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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. The Rev. C. W. Patterson, of Port Hope, will preach in this church next Sunday morning and evening.

THIS IS A FACT and no scarecrow, and all concerned will take notice, that all who are indebted to me either by note or book account and not paid in the month of January, 1876, will be collected with costs. JOHN HAISLEY. 851-4

NIPISSING TIME TABLE.—In our advertising columns will be found the "winter arrangements" time table of the Nipissing Railway, which came into force on Monday last. Make a note of the changes at the chief points.

RUNAWAY. On Wednesday afternoon the horses attached to the Manilla stage took fright at the post office, and started at full speed up Kent Street, and turning Weese's corner ran into Mr. Jewett's yard, breaking the vehicle badly.

NEW STORE. Mrs. Sheridan, of Barrie, has leased the store in Mr. Keenan's block formerly occupied by Mr. Buck, for the purpose of carrying on the dry goods and millinery business. The store will be opened in the latter part of March. Mrs. Sheridan has had long experience in this business.

MISSIONS. The annual missionary meeting will be held in St. Paul's church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev's. Rural Dean Allen, T. Walker, of Bobcaygeon, and R. H. Harris, of Omemee, will address the meeting. The Ven. Archdeacon of Peterboro' is also expected.

BLANKETS, BLANKETS, BLANKETS. W. Milne has just received a large assortment of White, English and Canadian Blankets, Grey, Shanty and Horse Blankets. Always on hand a full stock of Carpets and English Oil Cloths, Grain Bags, Men and Ladies' Wool underclothing, and a large stock of General Dry Goods, at the sign of the Golden Fleece, corner of Kent and William streets, south side. 844.

SUCCESSFUL AMPUTATION.—A young lad, the son of Mr. Wm. Mitch, 11 concession Manvers, near Franklin, had his leg amputated on Thursday week, rendered necessary by reason of the effects of a disease of the knee joint. A successful operation was performed by Dr. E. A. Herriman, of Lindsay, assisted by Dr. Herriman, of Port Hope. The unfortunate lad is doing as well as, under the circumstances, could be expected.—[Guide.

SOCIAL. The wives of the trustees of the Methodist Church gave a social on Monday evening in aid of the improvement fund of the church. The entertainment was good and the programme, which consisted of singing by the choir and a lecture entitled, "The Sea of Glass mingled with Fire" by Rev. Mr. Ryan, supplemented by refreshments was instructive and entertaintaining. The proceeds we understand were satisfactory.

SOUTH VICTORIA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. In electing Mr. Thos. Thompson, Mr. T. Beall and Mr. Fowler, to the offices of President and First and Second Vice Presidents. The South Riding Society has taken a step that will, we are confident, increase its usefulness and popularity. Mr. Thompson is well known as an enterprising and sagacious farmer, while the other officers will spare no pains in the discharge of their duty. As the "Central Exhibition" is to be held here next year, it would not be amiss to consider how to prepare for it; and it has been suggested that the present fair ground should be sold, and more spacious grounds secured upon which larger buildings could be erected.

HOTEL TO RENT.—As will be seen by our advertising columns, the Dominion Hotel, William Street, is to let.

CROWDED OUT.—Verulam and Eldon Council minutes, and some local correspondence arriving just as the paper was going to press.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—Rev. Jno. S. Lochead, of Kelso, Quebec, will preach in the above church next Sunday morning and evening.

ENGLISH CHURCH MISSIONS.—Rev. Rural Dean Allen and Rev. Dr. Smithett have this week held successful missionary meetings at Dunsford, Bobcaygeon, Lambs', and Fenelon Falls, in connection with the mission-work of the church of England.

ELECTION CHAFF.—The favorite song over the Ottawa Mayoralty among the jolly good Fellowes is "Slap Bangs, here we are again."—Lindsay has won the Poole in the Mayoralty, and Peterboro has found for its chair a very willing Toole.—Kingston Whig.—Oshawa has admitted a Rae of light into her Council, and henceforth we may expect it to be true as steel—Oshawa Reformer. And Fenelon shows good Reazin by sending a Naylor to the County Council, to keep matters from getting too loose; while in our town council if the "Little Band" get's wrong Mann will be sure to Ketchum.

PERSONAL.—Mr. P. Martin and wife, late of this town, have taken up their abode in Peterborough. Mr. Martin has been engaged as organist in the Roman Catholic Church.—We regret to learn that Mr. Jno. McMurchy, head master of the Public School is lying very ill of inflammation.——Mr. W. J. Webster, of Webster & McMartin, Boot & Shoe manufacturers, Montreal, and formerly of Lindsay, called on us Wednesday. He notes a remarkable improvement in Lindsay and predicts a brilliant future.——Mr. Hugh O'Leary, late in law office of Blake, Kerr and Boyd, has returned to town, and is at present in Mr. A. O'Leary's office.——Mr. J. M. Rodgers, teacher of S. S. No. 3, Eldon, has gone to the Collegiate Institute, Toronto, with the view of preparing for Knox College, which he will probably enter in the fall. Mr. Rogers' intention is to study for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

OPS COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met on the 15th inst., pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that Christopher Armstrong be paid one-half amount of damages sustained by him on account of injury received on boundary between Ops and Manvers not exceeding in the whole $6, conditional that the township of Manvers pay one half said damages, order to be given when the Reeve is satisfied that Manvers Council has paid their part. Carried. Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Fisher, that the following orders be granted, viz: John Morrison, sess. allowance, $22, mileage, $5.50 com. $9.60; J. Bryan, do. $22, mileage, $6.60 com. $9.95; P. Fisher, do $22, com. $12.85, mileage, $4.40; John Fitzpatrick, sess. allowance $22, mileage, $1.40, com. $11.70; also, A. Walker, att'g equally sch. rolls Ops and Manvers $2.50; Tuesday at meeting for Union sch. Ops and Emily, $4.80; time purchasing and measuring gravel pit, $2.50; two days att'g Lindsay regarding settlement of debt, $2, in all $11.80; also, A. O'Leary, $30 salary, conveyance $7.63, costs $23.70; expenses paid deputy returning officers for election expenses, $81.31; paid taxes on gravel pit in '74 and '75 $15; postage $2.98; also, James Kenear $2.75 for wood at hall; C. D. Barr printing account $12.25; Patrick Barragy $3 for work on 8th con. south of middle line; S. Parkins, $3 paid man for work on 5th con. line, south middle line; Trustees sch. sec. No. 2, $200; assistance in building new school house; R. McCausland $1.30 repairing swing bridge; also, Trustees s.s. No. 12, $140.07 assisting in building school house; John Morrison for R. Ryerson an indigent person, $5; John Twohey for Chas. McCarthy $10 charity; B. McGeough for Joseph Cox, $10 charity; also P. Quillan $3 charity; Ann O'Neil $10 charity; L. Maguire, Esq., $3.50 am't paid by him sending Miss Scott, an indigent person, to hospital; John Kennedy $80 salary as treasurer; Robt. Reed $3 for work on 8th con. line south of 2nd quarter line. Carried. Council then adjourned. The Council met on the 17th Jan. pursuant to law. All members having taken the declaration of office and qualification, the Council was called to order by the clerk. The Reeve appointed Jeremiah O'Leary as auditor. It was moved by Mr. Bryan, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that James Gillogly be appointed by the Council as the other auditor, and that a by-law be passed appointing him.—Carried. By-law passed. Moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, that Jas. J. Heenan be appointed assessor for the township of Ops for current year at the salary of $80, and that a by-law be passed in accordance herewith.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Bryans, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick, that Master Douglass get an order for two dollars for making on fires at Council meetings in Council Chambers, Lindsay.—Carried. The Council then adjourned until the 3rd Saturday in February to meet at Council Chamber, Lindsay.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The new Council met on Monday last at 11 o'clock, a.m., and took the declaration of office. A committee was appointed to strike the Standing Committees for the year.

