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Dr. Defraval and his party returned last week from a seven days' deer hunt, having killed ten deer.

Mr. John A. Barron's party succeeded in getting four deer in as many days, north of Haliburton. The deer are not so plentiful as the hunters.

Three Boston[illegible] are reported to have bagged over one thousand ducks during the last three weeks at Rice lake.

The Port Hope Central.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Port Hope central exhibition was held in Port Hope on Friday. The following members were present: Col. Williams, president, and Messrs. Beatty, Chopin, Powers, Preston, Carnegie, Fanning, Howden, Lapp, Porter and Smithson. Accounts against the association were scrutinized and after correction passed to the amount of $656. The expenses of the committee were found to amount to $111. These items with the prize list, amounting to about $1,930, and about $25 more will make the total expenditure of the exhibition about $2,[illegible]. Against this the receipts at the turn stiles were $1,144and for entrance fees $28, and leaving a deficiency of nearly $1,600 the amount of the guarantee fund. To meet this $700 will have to be called for from the guarantee fund of the Durham societies and $400 will have to be levied on the other societies forming the division. A vote of thanks accompanied by the usual $40 was voted the president, but Col. Williams declined to accept the money and thanked it to the society. After motions of thanks to the secretary and treasurer the meeting adjourned.

Local Brevities.

Cranberries, 8 cents a quart, at McElwain & Co's. 1104.

The Masonic concert last night was a grand success.

Monday was thanksgiving day. Service was held in nearly all the churches.

Read the advertisement of Mr. Gross, L.D.S., on supplement.

Kakoka, 5 cents a pound, at McElwain & Co's. 1104.

Read the new card of Mr. Gross, dentist, in this paper. 1104-1.

Louis Archambault's is the place for a fashionable hair cut.

Three bears were shot in Uxbridge township last week and more are at large.

McElwain & Co. advertise bargains in Granges and teas in THE POST supplement. Read and give them a call.

Many council has instructed the collector not to roll before Christmas day. This will be a considerable prompt collection.

J. J. Hubbard, charged with stealing the horse from A. C. W. Blank, of Uxbridge, was committed for trial and is now in Whitby gaol awaiting trial.

A couple in Port Hope couldn't agree as to what minister would perform the marriage ceremony so the match was set aside for a time.

Mr. S. Peck, M.P.P., has a contract for 40,000 railway ties, and desires that number delivered along the line of the Victoria railway.

Mr. W. H. Gibbs and son of Oshawa have opened a wholesale grocery house in Toronto, and it is considered probable that the former will also remove to the metropolis this summer.

The Whitby and East Whitby ploughing match came off on Wednesday of last week. The weather was unfavorable but the match was pretty successful in every respect.

The total statistics for the town of Lindsay for the month of October show 20 births, 3 marriages and 1 death. It is evident that the immigration has not been properly advertised.

A minority Grumbler, THE LINDSAY POST has been threatened with a libel suit for its exposure of the transactions of some of the councils of that thriving town. The editor is not visibly scared, however.

A number of local newspapers are unmeritably crowded out by the length of the council reports. Among these are the letters from Little Britain about the school difficulty there. All these will appear next week.

Mr. Hugh O'Leary's legal advice was taken by the sanitary committee as to the nuisance arising from a drain issuing from the premises of Mr. Thomas Keenan. He advised the council to have the drain closed at once.

The half yearly meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. was held in London on Thursday. The reports were highly satisfactory. A dividend of 2½ per cent. was voted to Mr. Hickson in recognition of his services, especially in connection with the Chicago extension.

Notice is called to the new advertisement of Messrs. Dundas & Conner, flour and feed merchants. They keep in stock the best brands of flour and bacon for family use and need of a trial. The highest market price is paid for timothy and clover seed and peas, not cash. Next door to the old post office, Kent-st.

Our conservative friends are bound to precipitate good time for the next election. In the Dunbarton district, last week, the Grits put up a candidate and seven reformers drew off a difference of twenty-two in the vote of the township. If the work had been done through the constituency a year ago, as the Oshawa Vindicator, we approached the late election would have resulted differently.

Anthony & Ellis's ideal Uncle Tom's cabin company at the opera house last Friday evening gave the public a fair exhibition of this play ever given here. The audience was large and went away delighted. Marks and Cute were entertained to a funny element that was irresistible. Every character was well sustained and every feature advertised was produced. They will have an overflowing house when they return this way.

The recent burglaries at Mr. Hettiger's store are to be investigated by a committee appointed by the council. This action was taken on a petition of Mr. Hettiger who alleged that the council did not give the police authorities to take any steps toward bringing the burglars to justice. Mr. Hettiger has some grounds for complaint, perhaps, but one of them being a son of the chief constable he thinks that that was the reason why no action was taken by the police.

