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# The Advocate.

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WOODVILLE, FEBRUARY 27, 1879.

## TOWNSHIP AFFAIRS

We sincerely regret our very limited knowledge of township affairs. We have not been long residents in the township and consequently cannot be expected to know much about its business prior to our advent. We frequently hear the complaint raised, "THE ADVOCATE does not mention township affairs." If some of those who are conversant with the business of the Municipality in the past would favor us with a review of some of the leading topics which have troubled the public mind we should feel indebted to them, and no doubt it would stir up a feeling of interest in those matters, which would be very beneficial to the township. Nothing promotes the interest in a newspaper more than to have local correspondence in its columns. We have tried to encourage this, feeling sure that we have men in our midst who have taken a lively interest in municipal affairs in the past and who could, did they feel disposed, give a far better exposition of public affairs than we are able to do. The columns of THE ADVOCATE are always open to intelligent communications, and we would invite all those who feel an interest in the township of Eldon, to express their opinions through its columns. At present the affairs of the township appear to be known but to a very few. This ought not to be the case, but unfortunately it can not be helped; no medium previous to the establishment of THE ADVOCATE has been in existence to represent the true state of affairs, consequently interest in municipal matters have come to a very low ebb, but by devoting our columns to this matter we hope to revive in the Township a sense of participation in public affairs which will lead the ratepayers to discuss the doings of the powers that be. To this end we ask the co-operation of everyone concerned in the welfare of the township, especially the members of the municipal council and we hope next week to see the columns of THE ADVOCATE full of communications in reference to the above subjects.

## THE ASSESSOR.

Considerable comment has been rife for some time past as to the manner in which the Township Assessor has fulfilled his duties. Since the Collector has commenced his rounds very serious deficiencies in the assessment roll have been discovered, a number of large property holders in the Municipality having been entirely omitted. How the Assessor can account for this we do not know, but saying the least it shows a state of incompetency which should be strongly censured. The ratepayers of Eldon are heavily taxed and the

Municipality can ill afford to let a number of valuable properties go free while such is the case. We do not know whether these omissions have been committed accidentally or intentionally but in either case it is highly reprehensible. We have heard remarks as to the manner in which the assessment was made that does not prove the Assessor to be a man at all fitted for the very important office assigned him and we are sorry that this should be the case, as at the present time more than at any previous period is a just and equitable assessment necessary. The hard times have rendered many of our farmers very low in funds and little able to bear an increased proportion of taxes, an increase which by a proper assessment should be paid by others. Whether those omitted will have the honor to pay their taxes remains to be seen, but in the meantime the Assessor is responsible, and should be held so. The Township of Eldon is composed of properties widely differing in value and requires a person of considerable experience in valuation, to levy a just and honest assessment. That the present Assessor does not possess this quality is too plainly evident, from the facts above cited, and we are forced to admit that the Council made a poor appointment for once, and one which we are convinced will result in considerable loss to the Municipality, which, we have said before can be ill afforded.

## OUR EUROPEAN LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PARIS, France, Feb. 17th, 1879  
People who lamented the absence of ice and snow admit that they have had enough of both during the last two weeks. Paris is all slush and plush, but the noble army of scavengers are bravely doing their duty to uphold the reputation of the capital for cleanliness *quand meine*. Wherever a street has a good fall, snow is carted to a sewer opening and the kennel flush sweeps it down to the Seine. To ultimately add to the attractiveness of Asnieres and Argenteuil. The poor have had to endure much suffering, but the relief societies were equal to the demand on them. I have heard of one old man who supported himself in a shanty of rotten sticks, by boarding or caring for dogs, for three sous a day; the dogs fed on meat biscuits, shared their crust with him. It is said that not long ago in New York, after a touching appeal on behalf of a starving family by one of the widest circulated journals in the world culled to the contribution of a quart of beans! The "Night Refuge," opened here in June last for casuals, affords accommodation to one hundred individuals, not rogues, rapparees or sturdy beggars, but to members of honorable families, graduates of universities, ancient state functionaries, professional men, temporarily employed and, of course, the stereotyped contingent of *hommes de lettres*.