The Council then adjourned until 8 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

Members present the Mayor, Reeve, Deputy-Reeves and Councillors Cahill, Winters, Ketchum, Duffus, Hopkins and Ingle.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

The members of the Council having assembled the Mayor congratulated them on being elected to the honorable position they now held and expressed the hope that the deliberations would be characterized by unanimity and that everything would be done in the interests of the town. He hoped the Council would bear a little with him if in all cases his ruling was not to their wishes and ascribe the cause to his inexperience and not to any desire to do wrong.

AUDITORS.

The Mayor appointed Mr. Samuel Irwin, auditor for 1876.

On motion of Coun. KETCHUM, seconded by Deputy-Reeve McDONELL, Mr. M. Sanderson was appointed auditor by the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The CLERK read a communication from Mr. Buell, who proposed giving an entertainment in the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, half of the proceeds of which were to be given to the poor of the town, asking that the hall be granted him free; from Mr. Philip Nicolle and Mr. Peter Sennett, asking that they be appointed assessors for 1876; from the President of the Midland Railway, asking the town to petition the Ontario Government to aid the extension of the Midland Railway from Orillia to Midland City.

Coun. DIAMENT entered and took his seat.

REFORMS.

Deputy-Reeve CRANDELL said he had a number of reforms he would introduce at the next meeting of the Council, by way of by-law for the purpose of putting our charity business in a different position. It would provide that the amount so expended be curtailed and aid given only to deserving parties. A Poor Master would be appointed to attend to the matter, whose duty it would be to report to the Council when application was made to him for assistance if the party was deserving. This, he said, would do away with a great deal of work and unpleasantness which heretofore devolved on Councillors, and at the same time would provide for the work being more thoroughly attended to. The holder of this office would also hold the position of Fire Warden an office which was long wanted and Santary Inspector. Another reform he would introduce was the appointment of a labouring man during six months in the year for supervising the streets and sidewalks. He advocated letting all contracts by tender and said this officer's duty would be to report as to whether the contracts were carried out properly.

Coun. HOPKINS asked if one person was to attend to all these duties. He thought it was sufficient for one man to superintend the streets and sidewalks.

Deputy-Reeve CRANDELL said it was his intention to have two men.

HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

On motion of Reeve RUSSELL, seconded by Deputy-Reeve McDONNELL, a by-law to appoint a High School Trustee and one in the place of Mr. John McLennan, resigned, was read a first time and Council went into committee thereon, Coun. Hopkins in the chair.

The committee rose and reported by-law passed without amendment and the blanks filled in with the names of Mr. D. Brown and Mr. L. Maguire.

FROZEN HYDRANTS.

The MAYOR stated that he was informed by Mr. Morison that the hydrant in front of Mr. Baker's store was frozen that morning. He considered some steps should be taken to have the person in charge of the works examine the hydrants once or twice a week.

Reeve RUSSELL said he understood from the chief engineer that that officer would examine them once or twice a also said Mr. Forbert was willing to take week until the 1st of February. He charge of the hydrants at a slight advance over his present salary.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

On motion of Reeve RUSSELL, seconded by Deputy-Reeve McDONNELL, the time for collecting the taxes was extended until the 1st of February.

Coun. WINTERS enquired what amount of taxes was yet outstanding.

The CLERK said about $3,000.

CHARITY ENTERTAINMENT.

On motion of Deputy-Reeve McDONNELL, seconded by Reeve RUSSELL, the Town Hall, light and firewood for one night in each week were placed at the disposal of the charity committee for holding entertainments for the benefit of the poor of the town, and also the hall for next Wednesday evening.

A MEMORIAL.

On motion of Reeve RUSSELL, seconded by Deputy-Reeve McDONNELL, the Clerk was instructed to memorialise the Ontario Government as requested by the President of the Midland Railway, asking for aid for extension of said railway to Midland City.

A FINANCIAL STATEMENT WANTED.

On motion of Reeve RUSSELL, seconded by Deputy Reeve CRANDELL, the Clerk was instructed to furnish the Council by next meeting of Council with a statement of the liabilities and present available assets of the town.

CHARITY GRANT.

On motion of Deputy-Reeve McDONNELL, seconded by Coun. KETCHUM, $50 was placed in the hands of the Mayor, Reeve and Deputy-Reeves for the disbursement of charity until next meeting of Council, said disbursements to be included in the charity accounts for the year.

LICENSE BY-LAW.

The MAYOR stated that the license by-law must be passed not later than the 15th February, and as only one meeting would take place before that date the Inspector should be authorized to inspect the hotels.

CHARITY ENTERTAINMENT.

On motion of Reeve RUSSELL, seconded by Coun. DIAMENT, Couns. Duffus, Winters and Deputy-Reeve McDonnell were appointed a committee to further the interest of the entertainment to be given by Mr. Buell on Wednesday evening for the benefit of the poor of the town.

The Council then adjourned.

LOCAL NEWS-LETTERS.

OAKWOOD.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

MARIPOSA B. A. SOCIETY.—The following named gentlemen were elected at the annual meeting of the Mariposa B. A. Society, Jan. 11th, 1876:—John Dillman, President; N. Thomas, Vice-President; W. H. McLauchlin, Secretary; J. F. Cunnings, Treasurer; Directors, J. Aude, P. L. Mark, John Mason, E. A. Bowes, John Mark, Jr., George Brown, R. F. Whiteside, Jr.

ISLAY.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

OPEN MEETING.—The Good Templars intend holding a public meeting in the school house, on Friday evening, 28th inst., when the Rev. Messrs. Murray and Wilson, of Woodville, and Mr. J. Gilson, Cambray, and others are expected to be present to deliver suitable addresses on the occasion. It is to be hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of this entertainment.

BEXLEY.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

TEMPERANCE TEA MEETING.—An entertainment of this kind will be given under the auspices of "Shady Rill" Lodge, U. T., in school house No. 3, Bexley, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2nd. An excellent programme has been provided, and a good time may be expected. Recitations, singing and dialogues by local talent, and addresses by Rev. Messrs. Lawson, Andrews, and others. A cakewill be put up for competition by two young ladies—whoever gets the most votes to be the winner. No bribery or corruption. No intimidation.

CAMERON.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

COLT STRANGLED.—Mr. Rutherford, a farmer residing near here, on going out to his stable a few mornings since, found a fine young colt which he valued very highly, strangled to death by the halter with which he was tied.

