The Victoria Warder

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1886.

Long Ago.

Why it is we never know,
Brightest days seem long ago.

Long ago, dear, since that morning,
Neath the glowing August sky,
And you breathed the fervent blessing,
Wrapped in that one word, "good-bye."

Long ago, yet, since we parted
With the loving ones of old;
Friends whose memory forms a picture
Framed in purest shining gold.

Long ago since dear ones left us,
For the brighter happier land,
Left for aye, "a broken circle"
In our little household band.

Long ago since violets whispered
Of the coming summer days;
Long ago since song birds warbled
Mid green leaves their songs of praise.

Long ago loved ones are scattered
Far and wide; while fast or slow
Nears the time when all must slumber
With the buried long ago.

When the restless life is over,
With its joy and with its woe,
Heaven's reward shall then be given
For the life of "long ago."

Dec. 6th, 1886. MIGNAN.

Town Council.

The council met in the council chamber on Monday the 6th inst. Members present, Col. Deacon in the chair, Messrs. Bryans, Sinclair, Fisher, Marlow, Connaughy, Crandell, Thos. Walters and Keith. Members absent, Messrs. Barron, Taylor, H. Walters and Mills. Messrs. Dobson and Gregory were heard re charity grant and were informed that it was the intention of the council that everything to grant $128 for that purpose which was done.

Communications were read from each of the following: Messrs P. Brady, P. Sennett and A. W. Parkin for exemption from taxes on account of losses sustained by fire. These were referred to the finance committee. A communication from Mr. A. Cullon asking $1 50 for loss of time attending police court for impounding of heifer which, at that time, he did not own. The same was ordered to be paid. A communication from Dr. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, was referred to the local board of health. A communication from Mrs T. Heenan re remission of taxes was left to be reported on by collector. Another from Mr. T. Twamley, secretary U. L., asking that assessment roll and receipts and expenditures be published, was referred to finance committee. The Mayor stated he had corresponded with Mr. Hickson, of the G. T. R., re inducements that might be offered by Lindsay, such as continuance of present rate of taxation and right of way on certain streets, if proposed shops should be erected in Lindsay. Also with regard to the Singer Mfg. Co., which proposed locating a branch factory in either Ontario or Quebec. His Worship stated that Lindsay would be prepared to treat with them if they located here. A communication was read from Dr. Burrows recommending that the Sanitary Inspector's salary be increased. The Sanitary Inspector's report was read. The report of the finance committee recommended that the following accounts be paid:

W. Duffus	$ 8 50
R. Robinson	9 00
Town Treasurer	60 58
Gas Co	6 34
Gas Co. for lamp at church	16 00
Chief Police, postage, &c	1 74
Green & Ellis, lumber	17 88
J. G. Edwards	5 28
R. Bryans	20 11
R. Bryans, wood account	12 75
A. W. Parkin	5 00
A. Delury	7 50
A. Cullon	3 30
J. Ross	39 25
J. S. Knowlson	18 65
P. Daly, carrying wood	50

Report was adopted.

Mr. D. A. McDonald presented a bill for groceries given the late Mrs. Powers. The bill was paid by each of the councillors giving a dollar and Mr. McDonald knocked off a dollar. The following by-laws were read a third time and passed: No. 472, to regulate municipal elections; No. 473, to extend the time for collection of taxes; No 474, to grant a lease of part of lot No. 5, north of Kent street; No. 475, to regulate transient traders. With respect to the last it was agreed to fix the license for such traders at $100, and failing to take out such license to forfeit a penalty not exceeding $50. It was moved that the council stand adjourned until the 20th inst. Notice was given that a motion would be introduced at the next meeting re a snow plow. After moving the customary votes of thanks to the Mayor and the press, council adjourned.

Board of Education.

The Board met on Tuesday, Dec. 7th, at 8 p.m. Members present: Mr. Hudspeth in the chair, Messrs. McNeillie, Stewart, McMurtry, Walters, Dobson, Col. Deacon and Stewart.

The report from Mr. O'Connor, head master H. S., showed an attendance of 95 pupils with an average of 88.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were read: From Mr. Lennox acknowledging receipt of letter from the board re his appointment. From Mr. G. F. Lawson stating that he had been appointed by the Uxbridge Board prior to receiving notice from Lindsay board. From Mr. Haratone, who had heard of Mr. Lawson's appointment in Uxbridge, offering to communicate with a good man of whom he knew, to fill the position to have been filled by Mr. Lawson. The board decided to let it rest in this way until Mr. Haratone would be heard from.

From Miss Peplow tendering her resignation as she wished to complete her Kindergarten studies and would in consequence be away until June next instead of returning at Christmas as at first intended and up to which time a substitute had been engaged. And one from Miss L. Brown applying for any vacancy there might be. The last two were referred to the committee on appointment. At the same time the board expressed their unwillingness to have Miss Peplow sever her connection with the Lindsay schools.