The town council have ordered the purchase of six street lamps. Pipers patent to be placed one near the Wellington-st bridge, one opposite the Midland railway station and the other four on Kent-st. The lamp is of handsome design and will permit of a large bath of light being given. It would be a mistake for the committee to put all the lamps on the north side of Kent-st, as has been suggested; they should be set up alternately on each side of the street.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REGULAR MEETING. INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS. RE ENGAGEMENT OF TEACHERS. SOBRIETY V. INSOBRIETY. "A FAMILY COMPACT." THE HALF TIME SYSTEM. SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES.

The regular meeting of the board of education was held Tuesday evening last. Present, the chairman, and Messrs. Irwin, Browne, Barron, Deacon, Gregory, Wray, Keith, Crandell and Cornell. The minutes were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. John Coulson, asking the appointment of assistant teacher to the high school. Also from Mr. Clifford Kempt, stating that his communication to the board was not intended as one of resignation and regretting his separation from the board and asking for a testimonial.

PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT.

Mr. J. H. McFaul, headmaster of the public schools, submitted the monthly report showing the standing of the schools; also stating that he had arranged a class for the model school pupils, which would obviate the necessity of the future interference with the public schools.

FORM OF ENGAGEMENT OF TEACHERS.

On motion of Mr. GREGORY, seconded by Mr. KEITH, the following resolution was adopted. That the form of engagement in use by this board in the engaging of all teachers be so altered as to make the term of engagement indefinite, and depending upon three months' notice given by either party and that the 3 parts of previous resolutions conflicting with this resolution be rescinded.

FINANCE REPORT.

Mr. E. GREGORY submitted report of the finance committee which recommended payment of a number of accounts. The report was adopted.

THE HALF TIME SYSTEM.

Mr. KEITH stated that he had been watching the progress of the half time system in connection with junior pupils for some time and he had arrived at the conclusion that some of the Oshawa and Gall boards where the system was in force and he would read the replies he had received. He then read the following correspondence:

GALT, Oct. 27, 1880.

James Keith, Esq., Lindsay.

DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 19th inst., to the chairman of the public school board here was duly received, and has been handed to me to answer which I will endeavor to do as well as I can at the present stage of the half-time system. You ask,

1. How long the half-time system has been in operation in your schools? Ans. Since July 1st.

2. Name the classes of grades affected thereby. Ans. The pupils embraced under the half time plan are all those below the 3rd book.

3. Have you given the system a fair trial? Ans. Results, since it has actually been in operation only during the two first weeks in July and since the vacation, and it will probably require say twelve months, to test it properly.

4. Has the progress of the pupils been as rapid under the new system? Ans. It appears to be, so far as can be judged, except in the case perhaps of a few who are naturally dull and much behind with their studies for their age. It is likely that these will have to be made attend the whole time, but there are only a few of these.

5. What amount do we save annually? Ans. We anticipate a saving of the salaries of two ordinary teachers, say in the neighborhood of $1,000 per annum. But the board in introducing the half time method were by no means wholly influenced by the question of mere economy in expenditure. They consider that for the younger children the half-time arrangement is a positive gain in as much as it allows them more opportunity for physical exercise and by relaxing the restraint of the long and tedious confinement it renders school-going more pleasant and at the same time does not retard their progress in ordinary school studies suited to their age and requirements.

6. Is it our intention to continue the system? Ans. So far as we know at present.

7. Are the parents and guardians opposed to the detention of their little ones at home for half a day? Ans. This question is based on a misapprehension of the half-time system, as practised here. The children attend *all the forenoon* and *all the afternoon*. The system does not require that the pupils should remain at home half of the day. They are in or around the school building during the whole of the day, but only half of the day under instruction, in the ordinary prescribed subject. They are in the regular school room half of the forenoon and half of the afternoon, and during the other half of the time they are under the charge of a person whom we term a monitor, who has been engaged with a view to their physical comfort and amusement, who teaches them drill, marching, singing, and exercises them in object lessons during a part of the time in a large room fitted up for the purpose. For the remainder of the time they are allowed to go out and play if the weather is good, or sent into their respective play-rooms, the girls having theirs on the ground floor and the boys in the basement. We would not attempt to carry on any system requiring the children to be only half the time at school and the other half running about the streets, nor would the parents allow this.

