelled to live. About ten months age a rich patron of the sciences and arts in Berlin offered prizes amounting to about \$140 each for the best essays on the history of the middle ages, astronomy, geology, poetry and metaphysics; and about \$385 each for the best romance and the best poem. A committee of members of the several university faculties was appointed to award the prizes, and the awards were made a short time ago. A large number of persons competed, and the work offered had a large amount of excellent material among it. The names of the writers were inclosed in scaled envelopes, on the outside of which fictitious names were inscribed.

The prize for the essay on metaphysics was awarded to a young man named Max Markmann, who had sent his essay under the name of "Hans Wildenstein." When Markmann's name was announced, a pale, poorly clad, exceedingly wretched-looking young man stepped forward and was greeted with a hearly round of applause. His hair was thin and already sprinkled with gray, and his whole appearance excited the sympathy of the audience. After receiving his prize he quietly returned to his seat. One after another, as the titlee of the best essays were announced, the accompanying envelopes disclosed Markman as the author, and the applause grew tumultuous as the young man\_looking more weary every time, stepped forward. The excitement among the students was so great that a suggestion would have caused them to carry him off in triumph. The essays all examined, the poems came next in turn, and the prize was Markmann's. Then the prize was Markmann's. Then the prize was Markmann's. Then the prize romance was found to be his. It was entitled "The Village Schoolmaster," and Berthold Auerbach, who was one of the committee, pronounced it one of the nost gracefully written stories he



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