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Local Intelligence.

In the "Temperance Circular" on the fourth page calling a Convention to be held in Lindsay on the First Friday in January, the place of meeting was omitted. It has since been corrected. The Convention will meet in the Council Chamber of the new Town Hall.

ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that on Sunday afternoon, after leaving the Sunday School, Mrs. Vickers, wife of the Rev. J. Vickers, fell and broke her arm. The slippery state of the streets renders the utmost caution necessary to prevent accidents of this kind.

FESTIVAL.—The annual Christmas Festival of the Wesleyan Methodist church Lindsay, will take place next Monday evening in the large hall of the new Market Building. W. H. Mitchell & Co., will cater on the occasion. Several gentlemen are engaged to address the audience, the Rev. A. Edwards, superintendent of the circuit, will take the chair. We trust to see a large and pleasant gathering.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS.—W. H. Mitchell & Co. now offer a new and complete stock of Groceries for the Christmas and New Year times. Every article in their new arrivals, will be served out at even lower rates than ever, parties wishing to economize in the purchase will find "Mitchell's" the most advantageous House in town. Liberal reduction on large purchases. All kinds of produce taken in exchange. Cash paid for oats and peas. Stand corner of William and Peel Streets Lindsay.

PROHIBITION IN FENELON.—Friends of temperance will be glad to learn that the Prohibition By-law submitted to the ratepayers of Fenelon has been carried by a majority of 36; the vote at the closing of the poll was as follows:

For the By-law.....273 Against.....137

Majority in favour of By-law 36

Since the above was in type we received a communication from Mr. Wm. Dewar, Fenelon Falls, giving the result as above and adding:—

"I think Fenelon is the first Township in Upper Canada which has passed the Temperance Bill by a vote of the election."

Let the temperance men of Canada take courage, there are many places where the temperance cause is more prosperous than it is here. With prudence and caution the temperance men may now accomplish a great amount of good."

Our correspondent is mistaken, several townships have already passed the By-law by popular vote.—ED. CAN. POST.

UNION SCHOOL MEETING.—A special meeting of the School Board was held at the office of Messrs. McKay & Heap on Friday Dec. 16th, at 3 o'clock. Members present—Rev. J. Vickers, Dr. Fidler, Messrs. Adam, Mathie and Wood. Absent—Rev. A. Edwards, Rev. J. J. Lutz, Messrs. Broughall, Dundas, Hepp, Lang, Macquire, McBurney and Thirkell. A letter was read from Mr. Young, Inspector of Grammar Schools, with reference to his late visit to the Lindsay Grammar School, and after discussion the meeting adjourned till half-past 7 o'clock.

An adjourned meeting was held at half-past 7 o'clock. Members present—Rev. A. Edwards, Rev. J. J. Lutz, Dr. Fidler, Messrs. Adam, Dundas, Macquire, Mathie, Thirkell and Wood. Absent—Rev. J. Vickers, Messrs. Broughall, Hepp, Lang and McBurney. Moved by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Dundas, that the Rev. Mr. Edwards do take the chair.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Dundas, seconded by Mr. Maguire, that the motion of Dec. 7, appointing James Roy, Collector, be re-considered.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Dundas, that the motion appointing James Roy, Collector, be rescinded, and that Mr. John Moore, the Township Collector, be appointed in his stead to collect taxes from the ratepayers residing outside the Corporation and warrant be drawn out, signed, and handed to him.—Carried. The meeting then adjourned till Monday Dec. 19th at 1 o'clock, p. m.

DOUGH-NUTS.—Take three pounds of flour, one pound of butter, one and a half pounds of sugar; cut the butter fine into the flour; beat six eggs light and put them in; add two wine glasses of yeast, one pint of milk, some cinnamon, mace and nutmeg; make it up into a light dough, and put it to rise. When it is light enough roll it out, cut it in small pieces, and boil them in lard.

Correspondence.

A WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER.

To the Editor of the Canadian Post.

Sir,—Permit me through your columns respectfully to remind the ministers of Lindsay, that the time has now arrived for making the necessary arrangements to hold the first week of the new year as a week of prayer.

The evangelical alliance has suggested suitable topics for our intercession, and surely if ever there was a time in our history when united earnest prayer was necessary it is at this present juncture of our affairs.

I have taken part in such united prayer meetings in England, and it was truly refreshing to my spirit to see brethren from every Christian denomination joining together in worshipping God, and to hear the earnest petitions which were presented to Him who rules and reigns over all.