Moved by Col. Deacon, seconded by Mr. Dobson, that eight benches be put in the rooms of Mr. Armor and Miss Finney to enable pupils from the other rooms to attend religious instruction. Carried.

FINANCE REPORT.

The following accounts were recommended to be paid:

Dr. Burrows, fumigating rooms and examination of pupils	$24 00
H. Dennis, repairing pump and cleaning well	6 00
A. Cullon, repairs to R. W. School	1 25
H. Holtery, furniture and repairs to furniture	224 85
R. S. Porter, stationery and advertising	34 41
A. Hudspeth, expenses to Toronto	6 50
F. C. Taylor, do	6 50
J. H. McNeillie, do	6 50
G. N. W. Telegraph Co. account	1 30
G. W. Beall, maps	32 25
R. Bryans, coal and lumber	1 77
W. O'Connor, stationery, &c	4 00
B. Cook	4 00

Report was adopted.

F. Daly was appointed bell-ringer at an annual salary of $12.

Col Deacon brought in a motion to introduce the 5th reader into Mr. Hatley's and Mr. Armor's rooms, which was lost. Yeas: Col. Deacon and Mr. Walters. Nays: Messrs Dobson, McNeillie, Stewart, McMurtry and Winters.

Another motion was introduced by the Col. to dissolve the existing union between the high and public schools, which found no seconder.

The board then adjourned.

Washington Letter.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON Dec. 4, 1886.

About the time this letter reaches you, the two Houses of the Forty-Ninth Congress will meet and open in the usual way for the short busy session. The rush of Congressmen to the city, and of the crowd that always follows them, began yesterday, and will continue for the next month. The indications are that there will be pretty full representation of both Senators and Congressmen on next Monday, when the gavels fall simultaneously in both ends of the Capitol.

The question which excites the most attention in the minds of the members who are coming in, is whether anything can or will be done with the tariff this winter. The high protectionists are bound that there shall be no reduction of purely protective duties, if it can be prevented. The reform leaders are as anxious that some deference shall be paid to the promises of the party to which the majority belong. One of the things which the President is credited with saying in regard to the tariff is that it should be arranged with reference to economic interests instead of political conditions, that as a party issue it is distracting, and as experience for several long and fruitless years has shown, leads to no practical results, nor even points out practical methods of reform.

The well worn argument that it would be cheaper to keep the Indians at a fashionable hotel than as they are now dealt with, is often revived by western people who come here. The argument is strictly true, but the trouble lies in this that United States has no right to save money in that way. The Indians enjoy no privileges that are not theirs by right, and these cannot be taken away because the country would make money by the act.

Mr. Lamar's report reflects a breadth of view and force of expression which give the document a literary value not always to be found in a state paper. Last year he was startled by the estimates for pensions for the fiscal year just passed; but said he, it is a tax that is cheerfully borne.

WAYSIDE JOTTINGS.

Special to The Warder.

Mrs. Scott, relict of the late Thomas Scott of Darlington, and her daughters, have become residents of Tyrone. The old homestead farm is now in the possession of Mr. Thos. Scott, jr., son and brother of the ladies referred to, and who a short time since was united in matrimony to Miss Couch of Darlington.

HAYCRAFT's shooting match for turkey prizes at Hayden was a success.

Miss Annie Strong of Hope was visiting among Cartwright and Manvers friends.

Sincerest match of Turner Brisbin's came on Saturday, 27th ult, in the Brisbin settlement.

The light fantastic toe was vigorously shaken some nights since at the home of Benjamin Armstrong, Cartwright.

Some would like to know what became of the goose that strayed from the white house near the Long Sault. It was last seen wandering westward and in the direction of the place where it first merged into gosslinghood.

Mr. and Mrs. Errol of Michigan, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. James Byers of the Long Sault, will shortly return to the home of that gentleman, the latter having rented his farm, so report says, to Mr. Errol.

Mrs. Bowman, wife of Mr. John Bowman of the Customs Department, Toronto, was visiting among Darlington friends and acquaintances.

The very moral and highly elevating pastime of turkey stealing has commenced in the neighborhood of the Sault and in a Manvers locality, under such circumstances now appropriate the language of the poet whose productions are not valued quite so high as Tennyson's or Longfellow's—

Dangers stand thick through all the ground
Wherever a turkey roost is found,
For the turkey that goes to its roost at night,
May form part of a stew ere the morning's light,
Oh how lost and degraded is the being
Who completely ignoring the eye all seeing,
Starts forth on a night that's dark and murky
And deliberately steals his neighbor's turkey.

