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LOCAL MISCELLANY

DRUNKEN AND DISORDERLY.—Seven drunken and disorderly cases were before the Police Court last week. John Hale was fined $1 and costs, or 15 days. Edward Donohoe, who was also "under the influence" understood to renew a school days' quarrel of twelve years' standing, got $1 and $4 costs, or 20 days at hard labor. The same fine was imposed on P. McCabe.

AMUSEMENTS DURING THE WEEK.—A troupe calling themselves the Lottie Combination played "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Opera House on Thursday evening of last week, before one of the largest audiences ever gathered therein. With the exception of little Carrie Hall as *Eva*, and Wood Benson as *Marks the lawyer* and *Deacon Perry*, the acting was very inferior. There was no orchestra, no scenic effects, and the performance was perhaps the most vulgar given in the hall in late years, notwithstanding its semi-religious nature. This was not the fault of the play, however; the coarseness rested in the stereotypes introduced. It may be interesting to some to know that Lotta, the original "California Diamond," was playing in Cincinnati the same night this company was here. The charity entertainment in Bell's Hall Tuesday evening drew a fair average house. The programme was opened with a selection very skilfully played by the Harris orchestra. Then Miss Minnie Gallon and Miss Lizzie Herriman made their debut in a duet which did them credit. Another selection by the orchestra, and a solo by Miss M. Gallon followed, and the petite comedy of "My Neighbor's Wife" was submitted. The parts were all very well taken, but we cannot say that we admire the play. Mrs. Roberts, with her usual ability, sustained the principal character, *Mrs. Somerton*, to the satisfaction of every one. Miss King and Miss Hempton supported the respective parts of *Mrs. Brown* and *Mrs. Smith* most acceptably. The male characters were all well taken and the performance passed off with *eclat*, if we may overlook a little coarseness in Mr. Brown, which did not meet with the approval of many in the audience. Of course nothing more was said than what was laid down in the play, but for entertainments of this kind it would be better to omit anything that would grate on the ears of even one person in the audience. The programme for next Tuesday evening is, we believe, to be in the nature of a concert, and on the following Tuesday evening a grand dramatic bill will be produced. A feeling is prevalent in town that Mrs. Roberts's valuable services in connection with these entertainments should be recognized by a benefit, and we hope to see a move made in that direction during the coming week. We feel certain the people of the town would heartily cooperate in such a movement.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

A TRAIN ON THE WHITBY RAILWAY JUMPS THE TRACK—THREE MEN INJURED.

The first serious accident on the Whitby Railway occurred on Tuesday morning last. A broken rail on the track at a point known as "Big Bump," between Myrtle and the Summit, caused the morning train going north, which comprised in all eight cars—one passenger coach, five flats, one box, and a double car containing smoking, express, baggage and post office departments and which was going at a slow rate to jump the track, and the seven foremost cars were precipitated down an embankment nearly fifty feet. The coupling which attached the smoking car to the passenger coach broke, and therefore the only cars left on the track were the coach and engine. Among those in the smoking and express car were the conductor, Mr. S. B. McCaw; Mr. Frank Higgins, mail clerk; and Mr. T. S. Trenouth, express messenger; all of whom received more or less injury. Mr. McCaw had his back injured and received a severe cut on the head; Mr. Higgins was badly cut on the left eye and was considerably bruised about the body; and Mr. Trenouth's head and face was bruised. Shortly after the cars turned over, the stove in the post office compartment set fire to a lot of loose paper, and Mr. Higgins was unable to open the door for the position in which the car was placed, and Mr. Trenouth was in a similar position, the stove in his compartment having communicated fire to surrounding articles. Such was the condition of affairs when the passengers on the train came to the assistance of those whose lives were in peril. Mr. J. J. Hoss, Secretary of the Railway Company, was on board, and he, together with several others set to work, and after considerable exertion succeeded in extricating all those imprisoned in the car. Messrs. Higgins and Trenouth were barely got out in time to save them from suffocation from smoke, or death from the flames. The unfortunate young men were at once conveyed to Port Perry, where their wounds were dressed by Dr. Sangster. They have since been removed to their respective homes. There were also in the smoking car at the time, two brakemen, Messrs. Guerney and White, and the mail agent, a lad named Gall. When the cars left the track, Guerney jumped and saved himself, and the other two remained in the car but received no injuries. The cars were damaged very little and were speedily placed upon the track again. Traffic was resumed in the afternoon, when the mail matter reached Lindsay safely.

TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MARKET FEES THE TOWN CONSTABLES TOWN HALL—SEARCH WARRANT FEES SANITARY MATTERS.