Though a stranger in the town, and though few may have heard me preach in St. Andrew's Church, yet, I think it due my conscience and above all things to the Great Head of the Church that I should bring the above before the public so that I may show my willingness to co-operate with all Christians, whether lay or clerical, in promoting the above movement.

Yours truly, J. B. MUIR, Presbyterian Minister, St. Andrew's Church Lindsay.

A WORD IN SEASON TO MUNICIPAL ELECTORS.

To the Editor of the Canadian Post.

Sir, Mr. Burton, in a few days we shall be called upon to elect Municipal Representatives for the coming year, a very important duty and in many instances a very arduous one.

The members of the different Councils throughout the County are interested with a great deal of power and they perform duties and exercise privileges affecting most seriously our interests.

We have in some municipalities in the Province startling examples of the evils resulting from placing unqualified men in the position of "Civic Legislators." In some instances expenditures have been made and debts incurred far beyond the means of the municipalities and bankruptcy has been the result.

There are numberless other difficulties which a Township and County may get into by, or through, the incompetency, carelessness, ignorance, stupidity, or what is worse than either, the corrupt designs of Councilors.

We should expect in public matters the same efficiency with which a merchant conducts his business, but we seldom find our public bodies giving that care and attention to the interests of the public which we have a right to claim.

From the Township Councils the County Council is formed, and you should remember that each January you are placing men in positions to either injure or benefit you, to reflect credit or disgrace upon your municipality.—Endeavour as far as possible to secure men of proper standing.

There are two classes of men who usually present themselves as suitable candidates for office, the designing and the incapable. The first, having some selfish object in view, or having some friend whom he wishes to serve at the expense of the people. Such a man does not vote for the good of the public but uses the public for his own benefit.

The second, unfortunately, is liable to be made the tool of the first, and is not pliable enough for that, is very often influenced by the most ignorant prejudices and delays the actions of more competent persons.

There are in our County and Township Councils a good many honest and well meaning men, who do not know what course to take, and are influenced to do often by reckless associates who do not care what becomes of the affairs of the County provided they can get hold of the purse strings.

We have seen, and need more, shrewd and upright Councilors who not only mean well but can do well; who are enterprising, and at the same time cautious; who feel the full responsibility of the offices they hold. A man may be poor, and be a most efficient Councilor at the same time. A competency is not a qualification for a Councilor; as to a certain extent, it guarantees independence, and often induces economy for self-protection. Wealth not only prevents the possessor from being influenced as easily as the poor man, but it carries with it a power and respect which in proper hands may effect a great deal of good.

It is the duty of every voter to go to the polls leaving all his party grievances and difficulties at home, and vote for the most efficient candidate for municipal honors. It makes very little difference with what party the township he may reside in he is as honest and intelligent man. A man may be elected by a ward vote or by a sectional vote and still do his duty, which is, to look after the interests of the whole municipality, and not seek to obtain for his own section any favour at the expense of other sections.

There is nothing to be gained personally by doing your duty as a Councilor. If you have an aptitude to grind for yourself or friend and have not sufficient honesty to do your duty faithfully you may perhaps make money out of your position; but of course you become the subject of most unwarrantable abuse. If you have the manliness to refuse overtures from designing parties you are overlooked without notice, and your best acts misrepresented; some persons who have given you their support in January expect you to stand ready for the remainder of the year to turn the grindstone for them. Refuse to appoint the party they recommend to some paltry office which may become vacant and you are transformed at once; you are a dishonest two-faced man; you were glad to get their support in January; but now, when you have a chance to be grateful, you refuse; you become all at once a different character; your honesty is changed to rascality; your intelligence to ignorance; your straightforwardness to duplicity. If you desire to please, endorse the note of every voter who asks you; lend to all who require it; do all their business without charge; impose light fines if they are guilty of misdeeds; in fact resign your manhood and become a mere tool.

As regards myself I have served the municipality of Emily for twenty years and I feel truly thankful for the staunch and firm friends I have always had not only in Emily, but throughout the County. I have to the best of my ability, tried to advance the Educational, Agricultural, and Municipal interests of our Township and County, keeping always in view our resources and requirements.

It is said by some that I am opposed to gravel roads. I am not. I believe that good roads are one of the greatest blessings a people can have. At the same time I prefer calculating the cost and if possible keeping our taxes at as low a rate as we are reasonably can, and not at any time lessening the value of our money by heavy and unnecessary taxation to a greater extent than gravel roads would improve them.