SOCIAL.—A social is to be held in the new temperance hall on the evening of Thursday the 27th inst., under the auspices of the Good Templars here. Entertainment to consist of singing, readings and dialogues. The wants of the inner man will also be amply provided for by the ladies. Proceeds to be devoted to furnishing the new hall. A number of neighbouring lodges have been invited and the Templars expect a good time.

KINMOUNT.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.—There is quite a controversy here now about agricultural society matters. There has been a society here for the last four years called Somerville Society, and last year a society of the same name was organized at Coboconk, and as there can only be one in the township recommended by the County Society those at Coboconk will no doubt have to abandon their claim to Somerville, and attach themselves to some of the other townships close by Coboconk.

LECTURE.—A lecture is to be given by the Rev. Mr. Tocque on Thursday evening, on "Geology." A very interesting subject in this romantic locality.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—A Sunday School in connection with the M. E. church has been opened here by the Rev. J. Wiles.

SCHOOL MATTERS now occupy considerable attention. Although school should have been opened on Monday last the trustees have not yet engaged a teacher.

OMEMEE.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

TRUSTEE.—Dr. Cornwall was appointed High School Trustee by the Council on Monday.

AGRICULTURAL.—The officers of the Emily Branch Agricultural Society for the ensuing year are—President, A. McQuade; Vice-President, C. Knowlson; Sec. W. H. Hill; Directors, Wm. Adams, Davin Toole, John Fee, A. Faulkener, W. C. Penton, John Bannon, J. A. McMurtry, John Brady, G. Switzer. A resolution was passed to the family of the late Thos. Franks, whose generous nature and valuable services as a director on behalf of the society will be long remembered.

SOCIAL.—The Christmas Tree and social of the Sunday School of Christ Church came off on Wednesday. Mutual and complimentary presentations and addresses enlivened the evening.

DESERVED.—The sum of $10 was presented to Mr. W. H. Hill for his very efficient and attentive services as Secretary during the past year by the Agricultural Society. Mr. Hill makes an excellent officer.

PRESBYTERIAN.—There is a rumour that the Rev. Mr. Ewing for the past quarter of a century pastor of the Omemee Presbyterian church, is likely to resign. Should this prove true the Presbyterian position in this section will be a difficult one, because of isolation resulting from the late Presbyterian limits.

BEAVERTON.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

COMMITTED TO GAOL.—Joseph Elliott and Wm. Wrightman, both hard cases, were arrested on the 12th inst. and brought before Charles Robinson and G. F. Bruce, J. P's., charged by Capt. Paterson with breaking into the drill shed and stealing therefrom a pair of pants and an overcoat each, and a quantity of ammunition. The prisoners admitted the charges, and were committed to Whitby jail to await their trial. Each party leaves a wife and family in destitute circumstances.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.—Our new Council took the oath of office on Monday last. There was no business of any importance transacted, with the exception of the appointment of assessor and auditors. Mr. Joseph Robinson was appointed township assessor, and Messrs. J. B. Linton and William McCaskill township auditors. The former is the Reeve's brother-in-law, and the latter the treasurer's father-in-law. Why not appoint the Reeve and Treasurer at once?

"GRIP."—Canada's cartoonist, Mr. Bengough, is to lecture in the Alexandria Hall on Tuesday evening, 28th inst. He will no doubt have a large audience.

NEW CHURCH.—The congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada of this place, intends erecting a large brick church. The committee are making a "big push" to have it built next summer.

GRAIN MARKET.—The grain market has been unusually brisk for the last week. On an average there were about 2,000 bushels a day sold here, for which the highest market price was paid. On Tuesday last notwithstanding the heavy rain and bad weather there were 1,500 bushels of wheat taken at the Midland freight house, and over a thousand bushels of it came from the township of North Gwillimbury in the township of York, the prices being about 3 cents per bushel better here than at Newmarket.

ENTERPRISING.—Mr. Angus McKinnon, of the Ontario, Hotel has been pushing a large trade in the pork business. On Friday last he purchased over 100 hogs, for which he paid almost Toronto prices. He has built a large addition to his hotel, which is intended for a sample room. He deserves credit for his enterprise.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS.—Business is looking up. The business men were very cautious last fall in selecting their stocks, and did not purchase as heavily as on former years. They are now receiving their stock, and seem not to feel the stagnation in trade that other places are complaining so much about.

SCHOOL MEETING.—At our annual school meeting Mr. George R. Proctor was elected school trustee in place of Mr. Daniel Williamson, retired.

COMMENDABLE.—At the meeting of Council on Monday our "worshipful body" granted some aid to several indigent persons in the municipality.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Thorah Branch Agricultural Society hold their annual meeting on Saturday the 22nd inst., for the purpose of passing auditors and other reports, and for electing officers and amending the rules of the society if necessary. The meeting will take place at 3 o'clock, p. m., in the town hall.

HARTLEY.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

DEBATE.—Our Good Templar friends have been amusing themselves lately by having a debate on the question, "Whether intemperance or war has caused the more misery to mankind?" The question was ably handled on both sides, and after hearing the discussion the chairman decided that according to the arguments brought forward intemperance had caused more misery.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS.—Our school was opened on the 10th by Mr. Thompson, who has been engaged in the room of Mr. Anderson, who has been obliged to retire on account of ill-health. We wish Mr. Thompson every success, and hope that he will have the hearty co-operation of the parents.

SCHOOL MEETING.—Our school meeting passed off very quietly and resulted in the election of Mr. Alexander Spence as trustee, and Mr. Wm. Ashman as auditor for 1876.

PROGRESSIVE.—Quite an improvement to our village has been made by the erection of a new waggon and sleigh shop by Mr. Fitzsimmons, brother-in-law to our worthy hotel-keeper, Mr. Patrick Maguire. Mr. Fitzsimmons is now in full blast, and is turning out some first-class sleighs and cutters. The iron department is under the superintendence of our well-known blacksmith, Mr. Neil Gilchrist.

VICTORIA ROAD STATION.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

"ORION" TO THE RESCUE.—In looking over the columns of that welcome visitor, THE CANADIAN POST, of the 14th inst., I saw a communication headed Victoria Road, and what appeared strange to one was the fact that your correspondent did not know himself, for he commenced his article enquiring "has your correspondent forgotten us?" "Have fear and trembling taken hold on him?" Such questions are easiest answered by himself. His production reminds me of an event that happened in Canada not many years ago. A carpenter by the name of Jackson happening with the misfortune of becoming inebriate, was drawn into a small closet under the stairway of a seventh class hotel by a comrade whom he had recently served in the same manner, and when he had revived sufficiently to look round and see where he was, he exclaimed, (after looking at himself as best he could) "I cannot be Martin Conner; but I must be Martin Conner; for this is where I put Martin Conner." So it seems to be with your correspondent when enquiring after himself. I do not mean to say that he is under the influence of any spirits earthly, but he must have had something on the brain apart from the subject that he undertook to write, or he would not have mistaken himself for some other person and inquired of the public if he were trembling. If he had said the other correspondent, people would think that there were two correspondents at this place, then they would not be saying it is this, and it is that person, but I wonder who they are. He has never thought of himself; perhaps the other correspondent's articles would not be published, or if he believes so he conceals it, or does he solicit a trial of strength, and wishes the other correspondent to tremble for fear of his powerful intellect? ORION.