The regular meeting of council was held on Monday evening last. Present

Mayor Deacon, Reeve Leary, Dep. Reeve Diament and Couns. Pilkie, Crandell, Flurey and Clark. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

His Worship called the attention of the council to the necessity of providing a guarantee to the purchasers of the Maine Tannin Company's property. He said that the property was put up at the recent tax sale for $30 taxes in all years against it, but that no person would buy because they had no security in case of fire during the interim when it was redeemable. He also said that the question of whether the town constables could retain the search warrant fees would be brought up for discussion. It had been found impossible for the Chief Constable and his assistant to arrange their hours to suit each other and it would be the duty of the council to define the duties and hours of the constables. He referred to some minor matters that would be brought up for consideration, after which he said that the matter of indemnity to Victoria Avenue property-holders was now in the hands of Mr. Martin and that he had reported fair indications of early settlement. Mr. Martin was empowered to immediately enter an action against the company if they failed to carry out any of the pledges they had made.

Coun. CRANDELL—Hear, hear.

Dep. Reeve Cooper and Couns. Winters and Taylor entered and took their seats.

SALE OF MARKET FEES, ETC.

The CLERK reported the sale of the market fees to James Shannon for $380, and three butcher's stalls at $20 per annum each.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The CLERK read a communication from Rev. J. Reddin, asking for remission of eight months' taxes paid in error. Referred to the Finance Committee. From Judge Dean, asking for the remission of taxes illegally exacted from him.

The MAYOR said this matter should receive careful consideration and suggested that it be referred to the Finance Committee. Referred.

TOWN PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

The CLERK read the report of the Town Physician, which gave the number of cases treated and stated that the couple's charge would be upwards of $200.

His WORSHIP said that Dr. Fidler complained to Mr. Russell and himself shortly after his tender was accepted in 1878, that he Dr. Fidler had made a mistake in his tender. Both he (the Mayor) and Mr. Russell told him to go on and perform the duties and the council would decide at the end of the year whether he was entitled to more money or not.

Coun. CRANDELL enquired if Dr. Fidler was now asking for more salary.

His WORSHIP—Yes.

Coun. CRANDELL said the payment of more than the doctor contracted to do the work for would be establishing a bad precedent and at the same time would be an injustice to the other physicians who tendered. He did not think such a request should be entertained.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT.

The CLERK read a letter from the Chief Constable, which stated that he had proposed to Assistant-Constable Meehan that he should go on duty at one o'clock in the afternoon and remain on duty until 8 o'clock, then retire until 11 o'clock, when he should go on until daylight, but he (Assistant Meehan) would not accept this arrangement. He (Chief Constable Smart) desired that the council should specify the hours of duty for each.

Assistant Constable MEEHAN was heard. He said he was willing to take twelve hours consecutive duty and he did not care which twelve it was. With regard to attendance at Police Court he had to be down and attend the court whenever he had a case there the "Mr. Smart, and added that "Mr. Smart's usual hour for getting down in the morning was between 10 and 11.

Chief Constable SMART said that Mr. Meehan generally went home about 11 o'clock at night, whereas he had to remain up until 1 o'clock and therefore could not be expected to be down very early in the morning, but his duties never suffered in consequence of this. He proceeded to say that he had never made a complaint against the assistant constable, when

Assistant Constable MEEHAN interrupted him by saying that he had frequently gone to the Chief Constable's house for him after the Police Court opened.

Chief Constable SMART—Only once.

This irregular discussion was immediately brought to a close by

Coun. CRANDELL, who moved, seconded by Coun. FLUREY, that the communication of the Chief Constable be referred to a special committee, composed of Messrs. Leary, Diament, Pilkie, Taylor, the mover and the Mayor, with power to draw up such a code of instructions as will harmonize the existing differences and carry out effectively the duties expected by the ratepayers. Carried.

THE LEASE OF THE TOWN HALL.

The CLERK read a communication from Mr. Geo. A. Weese, the lessee of the Town Hall, which stated that his lease had about expired and that he was willing to renew it if a gallery was erected in the hall and the rent reduced.

His WORSHIP thought that the hall would not stand a gallery being put in it.

Coun. CRANDELL argued that the building was sufficiently strong for a gallery.

Mr. WEESE was heard and he stated that it was shown by the immense crowds that have frequently assembled in the hall that a gallery could be erected with safety. He explained that if the town would put in a gallery he would expend one hundred dollars in chairs for reserved seats and in improving the seating accommodation generally. He stated that he had been a loser by the transaction as each year the rent was increasing and the times getting harder.

The matter was referred to the Town Property Committee.

FINANCE REPORT.

Coun. TAYLOR submitted the finance report, which recommended the payment of the following accounts:

FINANCE REPORT.