8. We would not take the responsibility of recommending that your board adopt our system; but if it is ultimately successful here there is little doubt that it will be adopted very generally. A number of school boards are anxiously watching it now. It is a system based on common sense and highly conducive to the health and happiness of the younger children and ought to prevail everywhere. At the present time, however, in this country it is not easy to apply it out, it being extremely difficult to get parties properly qualified to act as monitors to take charge of the children, when not in their class-rooms, and the success of the plan hangs greatly on this. It requires a rare combination of enthusiasm tact and the managing faculty to succeed well in this office. I may add that it does not require that the party be a certificated teacher. Yours truly

WILLIAM M. TOPPING,
Secretary Galt P.S. Board.

VINDICATOR OFFICE,
OSHAWA, ONT., Oct. 15th, 1880.

Jas. Keith, Esq., Lindsay:

SIR,—Yours of the 11th came duly to hand, but I delayed replying until I could visit the schools in which the half time system is under trial and give you the latest reports, which I did today. I may say that I recommended the system to our board some considerable time ago, but it was not put on trial until the resignation of a teacher enabled the board to do so without dismissal. My reasons were: that six or even five hours were too great a strain on pupils of from five to seven years of age, a view which has been pressed upon parents by the Dominion Medical Association at its recent meeting in Ottawa; that the attention of such children could not be held for so long a period, and they became restless, and required no small share of the teacher's time to preserve order, whereas if teachers were maintained more time could be devoted to undivided attention to the duller pupils. I will now answer your queries:

1. Adopted in Centre-st. school since summer holidays in May st. about three weeks.

2. In Centre-st. school the two lower divisions were amalgamated under one teacher; in May st. the lower division, a large one, was divided into two sections for the purpose.

3. The time has not been sufficient for a full trial.

4. The teachers all agree that progress has been more rapid under the new system than under the old.

5. So far we have saved but one teacher at a salary of $500, but if system is extended to other schools will save three.

6. So far as I know the mind of the board is the intention to adopt it in all the schools.

7. Parents objected at first, but as they get to understand it appear to become satisfied with it.

8. Our experience is too short to base a recommendation upon it, but believe it would be to your interest to adopt it.

9. I believe Galt adopted before we did, and think that it is under trial in one or two other towns, but cannot speak positively.

Our practice is to divide a division into two halves, which attend, the first from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., and the second half, the balance of the time. This I think is preferable to giving each a half day, as is done, I understand in Galt. Yours, &c.,

J. S. LARKE,
Chairman Oshawa Board of Education.

Mr. GREGORY considered it would not be wise just now to make such a radical change in the schools as the adoption of this system would entail, but he thought the board should give it careful consideration and have it ventilated in the press so that it might be taken up next year if the system was found to work more satisfactorily than those who tried it seem to feel.

Mr. KEITH thought that the system might be tried in one room this year.

Mr. CORNELL cited the number of pupils of all ages under eight attending the schools, which showed a large proportion of very young pupils. He would not object to seeing it tried in the two east ward rooms, which were overcrowded, there being 72 in Miss Moscrop's and 71 in Miss Hampton's, provided one half the pupils came in the forenoon and the other half in the afternoon. He anticipated discontent in those places where the system was being tried, but if the system worked satisfactorily the argument used by parents would be that if the children did so well in half a day how much better they would do in a whole day.

TESTIMONIAL GRANTED.

On motion of Col. DEACON, seconded by Mr. GREGORY, the chairman was authorized to grant a testimonial under the corporate seal to Mr. Kempt expressive of the high esteem entertained by the board as to his merits and abilities as a teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

Mr. W. E. TILLEY, M.A., submitted the monthly report of the high school, showing the average attendance during the month to be 101.

RE ENGAGEMENT OF TEACHERS.

The SECRETARY then read applications for re-engagement from the following teachers: Messrs. J. H. McFaul, Irwin and Hampton, and Misses Peplow (on condition that she was not given the same room as last winter otherwise she would resign), Wray, Thewlin, Twamley, Graham, Hunter, McSweyn, Elliott and Hollowell. Miss Hopwood and Miss Hampton handed in their resignations. Applications for vacancies were read from Mr. J. C. Elliott and Misses Lottie Browne, Florence King, Jennie Richardson, Jennie Rogers, L. Hamilton and Helena Ward.

Mr. BROWNE explained that he did not know until now that his daughter was an applicant as she was now in Toronto. The application was sent through Mr. McFaul.

Col. DEACON considered the preference in filling vacancies should be given to experienced teachers in the public schools rather than to the room vacated by Miss Hampton at a salary of $300 per annum. Carried.

Mr. CORNELL expressed a desire to see Miss Ward on the staff as she held a second certificate and was highly recommended by Mr. Armour of Bobcaygeon.

Messrs. GREGORY and KEITH also stated that Miss Ward was highly recommended by Mr. Armour and Mr. McFaul.

Mr. CORNELL moved, seconded by Mr. CRANDELL, that Mr. McFaul be re-engaged as headmaster of the model and public schools for the ensuing year at his present salary.

