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BARTHOLOMEW, AGENT FOR Commercial Union Assurance Co. of London, Ontario Assurance Co. Montreal, Confederation Life Association, Toronto, Canada, Permanent Loan and Savings Co. Waterbury Savings Works Co. Montreal.

RUSSELL V. RUSSELL. Will be received by the undersigned Master up to Saturday, 31st January next at two o'clock, p.m., marked TENDERS TO BE RECEIVED FOR THE PURCHASE OF THAT VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PREMISES

being the East part of No. 8, North of Kent-st., in the Town of Lindsay, having a frontage of 25 feet on Kent-st., and with right to use the same frontage to the rear of said lot. There are on the premises a good two-story Brick Store on the front and a good Brick Shop in the rear. The lease is for a term of fifteen years from the 25th August last and the ground rent is \$110, payable quarterly in advance, and the lessor consents to provide for the purchase of the building on terms therein mentioned at the end of the term.

The present tenant's lease expires 1st February, 1888, and the purchaser of party rent will be entitled to demand a notice to quit, and the vendors to receive the rent up to that time. Other conditions will be the standing conditions of the court. For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the law office of Messrs. MARTIN & HOPKINS, where the lease can be seen. Dated 15th December, 1887. W. DRAKE, Master.

The Canadian Post. LANDSAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 30, 1887. A GOOD CHANCE FOR THE LOCAL DAVIDS.

The "David" is the frank of our conservative temperance friends here an excellent opportunity to show the stuff that is in them. The opportunity to Mr. Robt. Smyth for the reversion of Lindsay is generally believed to be merely if not wholly owing to the fact that he is president of the Scott set association. Mr. Smyth has not been vindictive or remorseless in connection with the enforcement of the act, nor has he stirred up any hard feelings. We do not believe there is in this connection any feeling whatever against himself personally; but it is generally believed that a decree has gone forth that the president of the Scott set association shall not be reeve of Lindsay, and the county is wise for those who are opposed to the Scott set to force a contest on these grounds. There is no other ground for opposition. Mr. Smyth's municipal record is an exceedingly good one. There is no fault to find with him. There was really no reason why he should not have been re-elected by acclamation. He was fairly entitled to the honor. But for some reason there is to be a contest; and the general impression that it is made on anti-Scott set grounds, though it is not so avowed, appears to us to be the correct one. We do not intend to make any invidious comparisons between Mr. Smyth and his opponent. Both are well-known to the rate-payers. We think on general public grounds, as Mr. Smyth's record is satisfactory, he should be returned by a handsome majority.

THE PROBLEM: Will the conservative temperance people stand by their temperance principles and support Mr. Smyth? A few men; and they would probably vote for Mr. Smyth on personal grounds only. The opportunity for the temperance friends to go forth and defeat the champion of the Philistines is an extraordinary one. But to repeat Gov. St. John's own remark, we fear a good many who have been paying for the success of the temperance cause for 34 days will on the 30th go to the polls and vote for William Gov. St. John's magnificent record for three years of good white trash made a good many of our conservative friends who vote for them monthly now. Will that kind of vote be repeated next Monday? If it is to any extent Mr. Smyth will be elected to stay at home. We shall be greatly disappointed if the vote is not in a large measure repeated next Monday. From what we have seen in

the county and how what voters stand in other counties there is very little confidence to be placed in the sincerity of most of the conservative friends who when certain party interests were at stake & few are sincere, determined and consistent. The temperance cause is often used and worked by set a few conservative vice-patrons to create trouble in the reform ranks. The present local contest is not necessarily a party one. Party should have nothing to do with it. The vital question is: Will the David go forth and stay Goliath; or will they place the reformer Uriah in the front rank of battle and thus retire from him in order that he may be "killed off"?

The same reasons that call for strenuous exertions to elect Mr. Smyth apply to the contest between Mr. Williams and Mr. Meander, and about secure Mr. Williams a good majority. Between Mr. Fox and Mr. Byrnes the same issue is not pronounced.