W Hollywell, charity orders	$5 00
M M Robson, "	75
J Chisholm, "	12 00
R Logie, two loads wood	3 67½
Mr Walters, charity orders	1 55
F A Middleton "	9 50
Wm McDonell, sr., municipal elections,	11 00
C D Barr, "	75
A. W. Parkin, sand and gravel	6 00
" lumber	12 91
Robt Hudson, shoeing snow on Logie st	2 00
John Thirkell, hammer handles, etc	4 15
J Mahon, cup on Colborne water works	20 00
W A Gardiner, mounting maps	75
P Eckert, packing pumps	3 00
R E Knight, municipal orders	187 41
C L Baker, charity orders	3 50
F S Martin, bill of costs, McKellyen vs. town	216 78
A Primeau, charity orders	13 00

The committee recommended the adoption of the report and the petition of Mr. Sanderson for remission of taxes was not entertained, as the committee felt they had no power in the matter, as it should have been attended to at Court of Revision. It was recommended that the council indemnify the purchaser, if any, of the Maine Tannin Co. property, to be sold at the adjourned sale of land for taxes of the premium of insurance on a sum not exceeding $710 in the event of the property being redeemed before the expiration of one year from date of sale. The Treasurer was recommended to sell lot 17, east of Water st., for such price as he may be able to procure for the arrears of taxes thereon.

Coun. TAYLOR said he had a conversation with Mr. Mart in withrespect to the account of costs in the case of McFadyen vs. the town and was informed that there were no charges in the bill but what were legal. A great deal of expense was entailed by the plaintiff having the case postponed.

His WORSHIP pointed out that the town lost as much by winning this case as they did in losing the Devellin case.

Coun. TAYLOR showed that a great deal of the expense was due to Mr. Rodden for plans and for time which it was said he was legally entitled to.

Coun. WINTERS asked if the bill had been taxed.

Coun. TAYLOR said that Mr. Grace refused to tax the bill. He was informed that it was very expensive to have the bill taxed in Toronto.

Coun. CRANDELL enquired if Mr. Martin was the town solicitor and if he was acting in the interest of the town or himself. He cited a case where he (Coun. Crandell) had a bill for $900 taxed in Toronto and got $416 knocked off. He therefore thought it would be well to have this bill sent to Toronto for taxation. He felt this should not be allowed to go by default, but should be put through in the proper way to show the lawyers that in dealing with the council they were not dealing with know-nothings. He considered it an outrage to have a bill of costs amounting to $216 for defending a little case like this. He moved, seconded by Coun. PILKIE, that Mr. Martin's bill be not paid, but be referred to a Toronto taxing master for correction.

In reply to a question by Coun. Winters, His WORSHIP said Mr. Grace was not empowered to tax a bill between solicitor and client.

Couns. Crandell's motion was carried and the remainder of the report was adopted.

SEARCH WARRANT FEES.

Coun. TAYLOR, submitted an account from the Chief Constable, claiming fees for serving search warrants.

His WORSHIP pointed out that a number of the warrants were issued in town and he thought it was a part of the duties of the Chief Constable to do this work. For those issued in the county he was entitled to the usual fees as a county constable.

Chief Constable SMART was heard in respect to the matter and claimed that as Chief Constable of the county he was entitled to all the fees allowed a county constable. His salary from the town was paid for enforcing town by-laws. He went on to state that Mr. Douglass, the Chief Constable of Bobcaygeon, made from $300 to $400 per annum out of these fees, and then he suggested that the Magistrate and Clerk of the Police Court should keep the town and county accounts separate, and stated that many of the cases which came before the court might not be taken up at all.

His WORSHIP said that the Police Magistrate and the Clerk fully understood their duty and did not require any instructions from the Chief Constable.

The CLERK explained that Mr. Smart did not complain that the Police Magistrate or he (the Clerk) had done anything wrong but that they did work not required of them.

Dep.-Reeve COOPER said that this same matter had come before him as one of the auditors of the accounts for the administration of justice and it was left to Judge Dean and the Police Magistrate to decide. They had not yet reported but would shortly. He considered it better to await their action before doing anything with the account.

Reeve LEARY and several other members supported this suggestion and the matter was allowed to lay over.

CHARITY REPORT.

Coun. CRANDELL submitted the report of the Charity Committee which showed a total expenditure since the new year of $182.74.

SANITARY BY-LAW.

On motion of Dep.-Reeve COOPER, seconded by Reeve LEARY a by-law was introduced and read delegating the powers of the Council in Sanitary matters to a committee composed of Dep.-Reeve Diament and Couns. Walters and Winters.

The Council went into Committee thereon with Coun. Crandell in the chair.