Mr. IRWIN asked Mr. Cornell to define Mr. McFaul's duties. If Mr. Cornell would bring us a rider to his resolution specifying that the model school be taught before and after school hours and on Saturdays and that Mr. McFaul take a department in the public schools he would support the motion.

Mr. CORNELL said he did not see any necessity for the change. Lindsay had now the reputation of having the best model school in the province and they should not do anything to destroy it. The young council had been very liberal in their grant to the model school and should the change suggested be effected they would have reasonable grounds for the complaint that the service demanded was not being given and might reduce the grant to that compelled by law.

Col. DEACON enquired if it was the intention that Mr. McFaul should do anything more than he was doing at present.

Mr. CORNELL answered that Mr. McFaul was at present overlooking the public schools and teaching the model school. When there was a session of the model school his services were at the disposal of the high and public schools. In the past he had been assisting in the high school and if the attendance kept on increasing as it had been during lately he would be required thereon, but he always held the opinion that there was enough for Mr. McFaul to do in the public schools.

Col. DEACON said that this practically meant that Mr. McFaul's time was spent in teaching the model school and the supervision of the public schools. Can we afford to pay $400 per annum for this?

Mr. IRWIN suggested that Mr. McFaul be heard as to the duties he had to perform.

Mr. CORNELL said that as frequent reference had been made to the management of the Port Hope model school, and which had been misrepresented, he would read a letter from Mr. Geggie, the headmaster of the model and public schools. Mr. Geggie stated that the model school there was only of secondary importance owing to their only receiving $100 from the county and the usual government grant. He devoted to the model school one hour a day before school and two hours a day in school which he believed was not enough. He distributed the teachers in training among four rooms which does not necessitate their presence in any room more than twice a week. His salary was $1,400 $800 for public school work and $100 for model school. He had no division but had general supervision of the public schools and taught a couple of subjects in the sixth form.

Mr. IRWIN moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr. BARRON, that Mr. McFaul be re-engaged as head master of the model and public schools and in charge of the senior fourth form. He believed the model school should be of secondary importance to the board as in his opinion it was injurious to the public schools. From the first he believed that the model school would retard the progress of the public schools and that view had been confirmed by experience. He was quite satisfied Mr. McFaul had performed his duties in the model school satisfactorily, but he was opposed to having the model school receive so much of his time. He would like to see Mr. McFaul retained on the public school staff.

Mr. BARRON stated that he would second Mr. Irwin's motion. He considered the model school should be taught out of school hours.

Mr. CORNELL enquired where the pupils for the model school were to come from in case the amendment was adopted.

Mr. BARRON considered it was presuming too much on the children to make them subjects for model school pupils to practice on. It was also presuming on the parents who were paying experienced teachers to instruct their children to have these model school pupils in the public school.

Mr. CORNELL referred at considerable length to the progress made by the school in the last few years which went to show that the school was not deteriorating. He cited the case of a teacher in the Peterborough collegiate institute who having witnessed the system upon which the Lindsay public schools was worked was so favorably impressed with it that he got his sister who was teaching in Lakefield to come here for a couple of weeks to become acquainted with it.

Mr. IRWIN said that Mr. Cornell forgets that three years ago there were only ten teachers in the public school; now there were fifteen and it was only reasonable to expect increased efficiency. He wanted to know if the progress made was in the same ratio as the extra expense incurred. He opposed the idea that this town should pay for the professional training of teachers of the county and province. The county and province should educate their own teachers.

Mr. CORNELL quoted figures showing that during the past three years there had been a large increase in the average attendance in the public school notwithstanding that there was a decrease in the number of children of school age, and he attributed the increase to the efficiency of the schools. He stated that there were only fourteen teachers in the public schools now.

Mr. BROWN again urged that Mr. McFaul be heard.

Mr. BARRON argued that the ratepayers should only be asked to pay for teaching reading, writing and arithmetic in instruction beyond that the parents or the pupils themselves should pay for. He disapproved of the people being asked to pay for the professional training of teachers.

Mr. CORNELL showed that prior to Mr. McFaul's engagement the board was paying $300 a year for drawing and $100 to Mr. Knight for supervision of the schools. Now these duties were taken by Mr. McFaul, so that the board was only paying $200 for all the extra services they received from him.