THE MURKIN ELECTION. The municipal election in Murkinton this year is of unusual interest owing to the fact that the high school by-law is one of the questions before the electors. Four good men, experienced in municipal matters, are running for the reeve-ship. Messrs. Broad, Brown, Eyres and Parkinson are in the field for this position. Mr. Parkinson informs us he is running as an independent candidate, with no combination, but on his own merits. Mr. Eyres is a candidate without a clear, definite and decided lead for the electors. He has taken a bold course, and will stand or fall accordingly.

Mr. Vrooman has been elected first deputy reeve. For second deputy reeve the contest is between Mr. Lowmabrough and D. Carnichael. We do not desire to criticize the fitness of Mr. Carnichael to the responsible position for which he is a candidate; but we should regard with great regret the failure to elect Mr. Lowmabrough, and he may be defeated because he promoted the high school by-law. His course on that question was merely and straightforward, and we trust that any who for good reasons to their advice are opposed to the high school by-law will in the general interests of the township mark their ballot for Mr. Lowmabrough. His personal qualities are such that he ought to be placed at the head of the poll. We should regard it as a public calamity and a personal disappointment if Mr. Lowmabrough should be left at home on this occasion; and we urge our friends to drop their minor differences and return by a good majority a trusted man as well worthy of their confidence.

EDITORIAL NOTES. A ballot is to be taken for or against the new by-law in the town of Lindsay next Monday, and electors are requested to mark their ballot accordingly. It is to be hoped the by-law will be defeated.

The Municipal separation deputations interviewed Mr. Mevins and his colleagues last Friday, and met with a favorable reception. The reeve and M.P.P.'s from Simcoe present were strongly in favor of the movement.

The Tory Independent Montreal Star says the type for the new Reformer comes from Glasgow and the paper from Buffalo, which is incontinent, as well as ungrateful. The Reformer denies the imputation and nearly declares it would rather import its paper than its politics.

Mr. Cochrane, the Tory candidate, has carried East Northumberland by 28. It was wanted from the materialists by Dr. Malloy by a majority of 215 the general election. The result is claimed as a severe blow to commercial union. Several materialist speakers were appointed to deliver addresses, but Mr. Cochrane carried off the fullest measure of reciprocity with the United States that could be obtained. The voters in the main stood in the old-fashioned line. If the election signifies anything it shows that Mr. Cochrane had spread his net to the voters to retain his regular support. A small majority for the Reformer would have little significance. Nothing but a crushing majority for reciprocity will have any effect or show that the voters are opposed to the importation of the question and see only one way of settling what they consider a vexatious question for the county and for themselves.

SOUTH CARTWRIGHT. RE-ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. The Cartwright council are all re-elected by acclamation, a good evidence that they have developed their duties faithfully or to the satisfaction of the electors. There were no other nominations made on nomination day. We have reeve, Jas. Perry, deputy reeve, McKen, councilors, J. H. Davis, A. H. Spruce and David F. Hill.

THE POINT MOUNTAIN RAILWAY. The reeve of the Point in this vicinity are well pleased with the paper, and the correctness of the market reports. We can generally rely on them, which we cannot say of many local papers as we think there is not one amongst them in connection with this branch of the paper to be of interest to the farmer, and a large addition to your circulation, which we think your paper steady state.

GRAND JURY. Rev. J. J. Ferguson, B. D., presented to the Methodist congregation on Sunday evening, Dec. 23rd, a copy of the "New Year Gifts" by Mr. S. W. Ferguson and Mrs. W. Ferguson of Toronto. The collection for the Methodist church was a social and entertainment on the 26th inst. After tea had been served, an interesting program was rendered, consisting of recitations, songs, dialogues, etc. The collection of the dinner was \$100.00, including the contributions of the ladies and the 100.00. We think the collection should be more carefully in the possession of a committee of church members. R. S. SMYTH & SON.

LOCAL MATTERS.

VICTORIA GENERAL ASSOCIATION. (Before his Honor Judge Deane.) The Court of General Sessions was opened on Tuesday, the 14th inst., his honor Judge Deane presiding. Mr. A. P. Derlin conducting the general business. The only counsel from a distance were Messrs. Fred. C. McLean and George T. Blackstock of Toronto. There were eight civil and two criminal cases on the docket.