Coun. TAYLOR pointed out that the by-law authorized the Sanitary Committee to appoint an inspector and fix his salary. He thought this was a matter in which the Council should have a voice.

His WORSHIP in a lengthy speech showed the necessity of the sanitary condition of the town being carefully looked after.

Coun. PILKIE reminded the Council that at last meeting of Council one of the standing committees recommended that the work of Sanitary Inspector be done by the constables of the town, and it was adopted.

Then Coun. CLARKE spoke up and said he did not see why the constables could not do the work, as they were now quarrelling over who should do the work. (Laughter.) He also spoke of the importance of having the work done well.

On motion of Coun. TAYLOR the clause authorizing the appointment of a sanitary inspector was amended by making the appointment subject to the approval of the Council.

The by-law then passed.

MORE STONE.

On motion of Coun. TAYLOR, seconded by Coun. LEARY, thirty additional cords of field stone were ordered to be purchased.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

On motion of Coun. CRANDELL, seconded by Coun. PILKIE, the time for collection of taxes was extended until the fourth Monday in March.

LIGHTING LINDSAY-ST. BRIDGE.

On motion of Coun. PILKIE, seconded by Dep.-Reeve STANBURY the chairman of the Street and Bridge Committee was instructed to employ a person to furnish material for and light the lamp on Lindsay-st. bridge for three months or

[illegible] self-supported.

LOCAL LETTERS.

MINDEN.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

EXPLANATORY.—The Warden of Haliburton, referred to in the item in THE POST last week, as having been "on a jamboree" is not, as his many friends will well-know, Mr. A. Niven, of Haliburton, who has been Warden during the last five years, but Mr. Wm. Gainer, Reeve of Minden, who was elected to the office in January last, Mr. Niven having retired from municipal life altogether.

PETERBOROUGH.

WHO'S EMBARRASSED.—One of our Town Councillors was condoled with the other day for his embarrassments. "Oh, I'm not embarrassed at all," said he; "it is my creditors that are embarrassed."

SUNDAY EVENING'S ROWDYISM.—A most disgraceful scene was witnessed by some parties returning from church on George and Hunter streets Sunday night. A party of roughs assembled at their usual rendesvous, on George and Hunter streets, and attacked a man, threw him down, and kicked him in a most violent manner. After having satisfied their brutal propensities they decamped.—[Review.

BELLEVILLE.

RAILWAY MATTERS.—The contract for the Campbellford Bridge on the Grand Junction Railway has been let. It is to be a wooden structure. Howe truss, 420 feet long. The contractor offers, if the city council will extend the time for the completion of the road to Hastings for six or eight weeks, to substitute an iron bridge with stone piers, and alter the location so as to place the bridge, which is now on a curve, on a straight line. The road is to be laid with steel rails, of which 1,500 tons are now on the way from England.

A deputation from Madoc had an interview with Mr. Bickford last Friday with reference to the Madoc township bonus to the North Hastings Railway. It was agreed that debentures representing the $30,000 bonus $7,200, four years' accrued interest, should at once be placed in the hands of the trustees, and that the road shall be opened and operated between Belleville and Madoc at the earliest possible date.

COUNTERFEIT $5 BILLS of the Canadian Bank of Commerce have been detected in circulation at Belleville. They are supposed to have been put into currency in the northern part of the county.

MUSKOKA.

RATHER HIGH.—The water in the river under the bridge in Huntsville is 101 feet above the sea level, being 267 feet higher than the level of Lake Nipissing.

RATHER LOW. The mercury at the Huntsville Observatory last Thursday morning, went down to 23½ degrees below zero, being 61½ degrees below freezing point, and the following morning the lowest temperature was 34 below zero, or 96 degrees below freezing point.

A STRAW.—The following communication from Perry was received by a Huntsville merchant:—"DEAR SIR,—Please find enclosed the sum of five dollars on account, the balance will reach you by the time we get a better government at Ottawa. This N. P. kills everything in Muskoka, let alone the Dominion. A straw shows the direction of the wind.

SWORD-FISH.—We were shown yesterday by Mr. Boyd, government bridge builder, a fine specimen of the sword of a fish from the Persian Gulf. It was 2 ft. 2 in length and had 54 teeth on the edge of the blade. Mr. Boyd received it as a present from Mr. John Kay, a settler residing near Doe Lake. [Forester.

GRAVENHURST.

OATMEAL MILL.—Our oatmeal mill has been in operation for one year, and has converted into oatmeal 1,500 bushels of oats. It has a first-class reputation and its business has been rapidly increasing. We are glad that Mr. Berkley's enterprise has met with such success.