Mr. McFAUL was heard. He stated that this discussion was quite a surprise to him. He had been brought to Lindsay for a special purpose—that of teaching the model school. He occupied this position first and then he was asked to take the head mastership of the public schools. He said at the time, "I am willing to take the responsibility of the schools if they are placed in my hands, but do not tie me." He was made head master, and some time after, when he had just got the schools in good shape was called upon to assist in the high schools, the board still holding him responsible for the public schools. He continued to teach writing and drawing in the public schools and superintended the schools as well. During that time he had frequently to work till two and three o'clock in the morning to keep up with the demands upon his time. Since he had been relieved of high school work he had employed himself drilling backward scholars. When he found scholars in any of the rooms backward in their studies he took them into his class room and drilled them till they were brought up with other scholars in regular attendance. When he came here he predicted to the board that in three years the high school would have the standing necessary for a collegiate institute and the public schools would now be more advanced had he been allowed to devote his whole time to them. He stated that he could do more good for the schools by having a class room for drilling backward scholars, by superintending the school and teaching drawing and writing, than by having a regular division.

Mr. CORNELL read a letter from Mr. Hughes, inspector of the Toronto public schools, in which the opinion was expressed that the young pupils in the Toronto model school made better progress in that institution than in any of the public schools of the city. He submitted this in support of his argument that the modelites instead of retarding the progress of the public schools gave material assistance to the teachers.

Mr. IRWIN enquired what the teachers were doing when the model school pupils had the classes.

Mr. CORNELL asked Mr. Irwin to state under what circumstances he saw the teachers idle.

Mr. IRWIN—I am speaking of what I saw. The CHAIRMAN said he had long ago been convinced that the model school was injurious to the public school and he would support the amendment. Mr. McFaul should be made head master with a division under his personal tuition and he would then be responsible for the progress of the school.

Mr. CORNELL said that Mr. McFaul was responsible for the progress of all the public schools now.

The CHAIRMAN read a selection from the educational column of the Mail published last summer when Inspector Knight's report was being discussed, in which it was stated that Mr. McFaul was not personally responsible for failures because he had no room under his charge. He the chairman wanted to know where that paragraph emanated from.

Mr. CORNELL Well, where did it emanate from?

The CHAIRMAN Can you say it was not sent from Lindsay?

Mr. CORNELL It was not.

The CHAIRMAN Can Mr. McFaul say it was not written in Lindsay?

Mr. McFAUL It was; and I was the writer. Read it again and I will prove that it is literally true.

The CHAIRMAN read the paragraph again.

Mr. McFAUL asked if it was not true.

The CHAIRMAN said that the board should not give Mr. McFaul reason to make this excuse again. He should be given a room and then he could be held responsible for its progress.

Mr. CORNELL objected to have Mr. McFaul confine his attention to one room. He could be far more useful in supervising all the rooms. He read a letter from the paragraph in the Mail he stated that he supposed it was condensed by one of the editors from reports of meetings of this board reported in the local papers. In referring to the number of pupils passed at entrance examinations he stated that in 1877, when Mr. Knight was manager and Mr. Knight also inspector, sixteen pupils were passed only two of whom passed without fluke.

Mr. BROWNE requested Mr. McFaul's opinion as to the effect the model school had on the public schools.

Mr. McFAUL stated that by the arrangement he had recently made the pupils of the model school did not now teach in the public schools. During the present term one room had been visited by model school pupils. He had a number of pupils drafted into his class room and they were taught by himself before the model school pupils. This action completely removed the grounds for the complaint that the Wednesday night affected with the public schools.

The CHAIRMAN There has been enough of this now. I shall now put the question.

Mr. IRWIN said that on one occasion he went into a school room with Mr. McFaul where the modelites were teaching a class and he found a teacher the board was paying $400 per annum standing idle and the school literally doing nothing.

Mr. CORNELL again expressed the opinion that the model school did not retard the public schools. He believed that it indicted the regular teachers on to better work to have the modelites present.

The vote was then taken and showed for the amendment: Messrs. Irwin, Barron, Deacon, Wray. For the motion: Messrs. Cornell, Crandell, Keith, Gregory and Browne. The chairman then voted for the amendment making the vote a tie, and giving his casting vote also for the amendment it was declared carried.

Mr. CORNELL moved, seconded by Mr. Keith, that Mr. D. Hampton be re-engaged at his present salary.

Col. DEACON moved in amendment that Mr. G. A. Irwin be appointed to the junior fourth form.

Mr. CORNELL objected to the amendment as being an amendment at all.

Col. DEACON then withdrew his motion and submitted the following therefor: Moved by Col. DEACON, seconded by Mr. BROWNE, that in consequence of the vote of this evening appointing Mr. McFaul to the charge of the senior fourth form and as the board cannot afford to retain the services of Messrs. Irwin and Hampton that Mr. Irwin be re-appointed for the ensuing year at the same salary as last year. In support of his amendment the mover quoted figures which he said he compiled from the official records showing that at entrance examinations the pupils sent up by Mr. Irwin took fifty per cent. of the possible marks against Mr. Hampton's twenty-five per cent. This, and the fact that Mr. Irwin was an old teacher in the school were his grounds for making the amendment and not because he had any fault to find with Mr. Hampton.