It is not the tax for one year or six years that affects the value of property, but it is the certainty that for twenty years the tax will be excessive that lowers its price, that keeps out the settler and the capitalist.

Christmas & New Year.

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LOCAL PARLIAMENTS AND ELECTION COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of the Canadian Post.

Sir,—As the subject of the Local Parliaments of the proposed Confederation is being discussed, and it has been suggested that the Mayors and Reeves should constitute the members of that Assembly, a few words on the subject may not be out of place.

All the Mayors and Reeves of Upper Canada would form a house unnecessarily large. To send the Mayors only would leave a large portion of the community unrepresented. To send the Reeves only might prevent many well qualified men from accepting the office of Mayor. Besides which it would be impossible for these functions to be discharged by their own duties and attend the parliament at the same time. It seems to me that the best plan would be to select the candidates from those who have held the office of Mayor or Reeve for the term of at least one year, and it might be so arranged that the election for the Assembly should be held at the same time and place as the same returning officer as the municipal elections. The same person could be a candidate for the office of Mayor or Councillor and member of the Local Parliament with the understanding that if he was chosen for the last office the candidate having the next highest number of votes would take the office.

My reasons are, First, we should have only well tried men. A man who is not fit to be a Mayor or Reeve is not fit to be a member of the Parliament. One who has served in such capacity is better prepared for a higher position than a novice, while he who has shown himself incapable or unworthy could hardly get elected. Second, it would have the effect of keeping out of the field a large number of upstarts who only enter for the sake of being buffed off, and then retire, alleging that family matters prevent their properly canvassing. In this way a great deal of trouble and expense would be saved.

In case of a vacancy occurring through death or resignation, it might be arranged that the office should remain vacant until the following January, when the next elected member would serve during the unexpired term of his predecessor.

And now a word about Election Committees. I would do away with these altogether, both in the General and the Local Parliaments, and let every case of dispute be decided at the polls by the County or Queen's Bench by an ordinary jury. Because, first, it would save time. We have had counties unrepresented or misrepresented for years, for the reason that an election committee could not or would not decide which was the rightful candidate. Three months would suffice at the outside and often much less. Second, it would save expense. Not only to the members but of the witnesses who instead of having to go to the County Town would be summoned to the County Town.

Third, it would be more likely to secure an honest decision. Who ever expected it from an Election Committee? Men who boast that they have sacrificed everything for their party are not likely to have enough principle left for that. How thankful Mr. Rankin's case was settled when it was discovered at what price his vote could be purchased. Of course the great objection to all this will be the cry of privilege. Well, my opinion is that the members have too many privileges, and if they had fewer they would waste less time in quarrelling about them. Besides it is not so much the business of the members as it is that of the people who are to be represented and if they choose to settle their disputes by a jury instead of a committee they have a right to do so.

OBSEVATOR. Lindsay, Dec. 19, 1864.

THE SCOTTISH AMERICAN we consider to be the best weekly American paper published. Its editorials are written with marked ability; and the impartial tone of its comments of public affairs is quite refreshing. In addition to an admirable condensation of the Scottish, English, Irish, Canadian and foreign news, each copy of the Journal contains one or more chapters of an excellent story entitled "Son and Heir." We are glad to know that the Scottish American Journal has a large circulation in the Canada. For further particulars see advertisement in another column.

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Farini, the famous ropewalker, is said to have obtained in marriage an heiress of Halifax, worth \$30,000. Formerly the "end of a rope" meant hanging, but it now signifies matrimony.

Elliston, a somewhat noted pedestrian, undertook to walk in St. Stephen, N. B., for four successive days and nights, with but twenty minutes rest in each day. He performed the feat, taking about twenty minutes, though at last exhausted.

Proceedings of the County Council.

Tuesday, 20th Dec., 1864.

The County Council met this p.m. in order to wind up the business of the year—Duncan McRae, Esq., Warden, in the chair. Present—Messrs. Adair, Ashman, Cameron, Cottingham, Deane, Duck, Farrell, Fell, Fitzgerald, Lucas, McQuade, Thurston and Young. Absent—Messrs. Downer, Hodgson and Staples.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

WARDEN'S ADDRESS To the Municipal Council of the County of Victoria.

GENTLEMEN,—I have called you together that you may take into consideration the propriety of extending the time for the collection of taxes in the County, in accordance with the powers vested in you by Sec. 103, Cap. 55 of the Consolidated Statutes of U. C., as amended by the 12th Section of Cap. 19 & 20 of the Statutes of Canada.