NEW STORE.—Mr. G. G. Keith has opened out the stock lately belonging Mr. Douglass. He has a good chance to do well in Cambray, as there is a good dry goods store needed here. The building could be expected under the circumstances. This should be a warning to boys who engage in the game of wrestling.

CHILD BURNED.—The youngest child of Mr. Geo. Burthwick, of Manilla Station, while sitting in a high chair a few days ago, fell forward into the oven of the stove and was quite badly burned. Fortunately the accident was at once noticed or the results might have been serious.

RECOVERING.—Mr. J. R. Huff, who for some time has been dangerously ill at the Daly House with an attack of congestion of the lungs, has so far recovered as to be able to be around again. It will, however, be some time before he is able to resume his duties. His recovery will be good news to his many friends here.

PINE-LOG CHOPPING.—In reply to the Minden paragraph in THE POST, Mr. Joseph Daley, of the "Daisy House," Lindsay, offers to wager $50 that he can cut off a square pine-log in 7 minutes and 58 seconds, instead of 10 minutes and 58 seconds, as was done by the Al choppers of Minden. Joseph is really spoiling for a trial, so it is to be hoped we'll see it. Or say, if our school required a second-class teacher three years ago it ought to require a first now instead of a third. We ask the question of you, Mr. Editor, can the Inspector withhold the grants from any section because they will not hire the teacher he (the Inspector) wants? If the Inspector has the power to make any section get what teacher he pleases we pity the teachers if they do not do as he wants with them. As regards the charges he made against one of our former teachers we do not believe a word of it. We found no fault with any teacher we have had, nor with our present one, as we believe he is well and heard for the advancement of the children. Hoping you will excuse us for taking up so much valuable space,—We remain, yours truly,

DAVID SHERRIFF,
WILLIAM GRAHAM.

DRUMMOND, March 4, 1879.

Communications.

ANOTHER REMEDY FOR THE HARD TIMES.

An Old Farmer's View of the Question.

[To the Editor of THE CANADIAN POST.]

SIR,—The addition of an agricultural department to THE POST is a great improvement, and if our best farmers would contribute to it, it might be made very useful to us all. Our friend Calvert's letters are read with interest, but what has induced me to write now is the most excellent letter of Mr. Knowlson, for I think that what he says must commend itself to every one, especially the remedy he points out for the hard times so many people are complaining about. He says "individual practice, physical and mental, in a better direction than heretofore is absolutely needed; patriotic self-denial, wiser conclusions, more judicious performances; which being interpreted means fewer luxuries, reduced imports, increased exports, *an improved system of farming* among the masses, *more skill and better management in every department connected with agricultural operations*, more frugality and method in domestic affairs, fewer expensive carriages amongst certain classes, fewer pianos, less whiskey, a more limited credit system with business men, besides other beneficial changes which might be effected and which every one in his own sphere can do something towards promoting, as well as abating the general commercial distress." I make this long quotation because it strikes at the very root of the matter and is well worth printing over again, and it might thereby have more attention paid to it.

I had a letter lately from an old friend who came to Canada about thirty-five years ago. He was then a poor man so far as this world's goods are concerned, but he has by patient industry and the blessing of God become wealthy. I give you a quotation from his letter that bears on the question of hard times. He says: "I was sorry to see in the papers that —— was insolvent and it appears that he will be cleaned out. After all there is not hing like a good farm, well worked. It is fearful the number of farmers who are mortgaging their property. Great losses have fallen upon the holders of bank stock. The hard-working, industrious man gets the benefit of his industry and economy at present. . . . There has been too much extravagance and people will have to be more careful —work harder and spend less—this is my recipe for hard times."

But, Mr. Editor, I think that a man with a good farm in Canada ought to feel ashamed to talk of hard times, even now, as hard as many people think them to be, for he has or if he has not it is mostly his own fault) better times than almost any other class. Again, let us compare our present times with those Mr. Calvert speaks of in his letter, when oats were 15 cents per bushel. Suppose a farmer in Ops at that time had a crop of oats, say 90 bushels to the acre, which at 15 cents would be $4.50 per acre. Then, after all the labour of ploughing, seed-sowing, harrowing, harvesting and threshing, he takes a load to Port Hope (there was no railroad to Lindsay then, and no market there of any account); it would be a good two days' journey there and back; stop all night on expense at the tavern; he sells his load of oats for $9 store pay, at, as Mr. Calvert says, three times as high as now. If those farmers who talk so much about hard times would look back to former times I think they would feel ashamed of their grumbling. I don't think there was half the talk about hard times then that there is now. My recipe for hard times is very simple and easy to remember: Don't buy anything until you have the money in your hand to pay for it.