CANNINGTON.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

MISSIONARY MEETING.—The annual missionary meeting of the Presbyterian congregation was held last Monday evening. Though the weather was unfavourable the meeting was well attended. Addresses were given by Messrs. Pyper, Gillespie, McLennan, and Cockburn.

SCHOOL ELECTION.—At the annual chool meeting several candidates were nominated for the office of trustee. Upon a vote by show of hands being taken, Dr. Gillespie was declared re-elected. A poll was then demanded when he was again elected by a still larger majority. The defeated party are talking loudly about overthrowing the election on the ground that the corporate seal was not put to the notice calling the meeting. They forget that it is only those who are ignorant of the use of the seal who attach it to such notices. Vide school manual, page 35, paragraph 20. "The trustees seal should not be affixed to mere notices or letters, but only to contracts, agreements, deeds, or other papers which are designed to bind the trustees as a corporation for the payment of money, or the performance of any specified duty."

ACCIDENT.—Mr. D. Langland, of this village, met with an accident by breaking through the floor of a waggon-box while the waggon was in motion. The hind wheel went over his head and foot.

SNOW.—To-day the fields are completely bare of snow. The like has not previously occurred within the memory of man. It looks as if this end of the earth some how or other got turned to the south. If so, we may put away our sleighs, and bid farewell to snow. Probably your Lindsay astronomers can settle this very important question.

WOODVILLE.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

BENGOUGH.—The renowned "Grip" Cartoonist is to deliver his celebrated lecture "Heads and Tales" in the town hall here on Wednesday evening, Jan. 26. We bespeak for him a large audience. Among the press notices of this lecture we find the following from the Mail of Dec. 20:—"The very flattering audience which greeted Mr. J. W. Bengough, Grip's clever cartoonist, on the occasion of his new lecture on "Heads and Tales," in Shaftesbury Hall last night, attests that his popularity in Toronto is as vigorous as ever. The hall was full, and among the audience there was a large sprinkling of members of Parliament, clergymen, lawyers and other public men. Mr. Bengough was in his happiest humor, and the numerous hits, puns, incidents, and humorisms contained in his sparkling remarks together with the ludicrous creations of his pencil, kept the audience in unbounded merriment from the beginning to the close. The "heads" of his lecture are those which appear on the canvass, and the "tales" are amusing anecdotes with which he accompanies many of his sketches. The lecturer proceeded to treat of the peculiarities of politics, and the various weaknesses of society, accompanying his witticism with laughable sketches drawn in rapid succession. The facial likeness and the natural expression of the caricatures of the various public men who were made the victims of his pencil, were remarkable, the faces being recognized before the drawing was half completed. At the close of the lecture, the cartoons were as usual disposed of by auction.

THE FATE OF A HAIRPIN.—A cow belonging to Mr. Barnes of Woodville, fell in the barnyard on Friday last and after making several hard struggles died. On examination one half of a hair pin was found lying in the coating of her heart. The point touched the heart, and the flesh in which the pin lay was quite colored. The cow has been ailing since last fall. How the pin got there is a question. The case may help to explain that great problem, "where do all the hair-pins go to?"

PRESENTATION.—On Friday evening, 14th inst., the members of Mr. Jamieson's bible class accompanied by the Rev. J. L. Murray and a few others, took possession of his house and having been comfortably seated, presented Mr. Jamieson with a beautiful silver cruet stand, and the following address: DEAR AND RESPECTED TEACHER,—We, the members of your bible class, feeling deeply indebted to you for your self-denying efforts in our behalf, desire to express our sense of gratitude to, and affectionate esteem for you as our teacher. We do not fail to appreciate your enthusiasm in your work and eminent success in impressing upon the minds of your bible class the bible doctrines you love to unfold. You will please accept from us as a slight acknowledgment of our attachment and esteem, this cruet stand, which though of little value in itself we trust will be prized by you as the gift of grateful and affectionate hearts. Our prayer is that you may be long spared in health and happiness to be employed by our dear Saviour in moulding the minds of those whom you instruct after the standard of the bible. May you and yours enjoy the smiles of heaven, and at last be received triumphantly into a higher and happier sphere. MAGGIE STODDART and KATIE G. CAMPBELL, on behalf of members of the bible class. Mr. Jamieson, though taken by surprise, made an appropriate reply.

ELDON B. A. SOCIETY.—The annua meeting of the members of the Eldon Branch Agricultural Society was held at Edward's hotel on Thursday the 13th. Moved by J. C. Gilchrist, seconded by Donald Campbell, that James Stuart act as chairman, and that Geo. W. Millar act as secretary.—Carried. Moved by J. C. Gilchrist, seconded by James McIndoo, that John Campbell and N. B. Campbell be and are hereby appointed to act as auditors of the accounts of the said society.—Carried. Moved by S. McKenzie, seconded by James McIndoo, that the auditors' report of the accounts of 1875 be now received and adopted. The balance on hand being $38.92.—Carried. Moved by Donald Campbell, seconded by James McIndoo, that the following persons be elected as directors for the current year: Donald Jackson, (Stonefield,) President; Wm. Cameron, Grass Hill, V.P.; Donald Grant, James McIndoo, and John Campbell, Directors from Mariposa; Tobias Hodgson, Wm. Ashman, Peter Ganton, Arch'd Carmichael, James Stuart and Duncan Campbell, Directors from Eldon.—Carried. Moved by James McIndoo, seconded by J. McKenzie, that George W. Millar be secretary and J. C. Gilchrist be treasurer for the current year.—Carried. Moved by Wm. Cameron, seconded by James McIndoo, that the secretary and treasurer be paid the same salary as in previous years.—Carried. Moved by A. Carmichael, seconded by James McIndoo, that the proceedings of this meeting be published in THE POST and Warder newspapers.—Carried. G. W. MILLAR, Sec'y. J. STUART, Chair'n.

BRECHIN.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

NEW STATION.—This station was opened on the 4th inst., by the agent, Mr. Edward Kelly, who has been promoted from Garden Hill. This will be a great convenience to the public and especially to farmers who have heretofore been obliged to take their grain to Atherly or Beaverton. The express and telegraph offices connected with the agency will also supply a want which has been very much required in this section.

KIRKFIELD.
[Correspondence of The Post.]

ADVANCING.—Mr. Simmonds has disposed of his parcel of land adjoining the village at an advance of twenty-five per cent. on the purchase money two years since...... A lot on the Portage Road, near the Portage Station, which could be bought four or five years ago for $600 dollars, has lately realized $1,540...... Mr. Dickson has erected at considerable expense an elegant and substantial dwelling house on his farm, midway between this place and Balsover. It is an ornament to the neighborhood and a credit to his enterprise. He is introducing thorough-bred stock on his land, and contemplates further improvements. More such as he are wanted. They would be held at a premium.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. M. Flood, of Carden, whilst engaged in adjusting his sawing machine, inadvertently placed his hand immediately under the saw, which fell with such force as to drive several teeth completely through it. The wound was an ugly one, but is doing well through the care he is bestowing upon it. He thinks many of the accidents are caused by being careless. We dare not dispute. The other hand was sound.