GRAND JURY. The following gentlemen composed the grand jury, of which Mr. D. S. Beacham of Markham was foreman: Messrs. John Haggan, John Hannon, D. S. Beacham, John Duggan, Wm. Eyres, Geo. Eastland, J. A. Gould, M. Markham, Ansel Mills, Peter Murdoch, John McPeckers, Robert McNeil, Hector McInnis, John McDonald, M. D. Halloran, James Parkin, John Smith, Fred. Steele, John Staples, Donald Spence, Yeoman Smith, Wm. Thorn, Robert Thurston and Thos. Wallace. The grand jury were addressed at length by his honor. Only two criminal cases were brought before them and true bills were returned.

CRIMINAL CASES. Regina vs. Thos. Simpson. - In this case the prisoner was charged with stealing a coat and hat from a party of blacksmiths, the property of James M. Lewis. The evidence was unimpeachable. The jury after a short deliberation returned a verdict of guilty. A. E. Davis for the crown, and J. B. Smith for the prisoner. Regina vs. James Shea. - In this case the defendant was charged with stealing a horse from the property of J. B. Smith. The evidence was unimpeachable. The jury after a short deliberation returned a verdict of guilty. A. E. Davis for the crown, and Thos. Stewart for the defendant.

CIVIL CASES. Robinson vs. Hudson Improvement Co. - This was an action brought by Wm. Robinson of Simcoe against the Hudson Improvement Co. for \$120 without costs. Barron & Campbell for plaintiff, H. B. Deane for defendant. Perryman vs. Mevins. - This was an action brought by the plaintiff against the defendant for the sum of \$100. Barron & Campbell for plaintiff, H. B. Deane for defendant. McWharney vs. Maher. - This action was brought by the plaintiff, who is a cattle breeder in Lindsay, to recover from the defendant, who is a cattle buyer in Peterboro, the price of 120 shipping sheep which he had sold to the defendant. The parties having come to an arrangement to refer the case to arbitration, H. B. Deane for plaintiff, E. D. Moore and G. T. Blackstock for defendant.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT. The grand jury returned the following presentment: May it please your honor. - The grand jurors of our sovereign lady the Queen for the County of York do hereby certify that they have returned the following presentment: (1st) We are glad to observe that only one criminal case has been brought before us at this trial but we have acquitted. This reflects favorably on the morals of this county. (2nd) We have visited the county jail and found the prisoners all satisfied with the treatment received. We found fourteen prisoners in the county jail, and we would strongly recommend that suitable reading matter should be supplied to the prisoners by a permanent library, magazines or such other as would be thought advisable. (3rd) We have visited the state of the county and we believe the law is not properly enforced from the inability or otherwise of the proper authorities to enforce it either on account of the lack of funds and the smallness of the force, or on account of the temperance people, or some other cause to the grand jury unknown, and which ought to be remedied. (4th) We regret to learn through the public press that the Henry Commission lately met at Toronto have not succeeded in settling out international difficulties. We feel that a liberal reciprocity treaty with the United States would be beneficial to the best interests of the Dominion as well as especially to an agricultural and manufacturing section like the county of Victoria. We feel that the present feeling that has lately existed for some years past that we would desire to exist between us and our neighbors.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT. (5th) It has been represented to us that the crossing of the Great Northern Railway on the 4th one of the One north of the main pier, is a dangerous condition on account of the approaching storm, and we are of the opinion the proper authorities should make the crossing so that the travelling public may be without danger. And lastly, we deeply regret the infidelity which some time since deprived the county treasury of your honor's property, and we would like to see you on your restoration to the bench, and if the course desire of the grand jury

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R. SMYTH & SON. NEW YEAR GIFTS. AT ONLY HALF PRICE. We have just bought a lot of SAMPLES from a leading Fancy Dry Goods House at HALF-PRICE, and will sell them at the same rate. They are in good condition and reasonable, consisting of Knitted Wool Boating and Opera Shawls, Cloths, Hoods, Fascinators, Fur Capes, Boas, Mantles, Dolmanettes, and General Millinery and Fancy Dry Goods. R. SMYTH & SON. Lindsay, Dec. 15, 1887-88.

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