It is somewhat amusing to hear some people talk of hard times. I was lately in company with a man who came from England some ten or twelve years since with nothing but a pair of willing hands and a wife and child. He was a good fellow to work and always found plenty of employment; he was very saving, careful and industrious; and is now pretty well off; he lives in a good brick house on a rented farm; he has a good span of horses, wagon, sleigh and other necessary implements for farming; his wife goes to church dressed in silk, and he is dressed like a gentleman compared with how he was dressed when he came to Canada, and yet he says, "I never see'd such hard times as we have now." Perhaps he is living a little too fast. W. J.

DUNSFORD SCHOOL DIFFICULTIES.

[To the Editor of THE CANADIAN POST.]

SIR,—In your issue of the 28th ult. we notice under the head of "School Section No. 2, Verulam," in one of your local items, that we had appealed to the Minister of Education against the Inspector's decision confirming the election of Mr. John Bell. Now, sir, we beg to state that from whatever quarter you received your information it is not correct. We wrote to the Chief Superintendent for information on different subjects which we hold for future reference. As our school affairs have become public we will try and shew you what has and what is causing so much discord in this section by the subjoined letters, which will speak for themselves. Please observe the dates as they have reference to one another and they do not coincide with the statements made in the paragraph in THE POST:—

LINDSAY, Nov. 10, 1875.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to call your attention to the importance of engaging a teacher for your school of higher attainments than those you have of late employed. I consider that for your school you should not have less than a second-class teacher. Your section is large and wealthy, but instead of having one of the best you have one of the worst taught schools in the township of Verulam. I hope you will not re-engage Mr. McIntyre, as his teaching was very unsatisfactory, and I hear on good authority that his character is immoral. I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. H. KNIGHT, P. S. Inspector.

The Trustees S. S. No. 2, Verulam, Dunsford.

The trustees thought that a third-class teacher was to teach this school and accordingly hired one holding a third-class certificate, when they received the following letter:—

LINDSAY, Jan. 7, 1876.

GENTLEMEN,—I am instructed by the Chief Superintendent of Education to withhold the grant payable to your school until you comply with the law and regulations by employing a teacher holding a second-class certificate of qualification or some teacher whose attainments are satisfactory to the Public School Inspector.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, J. H. KNIGHT, P. S. Inspector.

The Trustees S. S. No. 2, Verulam, Dunsford.

The trustees wrote to the Chief Superintendent, enclosing the above letter, when they received the following reply:—

EDUCATION OFFICE,
TORONTO, 15th Jan, 1876.

SIR,—I have the honor to state, in reply to your letter of the 12th inst., that the letter of the Inspector which you enclose and which I return was authorized by the Department. He reports that on the 27th October he wrote to the trustees, "advising them to employ for next year a more efficient teacher than they have this year, or had last year, and if possible the one holding not less than a second-class certificate. Of the two teachers referred to both hold third-class certificates; the late teacher has, I think, done his best, but the school is altogether beyond his capacity. The other was shrewish, lazy and frivolous. I am informed that the trustees have re-engaged the late teacher. The section is large and wealthy and quite able to pay a salary of $500." The trustees will have to satisfy the Inspector on the points raised before he can be authorized to pay the grant to your school.—I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. GEORGE HODGINS, Deputy Supt.

To Mr. W. Graham, Trustee S. S. No. 2, Verulam, Dunsford.

The trustees then called a meeting of the section and also invited the Inspector to attend said meeting, at which the Inspector said if he and the trustees could settle it he would send on the grants. He wanted the trustees, if possible, to discharge the teacher at the end of the six months and hire one holding a second-class certificate, but if they could not get rid of him to be sure and hire one holding a second-class for the next year, to which they agreed and which they fulfilled by engaging the very one he recommended. We were always under the impression that a third-class teacher was high enough for this section, but we thought the Inspector ought to know more about it than we, and left it to his decision. Now, sir, here is the problem to be solved: The trustees have hired a third-class, inexperienced teacher for this section for this year, and the Inspector was aware of the fact, as he said, "If the trustees hire him I will not interfere," or words to that effect, and he has not stopped the grants by what we can hear. We ask any unprejudiced man if this is justice to the section? We say, if our school required a second-class teacher three years ago it ought to require a first now instead of a third. We ask the question of you, Mr. Editor, can the Inspector withhold the grants from any section because they will not hire the teacher he (the Inspector) wants? If the Inspector has the power to make any section get what teacher he pleases we pity the teachers if they do not do as he wants with them. As regards the charges he made against one of our former teachers we do not believe a word of it. We found no fault with any teacher we have had, nor with our present one, as we believe he is well and heard for the advancement of the children. Hoping you will excuse us for taking up so much valuable space,—We remain, yours truly,

DAVID SHERRIFF,
WILLIAM GRAHAM.