BIRTH-DAY SOCIAL.—One of our most popular citizens presented several of his friends with a gratuitous oyster supper on Wednesday evening last, it being the occasion of his 47th birthday. The events connected with that night will be remembered for many a day by those present. After the viands had justice done them the ladies retired, the tables were cleaned and large vessels filled to the brim with hot and smoking whiskey punch were deposited in convenient attitudes before the guests. The first toast, "the Host and Hostess," was quaffed with the utmost enthusiasm and responded to in an original and unique manner by the former, who concluded his masterly address by singing in a semi-baritone voice, "Who so happy as we." An encore being vociferously called for, he gave "The Rollicking Irishman," in the richest of Hibernian brogues, causing great sensation. Toast—"Canada and her glorious privileges," washed down with copious libations of the "creature." Several jumped up to express their loyalty by a suitable response. But, alas! The attempt was a miserable failure, none were there that could face the music, and all that rose with such dignified composure quietly took their seats in silent confusion. Song by all in dulcet but doleful tones, "Try, try again." Such with slight variations was the order of the night. The entertainment concluded with a roaring farce. The guests betaking themselves to their several abodes imagining that a brick had been put in each of their hats.

THE TIMES.—Messrs. McKenzie and Campbell are taking out large contracts for ties, cordwood, posts, &c. This being a good season for working in the woods people are only waiting for snow to haul their commodities to the station. Money, it is expected will be then more plentiful, as farmers are not selling any of their grain,—expecting it to rise in price—which hope from all appearances is a forlorn one. They will be apt to find themselves at a loss if they do not sell, as accounts are owing by them which are long past due. Creditors will not wait forever, and before they are aware costs will be put on for the collection of debts which every honorable man endeavors to pay at the proper time.

GRISTING.—Our grist-mill is doing a thriving business. Grinding is continued almost day and night. It turns out first-class work. The miller is a superior one, and gives the highest satisfaction both from his agreeable and courteous manner and the quality of his productions.

BUSINESS.—Notwithstanding the dullness of times and the bad state of the roads business is as brisk as usual, and on Saturday last the streets were lined with teams, and people were in considerable numbers coursing their way from one place to another in quest of their several wants.

NEW STORE.—A confectionery and baker's shop is about to be opened, which, if conducted properly will in all probability do well, as Mr. Savage is leaving this place to conduct a store in Sunderland. A good opening is presented for an enterprising man with some capital.

DOMINION HOTEL.—The Dominion Hotel having been fitted up Boniface smiles complacently as he reflects upon the fact that a little money judiciously spent is genuine economy, and when he notices the increase of custom and the replenished state of his coffers, he gives you to understand that attention to business combined with economy leads to independence, if not to wealth.

RESTORED.—Those fallen leaves I wrote you about have since been grafted to the parent link with a cement that in all probability will produce a more lasting and beneficial effect than at first was considered to be the case. Like the Prodigal Son of old, they were received with open arms. The calf was killed, the ring put on, coals of hot fire placed on the head, and those that went astray were led to believe that they were more sinned against than sinning. A praiseworthy result was the consequence. The W. C. says the manner in which the whole thing was conducted was a pleasure to the strayed and a credit to the lodge. Who could or would have the temerity to question the accuracy of such a sublime truth? Our opinion is that the only safety in being secure from contamination is to handle not, taste not, touch not the unclean thing.

NOVEL EVENT.—We have no wolf escapes to narrate, but a lynx was shot a few days since, and a large snake was put to death last Sunday by Mr. C. McDonald, when returning from church—a notable fact, as such a thing as a serpent being observed much less killed is a rarity this time of the year.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS.

—The number of horse races in Great Britain last year was 1,909, which is considerably greater than the number run in the United States.

—The Empress of Japan has decided on the erection of a college for young girls who wish to devote themselves to teaching.

—The Marquis of Ripon, an English nobleman, who recently embraced the Roman Catholic faith, has presented the Pope with £10,000 sterling.

—The Rochester shoemakers decline to accept the 20 per cent. reduction in wages proposed by the employers and all the manufactories are at a stand still.

—The Pope gave audience on the 7th to 200 youths. In addressing them he said their motto should be; "Act but not agitate," and their watchword, "Discountenance Revolution."

—A stranger entered the store of Mr. Wedin, watchmaker and jeweller, Toronto, the other evening, and requested to be shown some watches. He selected one of the best and departed at a rapid gait, and has not yet been overtaken.

—Four Fredericks of the Governor-General's household, including Lord Dufferin, challenged any four members of the Ottawa curling club, whose Christian names are alike, to a game for four barrels of meal a side. The challenge was taken up by four Jameses, who won by one point.

—Wm. Robertson, a respectable farmer, fifty years of age, living on the line between Fredericksburgh and Adolphustown, was kicked in the forehead last Thursday evening by a horse he was leading to the stable, which he had just got newly shod. He died next morning.

—Prince Bismarck has chosen one rather peculiar way of showing his grief at the death of his intended son-in-law. Count von Eulenberg. He does not intend to reduce the number of entertainments that he had planned to give during the winter, but he proposes to exclude ladies. Only gentlemen will be invited.

—The St. John Morning Globe says that the herring fisheries of Grand Manan and the adjoining islands have been unusually successful this season. The fish are of excellent quality, and abundant. The schools are so close to the shore that the fishermen are able to converse from their boats with the people on the land.

—The general passenger agents of the four trunk lines and principal western railways at a conference in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, relative to railway rates of fare during the Centennial Exhibition, decided to discontinue at once and permanently all arrangements with the so-called "tourists agencies."

—The detectives who have been engaged in investigating the Bremerhaven disaster are endeavoring to substantiate a suspicion they entertain, that Thomassen caused the loss of the City of Boston in May, 1870, by the same or some similar means as that by which he intended to send the Mosel to the bottom of the sea. It has been ascertained that in the following month of that year he left the United States, and in apparently excellent circumstances, resided in Germany for a long time. This and the fact that a suspected accomplice, in New York, has disappeared, have farther excited suspicion. The destruction of the City of Boston could not have been more complete, not a scrap of her wreck, not a tiding of her fate have ever come to light. If Thomassen and confederates conspired to bring about her loss, the success attending diabolical ingenuity was never more thorough.

THE WHITBY EXTENSION

THOSE "STARTLING REVELATIONS."

PUBLIC MEETING TO INVESTIGATE THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE WHITBY RAILWAY CO.—SHERIFF REYNOLDS AND HIS "CHARGES"—THE COMPANY'S EXPLANATIONS — THE SHERIFF "DEMORALIZED."

The formal and lamb-like requisition to the Mayor to call a public meeting to hear explanations regarding the financial standing of the Whitby Railway Company was supplemented by a "hand-bill" that promised something unusually exciting, as will be judged from its contents:—

To the Ratepayers of the Township of Ops, Mariposa and Fenelon,

You are respectfully requested to attend a PUBLIC MEETING IN THE TOWN HALL, LINDSAY, THIS EVENING, January 12th, at 7 o'clock, to meet the promoters of the Whitby and Port Perry Railway Extension and to hear STARTLING REVELATIONS concerning the standing of the Company which have come to light.