BOBAYGEON AND OTHER BRIDGES. In accordance with instructions received from you I met Mr. Pearce, the Warden of the County of Peterboro', and we proceeded to Bobaygeon, and after examining into the nature of the improvements required, we drafted plans of a bridge, pier, cutwater, and booms, also specifications in accordance with the same. Having advertised for, and secured tenders, we entered into a contract with Messrs. Robinson and Kennedy for the completion of the works at a cost of \$570.

After entering into the contract several complaints were made, and suggestions offered, regarding the same, and we deemed it advisable to send Mr. Brady, our County Engineer, to report upon the plans and specifications. He reported in favor of certain alterations which would involve the outlay of considerable more money, but would, at the same time, much improve the contemplated works; and after giving the report a careful consideration we agreed to act upon it—no work having yet been done by the contractors to interfere with the proposed alterations; which alterations Mr. Brady stated would not exceed \$200 in addition to the amount of contract. The bridge is now finished, and the Engineer's report on the same is very satisfactory, though the cost is considerably more than at first contemplated. We also contracted with parties in Emily for the erection of the Lancaster bridge, and the approaches thereto, for the sum of \$310. When I saw the bridge it was sinking, and in conjunction with Mr. Pearce, I instructed Mr. Arthur McQuade to make certain repairs; since then Mr. Pearce visited the bridge and reports to me that the work has been done most satisfactorily in my opinion. My attention was also directed to the state of the bridge known as Cowan's bridge; and on enquiry into the state thereof, instructed Mr. McQuade to make repairs to the amount of \$10, which sum I believe will put it into a state of safety for public travel.

The bridge at Mud Lake, in the township of Carden, was inspected by me after the completion of the work when I found certain defects in two of the bents; and fearing that in consequence, the bridge might give way, I took a bond from the contractor for the sum of One Hundred dollars; and also retain in my hands the sum of Thirty-five dollars, as a guarantee for the future satisfaction of the same. I regret very much to have to report to you that, owing to the defects above stated, the bridge has given way; but as far as the County is concerned \$135 will replace it. The contractor, who is a poor man, and his sureties will suffer—at least to the extent of \$100. Since the last session of the Council large and destructive fires raged throughout our County, in common with a large portion of Canada, doing immense damage to property, and in many instances burning bridges and crossings on the roads under the immediate control of the County Council. Acting under instructions given by you at the June session, and as Warden, I ordered the erection of a small bridge on the 8th con. of Carden, and on the boundary between Laxton and Havelock; also on the Bobaygeon road, south and north of the village of Bobaygeon, at a cost of \$135—all of which could not be possibly avoided.

ROADS. The Warden of the County of Ontario has written me stating that the County Council of that County has appropriated the sum of \$500 to be expended on the boundary between this County and the County of Ontario, south of the village of Manilla, provided you apportion an equal amount for the improvement of said boundary north of said village.

LINE THROUGH SOMMERVILLE AND LUTTERWORTH. I have received the Report of the County Engineer regarding the proposed road through Sommerville and Lutterworth, and have the opinion of several parties as to the feasibility of said road. I have also understood that the Government contemplates laying out a large sum of money on the Bobaygeon road; and I have written the Commissioner of Crown Lands, asking him to co-operate with us in opening up and improving a leading line of road into our back townships—the receipt of which letter has been acknowledged, but no definite answer has yet been received. Your County Engineer's Report will be laid before you; also correspondence which has passed between him and the English Land Company's surditors, urging the necessity of having the road made fit for travelling; and you will doubtless take into consideration the propriety of opening the line surveyed, or rather explored, by your surveyor; as, under all the circumstances, I could not consistently authorize the expenditure of any more money on that line, without first consulting you.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL LAW. Circulars have been sent to all the municipal officials throughout the County, inviting suggestions regarding any amendments deemed desirable in our municipal law. There is no doubt there are many important alterations which should be introduced; and I know of no-body more competent to offer suggestions, and give opinions, regarding our municipal law, than our County Councils. I trust you will carefully consider the mat-

Meeting of Parliament. A meeting of the Cabinet was held on Friday last, at which it was decided that Parliament should be called to meet on Thursday, the 19th of January, for the despatch of business. The growing complications arising out of the rails render it necessary that the Government should have the advice and assistance of the peoples representatives at as early a date as possible.