Mr. CORNELL said that in order to institute a fair comparison of the result of the work done by the two teachers it would be necessary to ascertain if the pupils under each were of equal standing and ability. In 1879 Mr. Irwin was given the cream of the fourth form in order that he might push them on for the entrance examination to the high school and the "slops" were left for Mr. Hampton. It was absurd to expect therefore that Mr. Hampton would pass as many as Mr. Irwin in fact it was thought that he would not pass any but the strongest in passing three. On the other hand Mr. Irwin's work was disappointing as it was expected that he would have passed two-thirds of those he sent up, whereas he only passed fifteen or sixteen. In 1880 Mr. Irwin also had an advantage in having the older pupils but he was cute enough not to send up more than twenty-four, whilst Mr. Hampton allowed all those who desired to try the examination to do so and he sent thirty-three. A comparison of the result will show that Mr. Irwin's twenty-four only made an average of 279 marks, whereas Mr. Hampton's best twenty-four made 282, so that it will be seen that the best twenty-four from Mr. Hampton's room were better than Mr. Irwin's. But he considered there was a more reliable plan of ascertaining the relative standing of the work of each teacher, and that was to compare the progress of the pupils of each teacher unsuccessful in 1879 who were again examined in 1880. That would be a plain and fair comparison. What was the result? Mr. Hampton's pupils showed a percentage of improvement in the first half of 1880 of 35½ per cent. against Mr. Irwin's 18½ per cent. He had never found fault with Mr. Irwin's teaching but we have a better teacher than he one with a higher certificate, and we should retain him. He consulted the interests of the public and never made a sacrifice in his public career than he did when he proposed that amendment.

Mr. IRWIN agreed with Mr. Cornell that to judge intelligently of the merits of each teacher the pupils should be equal in standing. Col. Deacon had said that he had based his preference on Mr. Irwin's merits as a teacher. He should now like to hear the colonel answer Mr. Cornell's statement.

Col. DEACON enquired if Mr. McFaul had not classified the two schools properly? Had he given the slops to Mr. Hampton and the cream to Mr. Irwin?

Mr. CORNELL said that the board instructed Mr. McFaul to put the advanced pupils into Mr. Irwin's room that they might do advanced work and prepare for the intermediate examinations.

Col. DEACON in continuing characterized as impertinent Mr. Cornell's remark that in making the amendment he was guilty of the greatest mistake in his public career (Laughter.)

Mr. GREGORY said that he would not let the vote be taken without expressing his protest against the reappointment of Mr. Irwin. He did not object to his qualifications as a teacher, but to his flagrant by bad habits.

The vote was then taken and resulted in the amendment being carried by the two votes of the chairman.

Mr. CORNELL called for the yeas and nays on the motion. Yeas, Messrs. Crandell, Cornell, Keith, Barron and Gregory. Nays—Messrs. Wray, Deacon, Brown, Irwin, Grace, Grace.

Mr. CORNELL—I object to Mr. Irwin voting for his own son.

Mr. IRWIN—You object to a good many things you should not object to.

Mr. IRWIN introduced a motion reappointing all the laty teachers. Pro applied for re-engagement, and fixing Miss Wray's salary at $400, an increase of $50 over her previous salary, but it fell through for want of a seconder.

On motion of Col. DEACON, seconded by Mr. GREGORY, the following teachers were re-engaged at the salaries affixed:—Miss Twamley, $200; Miss Thewlin, $200; Miss Hodgins, $200; Miss Thexton, $225; Miss Graham, $225; Miss King, $250; Miss Pepelow, $250; Miss McSweyn, $250; Miss Peplow, $400; Miss Wray, $350.

Col. DEACON moved, seconded by Mr. WRAY, that Miss Florence King be appointed to the vacant position in the public school.

Mr. CORNELL moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. KEITH, that Miss Ward be appointed.

The motion was declared carried and the board adjourned.

The Greatest Remedy Known.

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Alexander The Great.

wept because there were no more worlds to conquer, but the proprietors of Dr. Pierce's Family medicines who have found it necessary to establish a branch of the World's Dispensary at London, England, in order to supply from that great commercial emporium these remedial blessings to foreign nations where they are largely in demand, do not share the great conqueror's sentiments, as their conquests are of disease and have made happy not one conqueror but the people who employ them. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures all blood and skin diseases, scrofulous affections, swellings and internal abscesses, Dr. Pierce's pellets are the little giant cathartic; Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—woman's tonic and nervine—Dr. Pierce's Extract of Smart-weed, the great remedy for colds and all bowel affections as diarrhoea, dysentery and flux. World's Dispensary Medical Association, proprietors, Buffalo and London.—1104-1.