DUNSFORD, March 4, 1879.

Bradburn & Co.

BRADBURN & CO.

In order to make a CLEARANCE of our WINTER STOCK, we have decided to sell

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PRESBYTERY OF LINDSAY.

The Presbytery of Lindsay met at Woodville on the 25th February, and was constituted by Rev. D. McGregor, Moderator. There were present twelve ministers and seven elders. The clerk read a letter from Rev. Colin Fletcher, declining the call from Cannington; and an extract-minute from Owen Sound Presbytery, intimating the declinature of Woodville call to Rev. J. Cameron, Chatsworth. These calls were set aside and parties informed accordingly. The Rev. D. D. McLennan was authorized to moderate in a call at Cannington, Rev. J. McNabb at Woodville, and Rev. S. Acheson at Sunderland, Mr. McLennan to supply Cannington on the 9th March, Mr. Ferguson on the 16th, and Mr. C. Campbell on the 25th. Reports from committees were given, viz., Mr. Hastie, for Fenelon Falls and Somerville; Mr. McGregor, Balsover, Longford and North Mara; Mr. McNabb, Kirkfield and Victoria. Reports were received and adopted, and thanks tendered to the committees. Commissioners were heard from Victoria and Kirkfield, as also Mr. McNabb and Mr. McLennan, when it was agreed to defer deciding till next meeting. Mr. McDonald, Mr. Currie and Mr. Gillespie to act as a committee with the elders, and report at said meeting, Mr. McDonald, convenor. The Presbytery agreed to authorize Fenelon Falls to dispose of village lot, Greenbank to dispose of the old church, and the congregation of Woodville to effect a mortgage. Mr. Paul reported a visit to Carden and Black River. The report was received and adopted, and Messrs. Paul, McGregor and J. McNabb appointed to make further enquiry and report next meeting. Mr. J. C. Gilchrist reported a meeting of the Sabbath School Convention at Beaverton on Feb. 4th. The following commissioners were appointed to the General Assembly:—Revs. W. Lochead, J. McNabb and E. Cockburn, M. A., and Elders Messrs. D. Cameron, John Leask and Alex. Millard. The Presbytery unanimously agreed to nominate the Rev. Wm. Reid, D. D., Toronto, as Moderator of next assembly. A letter of condolence was addressed to Rev. A. Currie, M. A., in his bereavement. Presbytery adjourned to meet at Woodville, March 18th, at 11:30 a. m.

J. R. SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

The Campbell Divorce Case.

The celebrated Campbell divorce case will probably come up before the Senate in a short time, as Mrs. Campbell is expected here next week to apply *in forma pauperis*. Last year the bill failed for want of sufficient notice being given, but the necessary formalities have been complied with this time, and some new details, it is said, will be given, though the grounds of the application are the same. There is a story told, on good authority, that Mr. Campbell has, since the former bill was thrown out, offered to take his wife to the United States to live with him there as his wife for a year. The lady's friends threw out mysterious hints about this, but his object is not far to seek.

LINDSAY TRADE NOTICES.

Patrick's Worm Lozenges
Are sold at PERRIN'S.—1013.

Special Line of Ladies' Kid Gloves
At 25c. per pair at BOWES BROS.—1017.

Cleanliness Next to Godliness.
Go to Louis Archambaults' for a shampoo. Only 20c. Next door to the Osborne House.

Pine Tar Cordial
Will give immediate relief, and cure effectual ly Coughs and Colds, so very prevalent at thi season. 1011. S. PERRIN.

Why Suffer
From coughs and colds when you can get a bottle of PINE TAR CORDIAL for 25 cents at PERRIN'S, which affords immediate relief.—1013

Winter Apples.
Just receiving a large consignment, in bbls., of choice Winter Apples of all the popular varieties. Choice Dried APPLES, 17 lbs. for $1.00, at A. PRIMEAU'S.—1017-1.

Quirk's Irish Tea
Is said to be a positive cure for Biliousness, Disordered Liver, Dyspepsia, Headache and Impure Blood. Sold in Lindsay by S. PERRIN, 25 cents per packet.—1013.

Granite Monuments.
Mr. A. McQuade, M. P., and Mr. James Thornlike have each given an order to Messrs. Patterson & Perrin, for the erection of a handsome family monument of granite. It is gratifying to learn that our townsmen have been awarded the work in preference to outsiders, their estimates being the lowest.—1014-3.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

OFFICE OF THE CANADIAN POST,
LINDSAY, March 6th, 1879.

Business and Produce.

There is no material change in the state of trade, but the general business outlook is improving. Our local produce market continues firm and prices improving, but deliveries have been light. As much as $1.00 has been paid for fall wheat during the week, but it was for an exceptionally fine article. Butter is in demand for local wants.

