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**THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON.**

One travelling through the county of Haliburton cannot but be struck with two ideas, one that it is not and never can be an exceptionally rich municipality, and the other that however many advantages it has had as an independent county by reason of its revenues the early legislators have been fully equal to the occasion and spent the public money with a lavish hand. Yet it is equally plain that the county of Haliburton is not the object of poverty stricken county many have represented to outsiders, and that in nearly every case their late financial troubles can be traced to bungling legislation, but more often to deep laid plots on the part of one or two influential men for personal considerations.

One of the most prominent individuals in this connection has been our friend Mr. S. S. Peck, the defeated in last election and the present stipendiary magistrate. It was to a great extent through this gentleman's representations that the county of Haliburton was set apart from the counties of Victoria and Peterboro' and when he of course became clerk and treasurer. He and his friend Mr. Niven, assisted subsequently by the Boboayagon Independent had for years to a very large extent the management of the whole county business, and from all accounts they did not scruple to make use of the confidence so generously bestowed upon them. Mr. S. S. Peck was especially active and besides the county business took an interest in many institutions, generally contriving to become secretary and treasurer. When the Victoria railway question came up for discussion Mr. S. S. Peck was also there and in many ways assisted the bonus hunters and of course the county of Haliburton by advocating the building of the railway seven miles from their county town and practically killing its prosperity. In fact so well did this gentleman and his friends work their cards for the benefit of their individual pockets that it is cause for wonder that there is anything of the county left, financially and otherwise.

When such things are known to every elector in the county, when it is known he has bought and sold their public interests so many times and is even now a defaulter to the county to the amount of some \$2,400 is it any wonder that so many plainly express their want of confidence in him and their great dissatisfaction at his reappointment as stipendiary magistrate by the Mowat Government? It moreover shows a disregard to the people's wishes no way to the credit of Mr. Mowat to place a man of so much unenviable notoriety judge of the people who a month before rejected him at the polls on the charge of dishonesty, and who has time and again expressed his feelings for or against the more outspoken of those taking part in the election. Neither is it any wonder that various suggestions have been talked of to insist on his removal by the Government or if Mr. Mowat refuse to compel Mr. Peck to do so himself.

It is we believe apparent to those best qualified to judge that to preserve the good name of the county and the confidence of the people in the administration of justice some efforts must be made for the placing of Mr. Peck in a more honorable position towards the county, or insist upon his resigning his position. How it is to be done has not yet been decided, but it is more than hinted the past few days that each county councillor is to be requested at the December session to see that the money due the county is paid in by Mr. Peck and so save further trouble. Had the matter been attended to and the money paid in as Mr. Peck promised in his letter to the warden the execution against the county would not have an existence to-day, and that now he must pay up or the electors must know the reason

why. It certainly appears strange to more than the people of Haliburton how Mr. Peck can act as judge between honesty and dishonesty when only a short time before he was found guilty of pocketing money that did not belong to him, and although he promised he never yet paid it back. The county council should certainly do something in the matter.

**THE RAILWAY QUESTION.**

No other means of choking off the railway debt discussion presenting itself to our local contemporary it evidently hopes to shut off by silence what it dare not attempt to defend. A short time ago a special meeting of the council to discuss this very matter was called which apparently both alarmed and nettled the Post, for immediately a violent and unjustifiable attack was made on Capt. Crandell in particular and the council in general and their "reputation policy." The council however met, discussing the whole question pro and con, while one member of the council in plainer terms than were likely to be appreciated, explained the course of that journal in all matters connected with the railway and its unreliability on all municipal subjects where politics might possibly be affected. This no doubt explains the reason why the Post, although editor and reporter were present, so conveniently forgot all about the special meeting of the town council.