Protection of the Frontier. The Quebec correspondent of the Globe says that the Government are adopting vigorous measures to prevent any future violations of our neutrality by the Southern desperadoes, who would embroil us, if they could, in trouble with the United States, by passing from Canada to make hostile incursions upon American territory.

Gilbert McKicken, Esq., late M. P. P. for the County of Welland, has been appointed a Temporary Magistrate for all that part of the frontier west of Toronto. His duty will be especially to take cognizance of any breaches of the law bearing on international relations. Large magisterial powers are entrusted to him for that purpose, and a strong police force will be placed at his disposal to enable him to exercise the functions of his office with efficiency.

Colonel Eramtinger has already been appointed Specially Magistrate on the Eastern frontier, with similar powers.

Mayoralty Nomination. FOUR CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD! At the nomination on Monday last there was a fair attendance of the ratepayers, who seemed to evince a good deal of interest in the proceedings of the day. At 10 o'clock the Clerk took the chair, and announced that he was ready to receive nominations. We give the nominations in the order in which they were made.

Thomas Keenan, Esq.—Moved by Mr. Martin Dunsford, seconded by Mr. Wm. H. Deane.

H. G. Clarke, Esq.—Moved by Mr. David Brown, seconded by Mr. John Thirkell.

D. Brown, Esq.—Moved by Mr. H. G. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Wm. Bell.

Wm. H. Deane, Esq.—Moved by Mr. Alex. McCauley, seconded by Mr. Thomas Keenan.

We took pretty full notes of the speeches made by the movers, seconders, and candidates, but the space occupied by other matters precludes the possibility of giving even an outline of what was said. It is not likely that more than two of the above-named gentlemen will go to the poll. In any event Mr. Keenan's election may be looked upon as certain.

A boy about two years old son of Mr. Jenkins, Lot 11, 1st Concession of Hope, fell into a cistern on Friday, 2nd inst. and was drowned.

The Berlin and Galt Railway is now open to Dover Station for the reception of freight and passenger traffic.

Henry Ward Beecher and John B. Gough delivered lectures at one hundred and fifty dollars per evening.

The New York News says:—"For a quarter of a century the New York Herald has enjoyed the reputation of being the most malignant, accurate and unprincipled journal published in Christendom."

The Bank of Upper Canada vs. Chichester et al. Action on promissory note.—Verdict for defendant. M. Dunsford for plaintiff; Cameron & Orde for defendant.

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY.

The Grand Jury of our Lady the Queen, on their oath present:—That they have disposed of the business before them.—That that they have examined the Jail and Court House, and are glad to be able to report that all are well kept and clean, and with due regard to the unfortunate confined in the Jail. That everything appears in good order in the jail, except the cell and hall gates; and that they would recommend either stone or iron sills for the gates, as wood appears insufficient for the purpose. They would further call attention to the present arrangements in the Court room, and would recommend an enlargement of the space by the removal of some of the seats around the barristers tables, and the floor in front of the Judge's seat, as at present it appears too much contracted for the convenience of the parties interested. They are glad that so few are suffering confinement in the jail, and the fact augurs well for the morality of the people.

The Grand Jury are led to believe that many of the cases sent for examination to the Courts, are so sent from want of sufficient enquiry on the part of the committing magistrates, and would recommend greater diligence on the part of the magistrates, keeping fully in mind the liberty of the subject and protection of society.

One of the two cases brought before the Grand Jury originated in the practice so common amongst us of using strong drink; and in the interests of humanity and the morals of our people, and would urge the calling of attention to these evils by the Bench, as a likely means of securing a decrease of crime.

WILLIAM GIDLEY, Foreman. Grand Jury Room, Lindsay, Dec. 1, 1864.

THE INDIGNATION MEETING. The meeting called by the Reeves in compliance with the requisition sent recently to the Mayor, was held last night. A full report along with market statistics, submitted to the meeting, will give next week. Our space to-day allows only a few lines to be devoted to this subject.

A goodly array of Councilors were present, prepared to meet the charges of the requisitionists. The other side, if they did not shew valour, at least exhibited a very wise discretion; for few of them were present.

A financial statement, showing that the market will even this year be in loss but will yield six per cent. of its cost, was submitted by Mr. Bohony. Nothing of importance transpired. At the close, a motion of Mr. Davis was carried, which was, "that this meeting approve of the conduct of the Councilors during the present year." The whole affair was wound up by three hearty cheers for the Queen—the best thing of the meeting.