The quarrel between the Ministry and their supporters has terminated in a *mariage de raison*. All is well that ends well. The misunderstanding was not about measures or principles, but simply about men; the ministers were viewed as too slow coaches, both by the deputies and their constituents, respecting the weeding out of the public service of functionaries of high standing only notoriously hostile to the Republic, and so capable of injuring it, and assuredly discrediting it in the eyes of the world. "Go swiftly and surely," said the advanced Republicans; "Go moderately but surely," demanded the Moderates; the latter, confident, for this occasion only in the promises of the cabinet, voted the majority of 152. This is a new trial rather than a new bail, for if ministers hesitate to effect changes in the administration that cry aloud for redress, the Moderates will be the first to provoke the resignation of the cabinet. To the latter at work, after being unmistakably enlightened on the resolution of France to have none but loyal servants at the disposal of the Republic, is what the nation is resigned to judge. The French Parliament has never witnessed a debate conducted with more loyalty, courtesy and respect. It was a Fontenoy struggle in point of deference between the combatants, and the latter struggled not to overthrow, but to assist each other; to convert not to supersede. The discontented did not demand the impossible, nor has the Government refused the possible.

A number of shops for the sale of "*objets de prete*" are established around the church of Saint-Etienne-du-Mont, on the site of the cemetery of that name. In the south aisle of the church is the

tomb of Sainte Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris. Few people amongst the few who visit the Sainte's tomb know that the remains of Marat lie under their feet. It is, however, proved that the body of Marat was transported to the cemetery of Saint-Etienne-du-Mont in virtue of the law of the 20th pluviose. It was only the bust of Marat that was dragged through the streets of Paris and then thrown into the sewer of the Rue Montmartre, near the Rue du Jour. The Prefecture of Police still preserves in its archives a fac-simile of this bust, it is about 90 centimetres high by 70 broad. Marat is represented in conventional costume, but the handkerchief with which the editor of *L'Ansi du Peuple* ordinarily enveloped his head is replaced by an elegant *coiffure*. The Prefecture also possess a letter of Guigene, President of the executive commission of public instruction to the citizen Soufflot, Inspector General of the Pantheon, who by the way has given his name to a street, ordering the transfer of the body of Marat to the nearest cemetery. The process-verbal of the translation, the original of which still exists in the archives of the Police shows that on burying Marat, the leaden coffin was removed, and the wooden shell alone was left. Up to the present no excavations have been made to find the remains of Marat, but there is no doubt that they could very easily be discovered.

## TORONTO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Since the opening of the Dominion Parliament little or no interest is taken in the Local Assembly, and in all probability the Session will close without any event transpiring which will have the effect of awakening public interest. I think it will be conceded by all fair and independent thinking men, that it would be in the interest of the Province and the country generally, if the matter were so managed that the Local Assembly were through its arduous work before the more interesting and longer session of the Parliament at Ottawa commenced. The only correct and obvious course under the circumstances, would be either to have the Local House meet a month earlier or let the Dominion session begin about the first of April. There would of course have to be exceptions to this, as for instance, it would be detrimental to the interests of the country if the Dominion Parliament were to hold the session as late as April the present year when so much is depending on the National Policy. If the N. P. is going to do all that the supporters of such a policy claim it will do, then the sooner it is adopted the better. But if the result will be the reverse then the longer delayed the better. I notice I am dealing with foreign bodies (as it were) so I will have to come to home affairs again. The Local Assembly is plodding along slowly, the estimates are being rapidly passed through the Committee of the Whole. There are a few important measures which will be up before the House in a few days, which in all probability will demand the earnest consideration of the thinking population. Among others—"The Extension of the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts." Some claim that the Division Court is a nuisance, while others wish to extend it. However we will contentedly let the matter remain in the hands of our rulers and with them lay the responsibility. The Orange question will also come up and of course there will be a lively debate and again the Bill will be thrown out. It is a pity this matter was not long since set at rest. It has a tendency on every occasion to raise religious cries, and also made to do party warfare. Why not grant their petition and save a great deal of trouble and time?

There has been a good deal of surprise manifested over the appointment of Mr. Thomas Charles Patteson, as Postmaster of Toronto. Mr. Patteson it will be remembered was Assistant Provincial Secretary to the Hon. (now Mr. Justice) M. C. Cameron, in the Sandfield McDonald Government, and afterwards was manager of the Mail Printing Co. No one doubts his ability and his duties will in all likelihood be efficiently performed. Nevertheless how Mr. Patteson came to be selected in preference to Angus Morrison, Q.C., and Hon. J. B. Robinson, who would take and in fact were anxious to get the appointment, is a surprise to many and will remain a mystery. The name of Hon. Wm. McDougall was also mentioned in connection with the Postmastership, but we are in a position to know that if it were offered to him he would not accept it. There is altogether too much fire in Willie, to think of bidding farewell to Parliamentary life yet.