LOCAL NEWS-LETTERS.

PORT HOPE.

CONDUCTOR INJURED.—Fred Samblyn of Millbrook, conductor of a Grand Trunk freight train, while coupling cars at the station here on Friday morning was jam'ed between them and had one knee badly crushed and his left thigh broken.

DOWNEYVILLE.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

FIRE.—On Friday last a fire broke out in the up-stairs of the hotel occupied by Mr. Hickey. Fortunately the flames had not made very great progress when noticed and by the quick application of a few pails of water were soon brought under subjection. No very serious damage was done more than the scorching of the walls and destruction of some clothing. Cause supposed to have been a detective flue.

FLEETWOOD.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

MATRIMONIAL.—There has been quite a stir in this part of late in the matrimonial market, there having been no less than five weddings inside of the last two weeks. Whether it is owing to it being leap-year or the N. P. or the cold weather I am not able to ascertain. Still we wish them a merry Christmas and a happy future. The last on the list is our worthy blacksmith, Mr. Thomas Staples, who has gone and taken to himself a Miss Kegan as a partner thinking that two is better than one. We wish him a happy future and happy new year.

WOODVILLE.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Woodville St. Andrew's society was held in McSwern's hall on Saturday evening, Oct. 30th, when the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year:—A. C. Campbell, president; Sidney McKenzie, vice-president; Peter McSwern, treasurer; N. H. Campbell, secretary; committee on charity—J. C. Gilchrist, D. Jackson, James Stuart, P. McSwern, R. McIlae & McKenzie; chaplains—Rev. A. Ross and J. T. Paul; physician—Dr. McKay. The society will meet on Friday evening 12th inst. at the same place at 8 p.m. to arrange for celebrating St. Andrew's day. All members are requested to attend.

BIBLE SOCIETY. The annual meeting of the Woodville bible society will take place in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening 12th inst. at 7 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. R. Cockburn, agent of the society, and by the resident ministers.

BOWMANVILLE.

HUNTING FOR THE "HUN." Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley arrived at Bowmanville Monday night. They were met at the station by a reception committee of the town council, headed by the mayor, Mr. F. F. McArthur, manager of the Upper Canada furniture factory. The party then drove to Dundurn Place, the residence of Mr. J. Milne, where Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley were entertained during their stay; and where they were met by a large party of the most prominent citizens. The Bowmanville cornet band serenaded the distinguished visitors. On Tuesday Sir Leonard visited the different manufacturing establishments of the town and the fish-breeding establishment at Newcastle, and in the evening addressed a public meeting in the town hall, after which he was entertained at dinner.

VICTORIA ROAD.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

PROGRESSING.—We are bound to go ahead at Victoria Road. The Collis Bros. are putting up two more houses in our village.

DIPHTHERIA.—In consequence of the diphtheria among the children the usual examination of our school was deferred until a few days ago, when it came off to the credit of our worthy teacher, Miss Burke.

THE SNOW fell here over one foot deep but did no apparent good as it was neither sleighing nor wagoning, but the last two days has taken it nearly all away.

A FIND.—Some school children found a purse containing an amount of money. It may have came down in the snow as there is no person enquiring for it.

SAW-MILL.—It is reported that Mr. Washington is about to build another saw-mill here.

MARKET PRICES.—Butter is worth 20c. per lb. here; potatoes, 25c. per bush.; wheat, 97c.; barley, 64c.; cordwood, $2 for hard and $1 for soft wood per cord; beef, $4.50 to $5 per 100 lbs.; pork, $3 to $6. Plenty of deer and bears in the catching.

ORION.

COBOCONK.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

PLENTY OF SNOW in the woods yet, making it rather unpleasant getting around after game.

THE HERRING HARVEST is approaching and all the old nets in the village are being set in order for active service.

OUR SAW-MILL is not making full time now but we do not attribute it to the N. P.

BURIED.—Mr. Hailes, who met with his death on the Midland near Lindsay as narrated in THE POST, was buried here on Friday.

BUSY BUILDING.—The excavation for Mr. Orde's new hotel is being pushed forward notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather.

GRAIN MARKET.—There is considerable grain coming in but the roads are execrable.

OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS here are to be ornamented with a woodshed soon and not before it was needed. Mr. Breaw has secured the contract.