Lindsay Market Prices.

Fall Wheat	$0 85	to	$0 96
Spring Wheat	0 80	to	0 90
Flour, strong bakers' 100 lbs	0 00	to	2 00
" Fall wheat		to	2 10
Oatmeal, per 100 lbs	0 00	to	2 50
Cornmeal "	0 00	to	1 75
Bran, per ton	0 00	to	0 00
Shorts "	0 00	to	10 00
Barley, per bushel	0 40	to	0 55
Peas "	0 50	to	0 56
Oats "	0 25	to	0 32
Potatoes "	0 00	to	0 40
Butter, per lb	0 10	to	0 15
Cheese "	0 09	to	0 10
Stilton Cheese, per lb	0 00	to	0 07
Lard, per lb	0 00	to	0 05
Tallow, per lb	0 00	to	0 05
Eggs, fresh, per doz	0 10	to	0 12
Smoked Hams	0 08	to	0 10
Sugar cured canvas Hams	0 09	to	0 10
Bacon, 100 lbs	0 00	to	7 00
Mess Pork, per bbl	00 00	to	14 00
Salt, per bbl	0 00	to	1 00
Straw, per load	2 00	to	2 50
Hay, per ton	7 00	to	9 00
Beef Hides	5 00	to	7 00
Calfskins, per lb	0 08	to	0 10
Lambskin	0 50	to	0 90
Pelts	0 50	to	0 90
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs	5 50	to	6 00
Cordwood, land, per cord	2 50	to	3 00
" soft, "	1 25	to	2 00

LOCAL MARKET REPORTS.

[Specially reported for THE POST.]

MARIPOSA STATION, Mar. 6.—Wheat, fall, per bush. 90c. to 96c. Wheat, spring, 85c to 90c. Barley, 40c. to 45c. Oats, 25c. to 30c. Peas, 50c. to 55c. Rye, none. Butter, per lb., 08c to 09c. Potatoes, per bush., 40c to 45c. Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs., $5.00 to $5.50.

BOBCAYGEON, Mar. 6.—Wheat, fall, per bush. 90c to 95c. Wheat, spring, 85c to 90c. Barley, 40c. to 45c. Oats, 25c. to 30c. Peas, 50c. to 55c. Rye, none. Butter, per lb., 12½c to 15c. Potatoes, per bush., 30c. to 40c. Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs., $5.00 to $5.50.

PORT PERRY, Mar. 6.—Wheat, fall, per bush. 90c. to 95c. Wheat, spring, 75c. to 80c. Barley, 40c. to 55c. Oats, 30c to 32c. Peas, 50c to 55c. Rye, none. Butter, per lb., 12½c to 15c. Potatoes, per bush., 50c. to 60c. Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs., $5.00 to $5.50. You will notice higher prices all round, not the effect of the Elephant, but a scarcity in the market.

Notices of Births, and Deaths, 25c.; Marriages, 50c.

BIRTHS.

WOOD—At Victoria Road Station, on the 3rd inst., the wife of Dr. J. W. Wood, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

STEVENS—OSBURN.—At the residence of Mr. J. McPhee, Lindsay, brother-in-law of the bride, on the 5th March, by the Rev. R. W. Jolliffe, B. A., Minister, Mr. Thomas Stevens, of Ops, to Miss Ellen Oliver, daughter of Mr. James Oliver, of Mariposa.

DEATHS.

COFFIN—In Fagundus, Warren Co., Pa., on Feb. 20, 1879, Mrs. Catharine Coffin, aged a fraction over 80 years. Deceased was a native of Ireland, but emigrated to the United States in her youth, and was married to Mr. Coffin in Pennsylvania. She was the mother of Mrs. Thomas Hall, of Lindsay, and Mrs. Coffin, who is now in her 82nd year, is visiting her daughter in this town.

AUCTION AND CREDIT SALES.

SATURDAY, 8th MARCH.—By Elias Bowes, Auctioneer, the farm stock of Mr. Thos. Pollock, lot 16, 3rd con. Fenelon. Sale at 1 o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11.—By D. Ross, Auctioneer for Eldon, Carden, and E. Ontario, farm stock and implements of Mr. Archibald Buchanan, on Lot 16, in 4th Con., Thorah. Sale at 12 o'clock sharp.

WEDNESDAY, March 12.—By Donald Ross, auctioneer for Eldon, Carden and E. Ontario, the valuable farm stock and implements, household furniture, etc., the property of Mr. W. Hall, Lot 22, in 9th Con. Carden. Sale to commence at 10 a.m., sharp, and without reserve, as Mr. Hall