THE READING ROOM MEETING. Pursuant to notice a numerously attended meeting was held in the parlor of the Jewish House last Saturday evening, for the purpose of organizing a Reading Room Association for the town of Lindsay.

The meeting was organized by calling James Lenihan, Esq., to the chair, and appointing Mr. C. B. Robinson secretary.

The chairman having briefly stated the object of the meeting, it was moved by Mr. Wm. Deane, seconded by Mr. Wood, that we organize under the name of "The Lindsay Reading Room Association."—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Lenihan, seconded by Mr. Wood, James Mc Kibbin, Esq., was unanimously elected President of the Association.

On motion of Mr. Weller, seconded by Mr. Sutton, James Lenihan, Esq., was elected 1st Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Weller, seconded by Mr. J. B. Knowlson, Wm. Neidler, Esq., was elected 2nd Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, seconded by Mr. O. J. McKay, Thomas Beal, Esq., was appointed secretary-treasurer to the Association.

On motion of Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Wood, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to prepare a list of publications to be subscribed for, viz:—Messrs. Gimson, Robinson, McLennan, Weller, Gregory, and J. B. Knowlson.

On motion of Mr. O. J. McKay, seconded by Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee, with power to make all necessary arrangements, in providing a room, furniture, &c., for the accommodation of members, &c., viz:—Messrs. Sutton, Hepp, Thomas, J. D. Smith, J. Kennedy, and the officers of the Association.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Deane, seconded by Mr. McLellan, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to draft rules and regulations for the association, viz:—Sheriff McDougall and Messrs. McKay, Dupuis and Wood.

On motion of Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was resolved to admit young men under twenty as members on payment of the sum of \$2; apprentices, and others, at the discretion of the managing committee for the sum of \$1.

On motion of Mr. Sheriff McDougall, seconded by Mr. Sutton, the clerks of the various denominations within the County were admitted as honorary members of the association.

On motion of Mr. Deane, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Secretary was instructed to have the proceedings of the meeting inserted in the CANADIAN POST and Lindsay Advertiser.

On motion, Mr. Lenihan laid the chair and Mr. Wood took the same, and thereafter, on motion of Sheriff McDougall, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to Mr. Lenihan for his able and gentlemanly conduct in the chair.

The meeting then adjourned.

MARRIED. At Lindsay's Hotel, on the 20th Dec., by the Rev. James B. Muir, St. Andrew's Church, Mr. Adam Link, Lumber Merchant, Lindsay; to Miss Katie Flavin, daughter of the late Michael Flavin Esq., United States.

DIED. This morning at his residence Kent Street Lindsay, JEREMIAH BRITTON, Esq., aged 90 years.

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GENTLEMEN,—I have called you together that you may take into consideration the propriety of extending the time for the collection of taxes in the County, in accordance with the powers vested in you by Sec. 103, Cap. 55 of the Consolidated Statutes of U. C., as amended by the 12th Section of Cap. 19 & 20 of the Statutes of Canada.

BOBAYGEON AND OTHER BRIDGES. In accordance with instructions received from you I met Mr. Pearce, the Warden of the County of Peterboro', and we proceeded to Bobaygeon, and after examining into the nature of the improvements required, we drafted plans of a bridge, pier, cutwater, and booms, also specifications in accordance with the same. Having advertised for, and secured tenders, we entered into a contract with Messrs. Robinson and Kennedy for the completion of the works at a cost of \$570.

After entering into the contract several complaints were made, and suggestions offered, regarding the same, and we deemed it advisable to send Mr. Brady, our County Engineer, to report upon the plans and specifications. He reported in favor of certain alterations which would involve the outlay of considerable more money, but would, at the same time, much improve the contemplated works; and after giving the report a careful consideration we agreed to act upon it—no work having yet been done by the contractors to interfere with the proposed alterations; which alterations Mr. Brady stated would not exceed \$200 in addition to the amount of contract. The bridge is now finished, and the Engineer's report on the same is very satisfactory, though the cost is considerably more than at first contemplated. We also contracted with parties in Emily for the erection of the Lancaster bridge, and the approaches thereto, for the sum of \$310. When I saw the bridge it was sinking, and in conjunction with Mr. Pearce, I instructed Mr. Arthur McQuade to make certain repairs; since then Mr. Pearce visited the bridge and reports to me that the work has been done most satisfactorily in my opinion. My attention was also directed to the state of the bridge known as Cowan's bridge;