S. S. TEA.—In connection with the C. M. Sunday school an entertainment and tea is on the tapis about the 10th Nov., I think.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE GRAND JUNCTION BUILDINGS.—The Grand Junction railway have invited abonus from the village of Ashburnham of $5,000, proposing to build a station there to cost $10,000. In the event of a failure to obtain the bonus they promise to erect all the buildings at the terminus in Peterboro.

A FIRE.—The woodshed and contents of Mr. Armstrong, Otonabee, was burned on Saturday morning. Loss, $500; covered by insurance.

PETERBORO WATER-WORKS.—The town of Peterboro will apply at the next session of the Ontario legislature for an act to authorize the construction of water-works by local rate and repeal the former act concerning water-works.

GOT HIS DESERTS.—We learn from the Kingston Whig that Mr. Silas Burnham arrived at the penitentiary in that city on Friday last, having been sentenced from Barrie to four years incarceration for one of his many crimes. The same paper says he is a man of much talent. If so we are of opinion that he has made rather a curious use of his talent.—[Review.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.—The following item appears in the Toronto papers of Monday: "A case of alleged indecent assault is reported from Auburn, the victim being a young girl of sixteen who was recently crippled by a fall through the factory elevator and the alleged assailant an old man, a retired farmer, also a cripple." The Review says: "The offence referred to is said to have taken place about three weeks ago and was for a week the common talk of the neighborhood. At the time of the occurrence we learned the particulars but as the thing appeared so trivial we did not think it was worth mentioning. The young girl referred to is named Fisher and her alleged assailant, an old man aged about 75 years, who is hardly able to walk, is named McIntyre. We would like to see some fresher news sent from here when any is sent."

SUDDEN DEATH.—The Review gives the following particulars of the sudden death of Mr. G. E. Shaw, manager of the Ontario Bank, briefly stated in THE POST last week: "It appears that Mr. Shaw was in the enjoyment of the best of health on Wednesday. In fact he was in the Review office during the day and appeared to be in a rather jovial mood. During the afternoon he attended a funeral and in the evening retired to bed, apparently in full enjoyment of the best of health. Shortly before four o'clock Thursday morning Mrs. Shaw noticed that something was wrong, and thinking that he was suffering from an attack of nightmare, to which he was subject, raised him up after he had fallen over on his face. He gasped twice, and without saying a word, died in her arms. As soon as she noticed something wrong, Mrs. Shaw alarmed the household, and one of the sons went in haste for a physician. Dr. King, who resides close by, was immediately summoned, and although he went at once, upon his arrival he found that the deceased was beyond all human aid, and he thinks that death have been dead only about two minutes. The deceased gentleman was born in the township of Cramahe, Northumberland, in 1823, and was consequently in his 57th year at the time of his decease. He leaves a son Captain George Shaw. Mr. Shaw was connected for some years with the Ontario bank at Bowmanville and Oshawa, from which place he was promoted to the agency of the same institution in this town, assuming that position on the 13th of July, 1869, succeeding Mr. Eastwood. He has held the place ever since with credit to himself and profit to the company. He was probably as well known both in town and surrounding country as any other citizen we have, and was well liked on account of his prepossessing manners. He held many positions of honor, to which he was appointed by his fellow citizens. He leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters, one of the latter being married to Mr. C. W. Kempt." The funeral on Friday was one of the largest ever seen in the town, showing the great esteem in which the deceased was held by all classes of the community. The board of education and the St. George's society attended as bodies.

THE BURNING QUESTION.—Peterboro is very active, a large number of firkins being disposed of every day. From 17 to 23c. is the price paid. Buyers are shipping direct to Liverpool by the car-load.

WOODVILLE.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

OBIT.—Mr. Norman McLeod, who lived on the south side of the town line, about a mile east of here, died on Tuesday last of apoplexy. Mr. McLeod came to this county from the Isle of Skye, Scotland, fifty years ago and settled on the lot on which he lived ever since. He was only 19 years old when he came to Canada. He was a good neighbor, a gentle and loving husband and a kind father and was respected by all who knew him.

OAKWOOD.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

PERSONAL.—Rev. Silas J. Cummings, who went to Manitoba last summer, has taken a wife to himself since going there.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—Rev. Mr. Cockburn, bible society agent, gave an address in the Wesleyan church here on Oct. 20th to a very small audience, in fact Mr. C. declared it was the smallest congregation he had ever addressed in his life. We have here three regular congregations, three resident ministers, besides local preachers and large membership in connection with the churches, but all the ministers, with the exception of Mr. Jesse Weldon, were absent.

[Crowded out last week.]

BOBCAYGEON.

NEW STEAMBOAT.—Captain Bottum has commenced his new steamboat. She will be a beauty; seventy feet in length, with a beam of ten feet and splendid lines for running fast. Mr. McFadden is the builder and designer and a better could not be obtained in Canada