PROGRESSIVE, musical and literary entertainment under the auspices of Union Rose Temple of Good Templars, Brisbin's settlement, South Manvers. For years this lodge has kept its lamps trimmed and its oil burning, and in connection with it are to be found men and women true and firm friends of the cause of temperence.

Mrs. Sarah McLaughlin, Cartwright, was for some time the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Belch, Manvers.

Mr. Thos. Crawford, an old resident of Cartwright, is in a very poor condition of health.

A GREAT bee came off on the Virtue farm, Long Sault, conveying to the fields a large quantity of digested and decomposed vegetable matter.

PATRICK case of eviction in the north of Manvers. A respectable man with his wife and children turned out of their home to find shelter where they might on a cold and wintry night. There is a considerable amount of law in this county, too much in fact for the peace, happiness and prosperity of the people. And to make matters worse justice does not always get its rights. There are too many lawyers and pettifogging attorneys scattered throughout our fair Dominion, making a fat living by preying (vulture like) on the vitals of poor humanity, oft times represented by widows and orphans, in many cases encouraged by legal advisers to a course of litigation, that results in their being stripped of all they possessed.

Mr. Wm. Henry Ferguson and Major Hughes were delegates to the Millbrook Liberal convention.

THE basket social in connection with the Bethel Presbyterian church, (Rev. Geo. McKay, pastor), came off on Tuesday night, Nov. 30th. A pleasant and enjoyable time was spent. The proceeds of the sale of the baskets amounted to about $24.

Mr. Daniel Brown of Poplar House, Cartwright, has a sight head of cattle undergoing the fattening process.

GRAND View home, Cartwright, the new residence of Mr. John Egerton, is now occupied by him, his wife and their pledges of undying affection. It is a handsome structure and a credit to the township. John ought to be now able to sleep a calm and peaceful sleep.

Mrs. Wm. George Herrin of Muskoka is visiting among Cartwright friends.

Miss Hettie Wood of Williamsburg was visiting at Whitehall, the residence of Mrs. Sarah Mahood.

Mr. Frank Williamson of Orono was visiting at Maple Villa, the home of his uncle, Mr. T. D. Williamson, Cartwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Philp of Cartwright were visiting at his sister's, Mrs. Annie Philp, Whitby.

Mr. Anderson of North Manvers indulged in a visit to Mill Cottage, the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Evans, lessee of the Lotus grist mill.

Mr. John James Ferguson and family have removed from Burton and are now residents of Velverton.

REPORT has it that the efficient Janetville teacher of singing, Mr. Lavery, intends forming several singing classes in Cartright. Some of his old pupils of the years gone by will again receive instruction from him.

Mr. Wm. Steele, formerly lessee of the old Benson tavern, Ballydaff, but for some years a resident of Manitoba, has departed this life. The deceased left, it is said, considerable property.

THE Cadmus C. M. church choir, after a lengthened period of dormancy, has again become an active factor in the religious services of that church. In its reorganization Miss Girtley, teacher of school section No. 6, Cartwright, was appointed to the responsible position of organist. It is to be hoped that the singing will be not only with the understanding but with a large measure of the spirit.

Dr. Campbell, formerly of Williamsburg, but who some time since sold out to Dr. Oliver, formerly of Newtonville, and removed to Manitoba, has returned to the former home and practice.

THE shingle of Dr. Oliver will henceforth be flapped by Newtonville's gentle breezes.

PROTRACTED services have been brought to a close in the Cadmus C. M church. Several were induced to seek and find a realizing sense of the pardoning love of Him who died that all may live.

THE great question as to who stole the cigars has been agitating the minds of some of the Manvers people. It has led to some very warm and energetic if not eloquent discussion, but the cloud of mystery has rolled away, and those who were accused or supposed to have done the desperate deed now bask in the pure unclouded light of innocence.

IT is reported that John is on the look out for another tenant for his house. May he succeed.

A PROOF of an affection that will no doubt remain unchanged, despite the political storms and excitement incidental to our noble Dominion, has been given to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Job of Cartwright, in the form of a baby boy. The lady referred to is a sister of Sam. Hughes, Esq., editor of the VICTORIA WARDER.

ON Saturday night, 4th inst., the instructive and comprehensive question as to which is the most profitable to man, wood or iron, was to be discussed by members of the Lotus run club in their hall at that place. The leaders selected were Messrs. Wm. Nelson and Wm. Henry Ferguson. Press on, brethren, press on. Debating properly conducted is an excellent intellectual stimulant. Thought begets thought, don't despise small things or little beginners, the tiny blade of grass that can hardly support the silvery drop of dew is as much an object of divine creative power as the majestic oak that has stood the blasts of centuries.

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