Fellow ratepayers don't fail to attend and meet those advocates of the road face to face before mortgaging our municipalities for $100,000 forever and shutting out any honest scheme that may be presented to you. THOS. KEENAN.

The Mayor appointed Wednesday evening, Jan. 12th, for the public meeting, and at the stated hour the town hall was packed with residents of the town and many from the country. Reports had been industriously circulated all over town and throughout the townships concerning the terrible state of affairs the Sheriff had exposed, and everybody was in a more or less anxious frame of mind to hear the revelations.

Mr. MAGUIRE called the meeting to order, and after reading the requisition said when it was placed in his hands he was given to understand it was for the purpose of understanding more thoroughly the affairs of the Company, and as it was considered necessary that the promoters of the scheme should be present, he had telegraphed to Messrs. Austin, Fulton and Michie, of Toronto, requesting them to be present to make explanations. Those were the facts so far as he was concerned. He trusted the discussion would elucidate all the truth possible, so as to enable the ratepayers to give an intelligent vote upon the by-law, and he was confident they would give the speakers an attentive hearing. He called upon Mr. A. Hudspeth, as one of the signers of the requisition, to address the meeting.

Mr. HUDSPETH said a gentleman from Whitby had called upon him the day previous, and given him a short history of this road. In the course of the conversation matters of such importance had been stated that it was considered advisable to call a meeting in the interest of the ratepayers. He had no feeling in the matter one way or the other; his object was that if the rumours were well-founded the people of the town should know about them; and it would be well to give the promoters of the project an opportunity of making explanations. A paper having a number of questions had been placed in his hands to ask those gentlemen for explanations. One of these questions was—when did they become interested in or owners of this railway? There was another reason why he should appear on the platform to-night. He had heard rumours affecting the validity of the by-law, and the agreements he had drawn up. He was prepared to give his opinion on that matter, and to back that opinion. (Cheers.) Those rumors were without any foundation whatever. He had to the best of his ability, and in every possible way, guarded the interests of the municipalities who had entrusted him with this business; and he did not believe their interests had been sacrificed. He had opposed the road merely because he believed we were overtaxing Lindsay; but if the by-law was to be voted down let it be voted down upon fair argument. If they thought it was for the interest of the town, vote for it, and if not they should vote against it. They were not to notice the idle reports about the by-law being bad, and the agreement not being worth the paper it was written upon.

Repeated calls were made for Sheriff Reynolds but that gentleman did not appear. After some moments had elapsed and no one appearing,—

Mr. CHESTER DRAPER, Whitby, said he thought the proper course to be pursued was that those who circulated those stories and called this meeting should take the platform and make such statements as they might have to make concerning the Whitby Railway Company, and then give an opportunity for reply. (Cheers.)

Calls for the "Sheriff" were renewed with greater vigour, but still no Sheriff.

Mr. HOLDEN said fly-sheets promising "Startling Disclosures" had been sent out by Mr. Keenan, and he called upon that gentleman to come forward and give those startling disclosures. Then they would be prepared to answer. (Cheers.)

Mr. KEENAN said he would state but very few words. He then charged that when Mr. Holden came to Lindsay in the fall promoting the railway, he visited the convent with Mr. Higgins, the editor of a paper in Whitby, and that Mr. Higgins had endeavored to bribe men of the highest standing in the place, by stating Mr. Holden would contribute towards the liquidation of the debt on the building.

Mr. HOLDEN stated in the most positive terms that no such offer was made by him or by his authority. No man of the Roman Catholic church in this town (or any other town) could reproach him with the charge that he had offered to bribe any one connected with that church. (Cheers.) He was surprised at Mr. Keenan, and had thought better of him. Such a charge had never been brought against him before; and he could defy any man to prove it. The accusation was altogether false; he had never tried to bribe any minister of the Gospel in this or any other place. (Cheers.)

Mr. KEENAN—I did not say you went there but your emissary did.

Mr. HOLDEN again denied that he had made any attempt to bribe or in any way authorized such conduct; and again expressed his surprise at the charge, more particularly as Mr. Higgins was a Catholic. (Cheers.)

In answer to repeated calls,—

SHERIFF REYNOLDS came forward and said he felt he occupied a very delicate position with regard to the project now before the ratepayers. He had had a great deal to do with that company in its inception and through its various stages until his respected friends from Toronto assumed control. He would say at the outset that he was anxious for railway connection between this flourishing town and Whitby, and believed it would be conducive to our material interests that we should be connected. He was largely interested as a stockholder in the present road, and he was anxious that it should succeed and justify the expectations he had in connection with it eight or ten years ago. The question was were we prepared to show such a state of affairs that it would be to the interests of the ratepayers of Lindsay to grant this bonus of $100,000. He for one would shrink from a task that would be disgusting to their sense of morality and shocking to their ideas of honesty by dealing with the difficulties between the old proprietors and the new proprietors of the road. If the ratepayers were satisfied that the Company was in such a financial position as would give a guarantee that the road would with their assistance be built he was satisfied. He hoped to be able on some future occasion to join with others and to ask for a by-law on a different basis and with reasonable business guarantees that they meant to apply your money to the road, to carry it out. (Ironical Cheers.) Some portions of the history of the road he felt he was ignorant of since he had ceased to be a director. He knew its debts and assets; he had some conception of what its debts were now, and he had some conception of what its assets were now. He suggested that the President should answer the questions he (Mr. Reynolds) might put to him. He would be able to speak to those questions because he felt confident they would be answered in a truthful and business-like manner.

Mr. AUSTIN declined to be interrogated; and Mr. MULOCK insisted that the charges should be made and then they would be fully answered.

Mr. HUDSPETH said the questions should be answered, as it was vitally important to the town that they should know what they were going upon.

Mr. AUSTIN said he had no idea of being catechised in this way. He and his friends had come down with the most honest intentions, and were prepared to carry out the agreements in good faith. He did not know whether they were acquainted with the gentlemen associated with him; but if they were they would not impute to them such an idea as coming down here to rob the ratepayers. The Whitby Railway Company was in a good financial position, and had paid every debt it owed. He did not think their motives should be impugned. Their position was such that they could not afford to make a false statement. They had not committed themselves to anything they could not carry out in good faith. Their general manager, (Mr. Holden) and solicitor, (Mr. Mulock) would explain their position. (Cheers.)

Mr. HOLDEN said he had been suffering from congestion of the lungs, and was here to-night at the risk of his life, but his character and the character of his colleagues had been attacked, and he was bound to defend them. (Cheers.) He liked to meet a man who stood up to him face to face as one man should meet another, but when a man stabbed him in the dark he detested that man. (Cheers.) Base slanders had been made against his Company and he was here in defence of his character. (Cheers.) It was charged that we came before you for the purpose of swindling you out of your money. If they considered the position of the President, Mr. Austin, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Michie, could it be supposed for one moment that they could occupy the position of swindlers. With regard to the financial position of the Company he stated that outside of Austin, Fulton, Michie and Holden the Whitby Railway Co. did not owe $3,000. (Cheers.) Could they show any company that was in a better position than that? The present year they had paid their working expenses; paid interest in their investment; and had a small balance to the good. Was there any railway that could show better? (Cheers.) They had paid every account at the end of the month; they had paid all their merchants at the end of the month in accordance with their instructions. No man could dun the Company for a dollar, and he defied the opposition here to show to the contrary. (Cheers.)

