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THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT AND THE NICKEL MINES.

The prompt action of the Ontario government in withdrawing from the present their former liberal land regulations in the Sudbury District in order to keep them from falling into the hands of speculators, is one which should meet with the hearty approval of all, irrespective of party. It is evident now that Ontario has in her nickel mines a source of revenue and wealth the value of which it is impossible to estimate at present, and it would indeed have been a great mistake had the government continued to sell the land with its valuable treasure to speculators at two dollars an acre.

We have no doubt but what the government will in a short time issue new regulations regarding mining which, while dealing liberally with actual prospectors and practical miners who spend either time or money in hunting out the deposits of nickel or in developing the same, will at the same time give to Canadians as a whole the benefit which otherwise would have gone to a few lucky speculators. The question of the development of these vast mines is one in which all are interested, and all the responsibility does not rest with the government of the Hon. Oliver Mowat. Sir John and his government have a duty to perform also. We are not in a position to say what is the duty of either, but we do sincerely hope that for once at least the two great political parties of this country, and the two governments, will be able to unite on a common basis in this very important matter, and not allow party interests to overrun the interests of the country as is too often the case with both.

The Walkerton Board of Trade have made the subject of Fire Insurance a question of investigation and recommendation some new idea regarding that important matter. They say that the Insurance companies have during the last 21 years collected from the people of Canada the enormous sum of \$80,000,000 in premiums and paid losses to the extent of \$56,610,852, leaving for themselves for expenses and profits \$23,391,148. They recommend the advisability of urging on the government the passing of such legislation as will enable each town to levy an annual rate for insurance purposes, claiming that by such an act a saving of \$23,000,000 can be made. The question is a broad one and one which while deserving of consideration should not be hastily acted upon without a thorough investigation. We recommend the matter to the consideration of business men and others.

An old friend dropped into our office a day or two ago, and after paying his subscription for the Express and wishing us success, sat down at the desk and on a piece of blank paper lying there wrote the following lines which though short contain a good deal of sound wisdom and common sense:

If you have an evil wrought,
Confess it.
If you have a useful thought,
Express it.
Then if good work has a Price,
You will win it;
Take this for a fool's advice,
With something in it.

On the 9th of May, 1881, our worthy town Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Warnock, was appointed to the position which he has ever since so ably and worthily filled, and during that whole time the auditors have not found a mistake of cent in his annual report, and no one ever had any

reason to complain of the manner in which he has performed his duties. Too much cannot be said in praise of the services Mr. Warnock has rendered to our town. He has certainly done a great deal towards placing us in the favorable and enviable position we occupy to-day, as one of the most if not the most prosperous town in Canada. We think we are having hard times, that our taxes are high, that our debt is heavy and that our town has not been so prosperous the last year as it has been in the past. To a certain extent all these things are true; but, the questions are:—Is it not hard times with other towns; are our taxes higher than other places; is our public debt larger than other towns of the same size, and have other towns been booming the last year or so. We answer without fear of contradiction that times have been hard all over the world apparently the last few years, and Aylmer has as little to complain of as any town in the country. We should like to see our rate of taxation down to 15 mills, and hope they will be next year, but, we think investigation will prove that those towns where the rate is lower than ours have a higher assessment. Comparatively speaking, our debt is smaller than most places for the reason that we have good value to show for almost every dollar of it in the shape of town hall, public and high school buildings, water works, paved streets, flagstone walks, etc. With one or two exceptions where extraordinary circumstances have been the cause, no booming towns can be found at present, not only in Canada, but also in the United States. Now, let us all stop this grumbling and go to work for the building up of our town. Grumbling won't build up our individual trade or our town, but, on the contrary, causes irreparable injury.

Malahide Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

The annual meeting for the election of officers for Malahide Lodge, No. 140, A. F. & A. M., took place on Wednesday evening of this week with the following results: W. W. Rutherford, W. M.; W. R. Smith, L. W.; Rev. F. M. Baldwin, J. W.; L. W. Whitney, Chaplain; W. J. Fear, Secretary; Dr. G. E. Clarke, Treasurer; Major Faulds, Tyler. On Monday evening last, J. Ross Robertson, Esq., of Toronto, addressed the members of the Lodge on the growth of Masonry in Canada, and afterwards he was banqueted by the brethren at the Mero House, where a very pleasant and enjoyable time was spent, with lots to eat, as John always gives his friends.

Trinity Church.

The musical part of the service on 'Xmas morning will consist of: Opening hymn, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," Magnificence, "Venite, Exultemus Domino," "Te Deum Laudamus," "Benedictus," Anthem, "Arise, Shine, for thy Light is Come," (Isa. 60); Hymn, "O Come all ye Faithful," Ave Maria, "My God, and is my Table Spread," Rockingham; Offertory Solo, "Nazareth," Gounod, by Miss Glover.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Tommy Michael has accepted a good position in Ridgeway, for which place he left this week.