Perhaps our contemporary, or the little ring which controls it, would oblige the public by stating its reason for this little dodge! If the question is of so little importance now why did they create such a racket about it in the beginning and express such fears of having their interests hurt politically? Or are they vain enough to think that because the Post will not notice the deliberations of the council in future on this important question that therefore the town council will die of inanition and the matter permitted to drop! If so our contemporary could scarcely be more mistaken. Every member of the town council knows too well the value of any opinion that the Post may hold regarding railway questions as well as the ease with which it can be turned when there is a job of printing to be given.

The Post may probably not like to hear it, but we may say that the secretary of the committee is progressing fairly, and that the committee is fully alive to the importance of some steps being taken to reduce the freight rates or withhold the debenture money till such times as the road sees fit to lower them. If the railway authorities cannot fulfil the terms of their contract with the town then they are not entitled to the full amount of the bonus; if they do desire the full amount they must not be surprised if they are called on at the same time to fulfil their part of the agreement.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

THE Toronto Canadian announces that the Hon. T. W. Anglin, ex-speaker of the House of Commons, now editor of the Tribune and a contributor to the Globe, will shortly invade West Simcoe, where the Reform member-elect was unseated on Saturday.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Teachers' Association held in Toronto last week, the following were elected to office for the ensuing year: president, G. W. Ross, M. P. P.; sec. secretary, R. W. Doan; corresponding secretary, A. P. Knight; treasurer, W. H. Hendry. The association unanimously disapproved of the authorization of more than one series of school readers, and recommend the education department to enforce the proper ventilation of school buildings.

ALGONA is just now flooded with Government hangers on and political adventurers. They all claim to belong to the unselfish class, and are working not for sordid gain, but from pure patriotism. Mr. Charlton is the latest addition to the army of Mr. Mowat. He happened to be on a pleasure trip to Sault Ste. Marie, and no sooner heard of the dire extremity of his party, and that his assistance was urgently needed, than he abandoned his pleasure programme and let off the vials of political wrath at a public meeting, and determined to stay and elevate the standard of political morality until the end of the campaign.

THE Reform Parkhill Gazette thus deals with the Globe's silly argument in favor of Midland railway bribing through free tickets:—The Globe argues in defence of developments made in the South Victoria election case that the paying of the railway fares of voters brought to vote should not be considered an offence against the law for pure election contests. In the old days when the Reformers were out of office the Globe would have howled itself hoarse with indignation at any Conservative who would have hinted at such a defence. It claims that the law relating to the hiring of vehicles for the conveyance of voters to the polls was made because the hiring itself was made a species of bribery; but argues that in the case of paying voters' fares on the railway no such objection exists, as no railway company could be bribed by such a paltry consideration as the buying of a few railway tickets. But it forgets that the election act was also intended to take away the disabilities under which poor men labored before the act was passed, in obtaining a seat in Parliament. If the Globe's version of the law were correct the rich man who could afford to pay voters' railway fares would have a very great advantage over the poor man who could not afford such an outlay. One of the chief objects of the election law was to place

rich and poor candidates on the same footing, and if in the South Victoria case the Reform member has violated the law in respect of paying fares of voters, the Globe is falsifying its record by supplying an interpretation of the law for his special benefit.

On the 1st September next, says an Ottawa despatch, the Canadian Pacific railway company will take over fifty miles of line west to Nipissing and will immediately begin running trains. The line is built considerably west of Nipissing, but the contractors will not hand it over for some time. The depot at that place will be ready finished. The line, when opened to Nipissing, will be 46 miles west of the Mattawa, and by the 1st of May, 1884, will be running to Algoma, where steamers will connect with Prince Arthur's Landing, the all-rail route to Winnipeg being completed in 1886. The contractors are pushing forward rapidly and making a good road at the same time.

Mr. A. Blue, secretary of the Ontario Bureau of Industries, furnishes the following from his August crop report: Wheat, average yield per acre, 15 1/2 bushels, compared with 23 last year. Barley—estimated produce less than last year by 3,676,000 bushels. The crop of oats is excellent, estimated product, 5,616,000 bushels more than last year, average yield, nearly 40 bushels per acre. Rye is only moderately good. Potatoes—estimated produce 775,000 bushels in excess of last year. The wet weather has greatly injured the corn crop. The bean crop and buckwheat are more favorable. The crop of hay and clover is the largest ever grown in the country; estimated produce 4,137,619 tons against 2,096,026 last year. Area under roots in excess of last year by about 30,000 acres. The fruit crop is, to a large extent, a failure in all parts of the Province.