SHERIFF REYNOLDS said these tactics were evasive and did not explain the position of the road. It was not a question of who was a swindler and who was not; but were we in a financial position to ask the people of Lindsay to give us $100,000 and build the road.

Mr. D. J. MCINTYRE.—Is it possible you came all the way from Whitby to ascertain the financial position of this Company? I think it is only proper that you should state what your opinion is.

SHERIFF REYNOLDS said he did understand the financial position of the railway. (Laughter.)

Mr. MCINTYRE.—Let's have it. Let's hear it. (Cheers.)

SHERIFF REYNOLDS said he knew up to the time he left the Company. There were $140,000 first mortgage bonds afloat, in the hands of different parties.

Mr. HOLDEN said there was not a mortgage bond afloat except in the hands of the President of the Company.

SHERIFF REYNOLDS.—The liabilities of the Company are over $300,000.

Mr. HOLDEN.—No. (Cheers.)

SHERIFF REYNOLDS.—Who says no? (Laughter.)

Mr. HOLDEN.—I say no. Produce your statement.

SHERIFF REYNOLDS.—If he will give I will take his answers. Let us have no concealment.

Mr. MULOCK said he had not been able to look over all the papers, but was ready in the presence of the directors who would stand by his words, to make a general statement concerning the financial position of the Company.

Mr. HUDSPETH said he did not think it mattered much whether the answers to the questions were made by Mr. Austin, or Mr. Mulock, as Solicitor of the Company, made a general statement in the presence of Mr. Austin and his partners, who would be bound by his words, as to the financial position of the Company. Probably he would give us enough information about the present scheme to disabuse our minds of the clouds that had been floating about.

Mr. MULOCK said he might not be able to answer all those questions because they involved a great many details extending over a great many years. He had only known for a very short time the object of this meeting, and it was only by chance that they had with them some materials that would substantiate their statements. They had telegraphed Mr. Frank Shanley to attend this meeting and give his opinion concerning the road, but Mr. Shanley had just been appointed City Engineer of Toronto, and it was possible for him to get away. He had however sent the following telegram:—

"TORONTO, Jan. 1876.

"MR. MULOCK,—Impossible for me to go. Am ready to stand by my report. Austin has it. I did not keep a copy.

"F. SHANLEY."

(Cheers.) They could, therefore, only make a general statement, but he would make it as full as possible. If they had received such notice of this meeting as would have enabled them to communicate by mail with the head office, and with other parties, they would have more particulars; but he had only received notification that morning of the meeting, and had had no time to get up details. He would not under the circumstances advise his directors to stand up on this platform and be cross-examined, for they labored under the great disadvantage of having no notice of these charges. He was highly pleased with the remarks of Mr. Hudspeth, who had placed the matter in a fair light, and he thought it was fair to call this meeting although called at so late an hour. He had no doubt whatever that the false statements had been circulated without the aid or knowledge of Sheriff Reynolds. (Cheers and laughter.) He would assume that the Sheriff was a highly honorable man, (Laughter) and to give the audience an idea of what the old Company thought of him he would read the following:—

COPY OF RESOLUTION passed at meeting of the Board held at Whitby, Feb. 10th, 1872.—

JOHN DRYDEN, seconded by C. MARSH, moved, That in the opinion of this Board Nelson G. Reynolds, lately appointed as Managing Director, has by dereliction of duty in such capacity forfeited his claim to hold such office, and that the Secretary be hereby authorized to give said N. G. Reynolds notice that his services as Manager are no longer required, and that from the date of said notice he may consider himself as dismissed from the employ of this Company.—Carried.

I CERTIFY the above to be a true copy from the minutes, page 153.

JOHN J. ROSS, Secretary.

(Loud cheers.) The Sheriff had said he would like to have these old differences forgotten. He (Mr. Mulock) was sure he would. (Cheers and laughter.) He (Mr. Mulock) was here as a neutral party; and would therefore leave it to the Mayor of Whitby to deal with the old differences that the Sheriff wanted to have forgotten. The Sheriff had said he believed the President (Mr. Austin) was a gentleman, and although he said it in a very low voice there must be something in it, as it came from the Sheriff. (Laughter.) He (Mr. Mulock) would not advise them to believe the Sheriff. (Laughter.) Mr. Mulock went on to read the following extracts from Mr. Shanley's report made on the 8th Nov., 1875:—

"BRIDGING AND CULVERTS.—Well constructed of lumber and of ample capacity.

"FENCING.—Good and in good repair.

"MAINTENANCE.—An expenditure of $2,500 on all works will much reduce the cost of maintenance.

"BUILDINGS.—Two terminal stations, four way stations,—with passenger and freight accommodation; two engine houses, holding together four engines, with water stations and turn-tables.

"CAPITAL.—$505,700.

"COMPARISON OF YEARS:—

	Passengers.	Tons Fr'gt.
2 Years 1872-73	16,000	28,000
1 Year 1874	15,000	35,000
(This year the road came under the present management.)		
10 Monts 1875	16,000	50,000

"The tonnage, including all classes of freight and lumber. The latter alone has increased as follows:—

2 Years 1872-73	10,500,000	B.M.
1 Year 1874	6,090,000	"
10 Months 1875	13,500,000	"

"GRAIN AND FLOUR:—

	Bushels	Barrels.
2 Years 1872-73	170,000	4,000
1 Year 1874	265,000	12,000
10 Months 1875	316,000	12,000

(Cheers.) This showed a very large and very satisfactory increase. (Cheers.) Mr. Mulock then said he would explain about the judgment and the writ that Mr. Fee said the Sheriff was here with, to seize the by-law as soon as it was voted. (Cheers and laughter.) When Messrs. Austin, Fulton, Michie and Holden went into the road they bought three things:—First, they bought stock, which was necessary to qualify them as directors of the Company; secondly, they bought mortgage bonds, for which they paid the cash out of their pockets; and he held every one of those bonds in his possession. They bought $160,000 mortgage bonds, which on ten miles of road would make $8,000 a mile. and it was hardly necessary for him to state the value of these bonds, for the Company was empowered to issue bonds to the extent of $15,000 per mile on the road from Whitby to Port Perry. At the present time they had issued only $160,000, and they could issue $140,000 more on the present line. Now, as to this judgment. They bought (3) at the same time every outstanding claim against the old Company. When they bought the road they considered it was their duty as honorable men to meet every liability, to clear off every debt, and they called upon every man to put in his claim, and had it audited as well as they could. They took an assignment of all those claims,—

Mr. FEE—At ten cents on the dollar.