People, we want your trade, we appreciate your patronage, we will make your dollar go farther than in any other house in the trade. Come in and see us.—Marlatt & Clerk.

Don't miss the Children's Presentation at Trinity church on 'Xmas day.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the Epworth League in the lecture room of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening last.

The Sunday School of the Church of England intend holding a grand entertainment and 'Xmas tree in the basement of the church on Monday evening, the 29th inst. More particulars next week.

Mr. Edwin McCausland advertises in another column the old homestead, near Centreville, for sale. This farm has the reputation of being one of the most fertile in the country. Is beautifully situated, and we have no doubt will find a ready sale, and at a higher figure than any farm sold in Malahide for some years.

We have received from the publishers of the Presbyterian Review, Toronto, a copy of their handsome 16-page prospectus for 1891. The Review has always been an able and bright religious newspaper, and should receive good support from the general public.

Cutters—Cutters. A fine lot of Cutters for sale cheap at the Aylmer Carriage Works.

M. LEESON, Prop.

The excitement around town about the Scott pork house is dying out and we hope by next week to be able to state that all difficulties have been overcome and the factory running. All the shareholders, we understand, have sold their interests to Messrs. McCausland & Walker, excepting four or five, and we hope for the benefit and good of the town that satisfactory arrangements can be arrived at with them.

Concord has reduced the prices on all his Christmas stock from 25 to 50 per cent. We will not be undersold.

The Finances of the Town.

THEY ARE IN A HEALTHY CONDITION THIS YEAR.—ASSETS NEARLY \$10,000 OVER THE LIABILITIES, AND \$3,830.83 IN THE TREASURER'S HANDS.

In accordance with the provisions of the Statute, Mr. W. Warnock, Jr., the town treasurer, on Monday last presented the council with a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the town up to Dec. 15th. The statement is the best that has been made public for several years, and shows great financial ability on the part of our treasurer and the town council. Following is the abstract statement:

RECEIPTS.	
Local improvements	\$ 1705 35
Taxes	8464 54
Bills receivable	16600 00
Licenses	603 73
Fines	90 05
Mortgages	812 10
Dog tax	60 00
Town hall	241 00
Bridge	821 75
Cabinet factory	150 00
Interest	133 44
Indigents	3 81
Floating debt	5023 29
Waterworks	328 80
Public School	293 00
Poll tax	48 00
	\$35,388 95

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Balance last year	\$ 5750 98
Debitures	2339 00
Interest	1379 50
Roads	686 30
Test well	140 02
Printing	170 18
Bills payable	11800 00
Local debentures	1152 91
Band	5 60
Fire company	50 00
Electric light	838 00
Election expenses	81 98
Refunded taxes	1 30
Town hall	127 19
Martin and Nairn block	5 00
Floating debt	9 08
Officers' salaries	807 50
Cabinet factory	188 50
Indigents	61 27
Insurance	54 60
Waterworks	1545 85
Public school	293 00
Births, marriages and deaths	10 70
Local improvements	1968 82
Consolidated debt	100 00
Police	9 50
Bridges	801 00
Legal expenses	34 91
Mechanics' Institute	50 00
County rates	930 00
Miscellaneous	70 43
	\$31,463 12
Balance in treasurer's hands	\$ 3,830 83
	\$35,388 95

By the statement it is shown that the total assets of the town are \$72,797.94, while the liabilities are but \$63,307.02, a balance in favor of assets of \$9,490.92.

A Curling Tournament.

The Western Ontario Curlers' Tankard has been presented by the citizens of London to be played for by the clubs named in the following groups—No. 1—Harriston, Chesley, Wroster, Warton. No. 2—Listowel, Mt. Forest, Walkerton, Stratford. No. 3—Wingham, Brussels, Lucknow, Kincardine. No. 4—Sarnia, Goderich, St. Mary's, Woodstock. No. 5—Chatham, Detroit, Thamesville, Sarnia. No. 6—St. Thomas, London, Aylmer, Simcoe. No. 7—Forest City, Ingersoll, Forest, Petrolia. The details have been left to a committee of the London and Forest City Curling Clubs, of which Mr. C. W. Andrus is Secretary. The tankard is a very handsome one, worth about \$250, and no doubt its donation will tend to greatly stimulate curling in Western Ontario.

Ancient Order United Workmen.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing term in Aylmer Lodge No. 6, A. O. U. W., at the meeting held last Monday evening: John Crawford, Master Workman; R. M. Corey, Foreman; J. B. Hambrick, Overseer; A. E. Haines, Recorder; W. Warnock, Jr., Financial; Geo. F. Clark, Reviser; W. W. White, Guide; Wm. Monteith, Inside Sentinel; Wm. Bettinger, Outside Sentinel; Representative to Grand Lodge, T. G. McIntyre.