ACTIVE preparations are in progress for the central exhibition to be held in Lindsay the first week in October, and if the show is not equal to the highest expectations it will not be the fault of the association and the committee of management. The price list and the bills announcing all particulars are now in the hands of the printers and will no doubt be issued in a few days, and the earnest assistance of every farmer, manufacturer and all favorable to agricultural interests is requested. To make the exhibition a success in every way each one must help, and if this is done there cannot fail to be as good a show at Lindsay this year as is possible to make. In addition to the \$2,000 in prizes there will be the first day a valuable cup offered for the champion lacrosse team, and on the second day there will be horse racing, when some of the best horses in the Province are expected to trot. All desiring information or intending to exhibit should write the secretary, Mr. Jas. Keith, at once.

**Board of Education.**

A special meeting of the board of education was held Monday evening. The following members were present: Messrs. Grace, Plikie, Heap, Barron, Irwin, Wray, McNeillie and Bradburn.

**CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.**

Mr. Grace stated that the object of convening this special meeting was to consider the advisability of engaging a fourth teacher for the high school, the re-establishment of the model school, and the appointment of a successor to Miss Hunter, who has tendered her resignation.

**NO REPORT.**

Mr. McNeillie, as chairman of the special committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the advisability of appointing a fourth teacher to the high school, stated that the committee failed of a quorum and therefore he had no report to make. He thought it better for the board to take some action.

Mr. Irwin was under the impression that if three teachers were engaged and paid the salary of four it would avoid changes and offer inducement to those that were on the staff at any time to remain.

**MODEL SCHOOL RE-OPENED.**

Mr. Grace informed the board that Mr. J. J. Tilley, model school inspector, wished to address the board on the proposed re-establishment of the model school.

Mr. Tilley was on motion heard. He was somewhat surprised to see that the model school started here before did not succeed, but it was more of an experiment than anything else. There were obstacles in all model schools, but they may be overcome. He alluded to the Durham school, the obstacles experienced at the start, and the flourishing condition it is now in. When the high school was first established the Government grant was \$200, and the term six weeks, which he maintained was an insufficient sum to meet the demands. But now the Government grant has been increased to \$300 and it is, which average \$100, thus making \$400 in all. The term is also extended from six weeks to thirteen. The hostility to the model school appears to be that it hinders the working of the other schools. If properly conducted, and if not so conducted, were sure it would be no hindrance, if anything a gain. His ideas in regard to discipline was for the pupil to attend the model school for the term and then be placed as a monitor in one of the public schools, to be under the jurisdiction of the teacher in such division. The pupil would thus acquire a thorough training. There is considerable trouble because by not being able to keep the same teacher steady. He is engaged for the thirteen weeks and then leaves and for new one has to be obtained the next year. This damages the school considerably. As the board is undecided as to the necessity of employing four teachers in the high school it could be arranged that one teacher should attend to the high school one half term and the model the other half. He thought it a pity that so important a place as Lindsay should be compelled to send her pupils to outside schools.

Mr. J. H. Knight was next heard. The model school was broken up at the time Mr. McFaul resigned on account of no successor to him being appointed. He, together with Mr. Tilley, believed if a model school were established and a competent person engaged in Mr. Smith's place they could manage it. Mr. Tilley

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becoming head master of the model school and he could take up some of Mr. Tilley's subjects during the term. But it could not be accomplished without a competent assistant. His idea in relation to training pupils was that after spending the term at the model school they should be distributed among the public schools and be under control of the teacher in charge of such branch.