Mr. MULOCK—We paid every claim in full—every dollar. I paid everyone with my own cheque—for over a hundred thousand dollars. (Cheers.) We did not say this road is an insolvent concern; we knew it could pay those debts and we paid every outstanding claim. (Cheers.) Mr. Mulock then proceeded to explain that as it was necessary that Messrs. Austin, Michie and Fulton should have some security for these claims, and as they themselves could not properly audit them, either personally or by the officers of the Company who were their servants, it was decided to put them in the form of a judgment, to convert those floating accounts into one fixed sum—as the times were not favorable for selling bonds—because time would pass, some of those gentlemen would die, evidence would be lost, and it would be impossible to show how much was really owing. He (Mr. Mulock) was the Solicitor of the Company, and they asked him in what shape they should put it. He did not think it would be proper for their secretary to say that the balance was $105,000 for it might be open to dispute or to litigation. He had said he could not advise any other course than that they should establish in a proper court how much was owing upon all those claims, and after that was done they could take their judgment and it would never be necessary to execute it. They employed another firm of solicitors, issued a writ against the Company and presented all the claims owing to the Company. These claims were investigated before the proper court, and the claims were presented under oath, so that it should never be charged that there was any collusion. He (Mr. Mulock) had received no instructions from Messrs. Austin, Michie and Fulton in this suit, but had as Solicitor of the Company acted quite independently of them. By some oversight the plaintiff's attorneys had placed the writ in the Sheriff's hands; they had tried to withdraw it; but the Sheriff hung to it for his fees. (Cheers and laughter.) He would ask any man in this room if there was anything wrong in that. (Cheers.) The opponents of the road said that judgment was on this bond, and that the bond given by the Company was not worth the paper on which it was written. Now, he would tell them as a lawyer, that no creditor could take possession of a road like a mortgage, or sell it as a farm could be sold. All a creditor could do was to get a reciever appointed, run the road, and take the profits. In support of this opinion he cited a decision by Chancellor Spragge. Regarding the value and state of the road he read the last clause of the report of Mr. T. N. Molesworth, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, Ontario, who carefully surveyed roads about to receive Government aid. Mr. Molesworth reported:

"As the result of my examination, I may state that I consider the road and its equipment to be fully and fairly completed, within the meaning of the "Act in aid of Railways."

Mr. Mulock then took up a "fly-sheet" issued by Mr. Thos. Fee, wherein it had been stated that the Town would be brought in for the Grand Junction bonus of $50,000, as the Grand Junction Co. was applying to the Legislature for extension of time for the completion of the road and of certain by-laws. When such use had been made of this advertisement the Hon. Mr. Wood had been communicated with, and the following was his reply;—

"TORONTO, Jan. 10th, 1876.

"Lindsay Grand Junction by-law has lapsed, and under no circumstances will be revived. The act referred to is for extending time for other by-laws which have not lapsed.

"(Signed) S. C. WOOD."

Mr. MULOCK then adverted to some statements that had been made to the effect that the bond given by the Company and by Mr. Austin was no good, and shewed that it was valid.

It was next agreed after considerable parleying that Mr. Mulock should on behalf of the Company undergo a cross-examination at the hands of Sheriff Reynolds, with the view of bringing up any further "startling disclosures." The scene provoked great merriment.

SHERIFF REYNOLDS—Who were the Directors on the 20th of May, 1873?

Mr. MULOCK—Messrs. Chester Draper, John Dryden, his father, Charles Marsh and William Paxton.

SHERIFF REYNOLDS—From whom did the present managers—Mr. Austin and his friends—purchase stock?

Mr. MULOCK—I will answer that as best I can. From Sexton, from Marsh, from Bigelow, from Dryden.

A VOICE—"That's quite enough. We don't want to hear all that."

This was the signal for uproar, and the Sheriff's thin voice could not be heard. Capt. Crandell rose on his seat to speak, but the audience compelled him to go to the platform. He endeavored to address the meeting but they would not hear him. He urged them to give the Sheriff a hearing, and delared that the meeting was like a "Cool Burgess" entertainment.

It was finally suggested that Mr. Hudspeth should undertake the cross-examination.

Mr. HUDSPETH said it appeared the present owners of the road purchased a large amount of stock, and whether they paid ten cents on the dollar or any other sum was not the question here. A quantity of bonds that had been issued upon the road from Whitby to Port Perry had also been purchased; together with all the outstanding debts against the Company, and for the purpose of having those debts secured they had obtained a nominal judgment against the Company. They proposed some time hereafter to issue other bonds upon the same section of the road. The Company was the same as it was before, but the persons who had stock in it had changed, and those four gentlemen also had a large controlling influence. That settled the question of liabilities. He could easily understand how this debt had been arranged. They must understand that it was not a debt to outsiders; and perhaps it would not be amiss for those gentlemen to give us some undertaking that they would not press that judgment against the road.

Mr. MULOCK said they were quite willing to make an agreement with the county that they would never execute the judgment against any part of the road from Port Perry to Lindsay.

A number of minor questions were put and answered.

Mr. HUDSPETH said he thought those were all he he had to do with, and the answers wers perfectly satisfactory as far as he was concerned.

A VOICE—When does the interest in this bonus start?

Mr. MULOCK—It does not start until the road is graded. We have agreed to pay back the interest. (Cheers.)

Mr. HOLDEN said the contractor, Mr. Gibson, was in the room. The Company had made an arrangement with him and his partner, by which if the by-law carried the road would be finished by the first of November, and he expected to have it through by the first of October. They desired to be here so as to be ready to carry grain next fall. (Cheers.) They had put over $300,000 cash of their own money in the road, and they were prepared to carry out whatever they undertook.

JUDGE DEANE was then called upon and made an eloquent and felicitous speech, in which he vindicated his conduct in taking part in the advocacy of the bonus, and produced the second bond (printed in THE POST last week) by which the Company agreed not to ask for a dollar of the bonus till the iron was laid to Lindsay.

Mr. D. J. MCINTYRE asked Mr. Keenan if he was satisfied as to the financial position of the project.

Mr. KEENAN admitted that he was; and that there was not the guilt that was stated.

After some further discussion, in the course of which Mr. Keenan and Sheriff Reynolds almost had a passage-at-arms as to who should have credit for suggesting that the President of the Company should be notified by telegraph to attend the meeting,—

Mr. HUDSPETH said he thought a great deal of good had come out of this meeting. We had satisfied ourselves that a great many of those rumors had no foundation whatever, and in the second place we had obtained a very important bond, and also that it is the intention to have an undertaking that these gentlemen will never press the judgment they had against the Company, and he thought that was an important matter. As far as he was personally concerned his only opposition to the road was based on the ground that we were already over-taxed in the town. He only hoped that if the by-law carried it would prove a benefit to the town. As he had been one of those who signed the requisition to the Mayor to call this meeting, it would only be fair on his part, after having heard the explanations of Mr. Mulock, not to sneak out of the meeting without expressing his opinion that the explanations were most satisfactory. He would therefore move that the explanations of the financial condition of the Whitby and Port Perry Extension Railway Company are satisfactory to this meeting.

Mr. W. FOSTER, of Oakwood, seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously amid loud cheers.

Mr. J. T. Smith, Mayor of Whitby, Mr. Chester Draper and Mr. Gibson, the contractor, briefly addressed the meeting, which was shortly after closed with a vote of thanks to the Mayor.

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