The vacancy in the Court of Common Pleas, created by the elevation of Mr. Justice Gwynne to the Supreme Court of Canada, is still vacant, and to the serious injury of suitors. The names

suggested are the Hon. Stephen Richards (brother to Chief Justice Richards) and also a brother to the Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia; the Hon. James Cockburn and the Hon. Jno. O'Connor. It is confidently asserted, and we think truthfully, that the former will receive the appointment, and the cause of delay is owing to his absence in Europe, whither he has been for some time. As the matter now stands there are only two Judges in *bane* and on their holding different views the rule is dismissed, and this generally puts clients to an additional expense in bringing the matter before the Court of Appeal, while if the other Judge were sitting, the matter in nine cases out of ten would not be appealed.

There were two heavy falls of snow during the week gone by, and in consequence there is capital sleighing.

## MANILLA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

No scarcity of loafers.

Protracted meetings continue.

A wedding in town this week—Prophecy Feb. 21st. To be heard of no more for ever.

SUDDEN DEATH.—An old resident of our village has passed away in the son of the late Mr. D. McQueen. The deceased was only twenty-four hours sick before he was called to enter the valley from which none ever return. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church and was much respected by all who knew him, his mourning relatives have the deep sympathy of the community.

NOISY STREETS.—Another street fight disturbed our streets on Tuesday evening last, this time between some boys. An example should be made of some of these boys who are in the habit of congregating on our streets for the purpose of "raising a row." A term in the county jail would put an end to this rowdiness. Our constables should immediately take it in hand.

SUCCESSFUL.—The fishermen had their nets out once more, and succeeded in catching the correspondent of the *Warder* by the pedal extremities. This they had long been watching for, as they, after releasing "Bodach Dhu" have been very unsuccessful.

MANILLA STATION.—This creature of the imagination of some deluded mind has been again brought before the public by the re-issued prophet of this fledgling hamlet in a letter to the *Post* of Feb. 21st. The following are the facts of the case. Manilla station dates its nativity from the summer of 1876 when the Whitby Railway was extended. A few houses were erected during that and the following year, when building operations ceased, it has now a population of about thirty souls all told. With regard to the grain business we are told that no less than \$110,000 was expended in grain there during the fall of 1878, when the fact is that only \$19,000 was expended. So much for the correctness of this risen prophet and the rapid progress of this illegitimate offspring of Manilla.

CAME TO GRIEF.—A gipsy caravan came to grief the other morning in front of the grist mill while coming down the hill there, the sleigh got on an icy spot and commenced sliding round. This frightened the horses and as they wheeled round over went the caravan and occupants. The harness broken, the horses cut, the caravan a little dilapidated and the occupants slightly injured, was all the damage done.

VALENTINE'S DAY.—Valentine's day has come and gone and a very large number of valentines have passed through this office. It was amusing to see the sullen looks of the "Old Bachelors." The look of anger and disgust with which another get them, and the beaming looks of the young ladies as they drew their respective.

## BEAVERTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The Choir of the Methodist Church will give a Grand Concert in the Alexandra Hall, on the evening of Tuesday, 4th March.

## VICTORIA ROAD.

A Grand Festival will be held in St. Paul's Church, on Tuesday, 11th March, commencing at 6 p. m. Several talented speakers and the Kirkfield choir will be present and take part in the proceedings.

Dry Goods selling at cost and under to make room for New Spring Goods at Jas. A. Mitchell & Co's.

THE sides of an excavation, 900 feet deep made by the Ohio and Alton Railroad, caved in at Kansas City, Mo., yesterday morning, burying four teams and about 45 men under 6000 yards of falling earth. Six persons were killed outright and several wounded.

NEARLY AN EXPLOSION.—During Sunday the water in the boiler of the Markham Agricultural Works run off, and Monday morning the engineer neglected to examine the water gauge but fired up as usual. It was not discovered until the pipes became red hot that anything was amiss, as the gas generated ran the engine. When this state of things was discovered an attempt was made to pump water into the boiler, but however without success, or the boiler would have surely burst and much property and many valuable lives have been lost. It was indeed a narrow escape.

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