Mr. Grace was in favor of having the school re-established providing it did not hinder the other branches. The general idea entertained was that it did hinder them. It was a great inconvenience to pupils in this vicinity to be forced to spend thirteen weeks at some other school. Mr. Tilley thought it impossible to successfully carry on the high school with three teachers. When over seventy pupils attend it requires at least a staff of four. If the board express themselves as favoring only three the school would have to be run with that number, but he was sure it would prove injurious. The proposition to engage a teacher to attend to the high school one half and the model the other half might be feasible, in any event during the last half term, there generally being a decrease in attendance during that term.

Mr. Grace—if a teacher is engaged to teach one half of the year in the high school and the other half in the model school are we allowed the Government grant to high school teachers?

Mr. J. J. Tilley answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Barron was not in favor of taking the cost into consideration. The reason for the abolition of the school was because of its interference with the other branches, not as Mr. Knight had stated on account of Mr. McFaul's resignation. He was opposed to its re-establishment, at least he preferred to see the subject postponed for the present.

In Mr. McNeillie's opinion the reviving of the model school was a step in the right direction. The proposition to engage a fourth teacher also met his views. All agree that the model school is an advantage providing it is carried out without injury to the public schools, which he believed can be accomplished. The question should be settled now.

Mr. Hallett, in answer to a question from Mr. McNeillie as to whether the model school can be carried out without hindrance to the public schools, stated that he had not given the subject much thought, but if properly conducted it would not necessitate any annoyance.

Mr. Knight was confident that the model school can be managed so as to become a perfect benefit.

Mr. Heap wished to know if the necessary accommodation for a model school was obtainable.

He was informed that room would be found in the union school building.

Mr. Irwin stated the former model school located just where it was expected—to the ground. It was simply experimental. He would support the establishment of the school if interference with the public school is avoided. Mr. Knight's suggestion that model school pupils be transferred as monitors to the public schools was good, but he was of opinion that the pupil should be thoroughly conversant with the work before entering upon it.

Mr. McNeillie then moved, seconded by Mr. Heap, that the model school be re-opened.—Carried.

**TEACHERS WANTED.**

Mr. McNeillie moved, seconded by Mr. Heap, that the chairman be authorized to advertise for a science master to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Smith's resignation, his salary to be \$500 per annum, such applicant to hold a first-class certificate and to be capable to be appointed headmaster of the model school providing such is required.—Carried.

Acting on the resignation of Miss Hunter, Mr. Irwin moved, seconded by Mr. Plikie, that the board advertise in the local papers for a teacher to fill one of the junior classes at a salary of \$250 per annum, and that Messrs. Grace, McNeillie and Plikie be a committee to receive applications.—Carried.

**FINANCE REPORT.**

Mr. Heap presented the report of the finance committee, recommending the payment of the following accounts:—J. R. Easton, stationery, \$10.10; H. Neddco, working at school, \$1.50; W. Jackson, do., \$1.88; Harris Bros., calsoning east ward school, \$24. The report was adopted.

**CARETAKER'S SALARY.**

A communication was read from Mr. John Musgrove, caretaker union school, asking the board to grant an increase of salary from \$150 per year to \$200.

Mr. Irwin favored employing Mr. Musgrove exclusively for the school work, there being plenty to do all the time, and remunerating him at a fixed salary. In such a case Mr. Musgrove will be an employee of the board at all times excepting court days. He thought the matter had better lay over until next meeting when he will move in the matter, which was agreed to.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

The thanks of the board were tendered to Mr. J. J. Tilley, inspector of model schools, for the interesting observations in reference to the model school.

Mr. Knight informed the board that during Miss Lang's absence at the normal school, Toronto, Miss Holtorf will act in her stead. The board then adjourned.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**

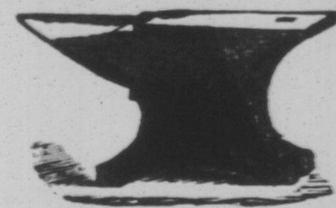
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