A Recent Elgin Will.

An estate valued at \$8,220 was left by William J. Colver, of Aylmer, \$7,000 of which was real estate. By his will, of which W. E. Leonard, of St. Thomas, and Dr. C. W. Marlatt, of Aylmer, are executors, his wife is to have the use and benefit of the east half of lot No. 6 in the ninth concession of the Township of Yarmouth, less 25 acres already owned by his wife, until her death, when it is to go to his daughter, Mrs. Atlanta Leonard. The executors may, however, sell the real estate by consent of both his wife and daughter, and invest the proceeds for the use and benefit of his wife during her life, and at her death his daughter Atlanta shall have said proceeds. His wife receives all his farming utensils, furniture, cattle, and stock, and all his notes of hand, and moneys, and personal property.

The Christmas Star.

There is great disappointment throughout the Dominion at the announcement that the publishers of the Montreal Star are too busy with their regular subscription and advertising business to allow of their completing a Christmas Star this year. These Christmas Stars are such gems that it is very generally hoped the publishers will see their way clear to continue their publication.

Big Chance for Xmas.

We purpose removing from Aylmer to the city of Detroit early in the new year, and in order to meet the requirements of our purchaser our stock must be reduced one-half. We must make away with \$3,000.00 worth of goods between now and the new year. Big stock of holiday goods just arrived, to be cleared off at a tremendous discount on regular prices. We mean what we say. Now is your chance for watches, jewellery, fancy goods, silverware, etc., for Xmas presents.

RASTALL, the Jeweller.

Every
Account
should
be paid to
McMaster
&
Bingham
this week.

A BOMB SHELL BURSTED

What a Blessing for the People.

My Prices may Startle but they will not Vex the Careful Buyer.

Are the lowest prices any object to you?
Are the finest qualities any inducement?

If so, come and see my splendid stock of

Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Slippers, OVERSHOES, Etc.

The banner assortment of the season, and the prices the lowest yet named. Our welcome word for all—Bargains.

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NOT MONEY!

But you will get anything you want for the Christmas Table at

The Red Star Grocery.

Foreign and Domestic Jams, Jellies and Sauces.

Green and Dried Fruits.

OYSTERS, CELERY, &c.

REMEMBER

All are treated alike. No special price or discounts for one that another can not get.

G. G. STEELE.

NOTICE.—Owing to change in terms made by the Wholesale Grocers' Guild by which we have to pay cash for the bulk of our goods, 3 months will be the limit of credit in future, commencing January 1st, 1891.

Japanese Bazaar. X-MAS

I beg to announce that I have engaged a portion of
J. L. LAMBERT'S FURNITURE STORE,

where I will offer for sale a large assortment of beautiful enameled Japanese Goods, suitable for Christmas Presents. Call and see them and compare prices before buying elsewhere.

These goods were imported by myself, and are not cheap American trash.

Will be open from Saturday, Dec. 20, until 'X-Mas.

JAMES MILNE.

HERENDEN'S Oriental Flour

HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

IF NOT!

WHY NOT?

You can Buy it from any Grocer in Aylmer.

GIVE IT A TRIAL.

RIGHT THIS WAY

For BARGAINS.

Don't be backward in coming forward, and don't fall over yourselves in the rush. We are no robbers, so we won't hold you up. Don't let anybody hold you down. What do we mean? We mean that it's about time for everybody to know that we are on deck with a

Superb Stock

Of winter goods—goods which everybody will want when the merits of our stock are understood. Our stock is like a baby, for it's all new; it's like a fat man, for it's awful big; it's like a beautiful woman, for it has lots of style; it's like a millionaire, for it's worth lots of money; it's like high-toned women, because it has quality.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Must be their fate who gaze on these goods, not only because they are handsome but because they are cheap in every sense of the word. Nobody CAN beat us on stock. Nobody SHALL beat us on prices. Buy where you like but see our stock before you buy. It'll be money in your pocket and in our's too, for you want the best and cheapest, and we have it.

The Oldest Firm in Town.

CHRISTIE & CARON,

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The Malahide council chamber Monday. All the ent, and Reeve chair. The fol ordered to be pa Bell & Campb Prichard drain, bell for survey drain, \$53.84; survey and plan Francis Kent, \$ tax, \$2.00; Syl assessment roll Bayham, pipe Firby's mill, \$ tile, \$8.70; An and bolts for scraper, \$9.50; on sideroad be 5, \$9.56; John Prichard drain hardware for the years 188 Preney for draining culvert, stringers and road, between \$300; Francis tile drains, \$ taking water John Hankins Thos. Thomas Bruce hill, in pany for de guson and P L. Sheldon fr

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