



**The Advocate.**

"Pro Bono Publico."

WOODVILLE, MARCH 27, 1879.

**WE CALL TO THE REV. MR. ROSS.**

Our last issue in referring to this or, we made use of an expression which has caused considerable comment. We must apologize to our readers for space occupied in vindicating our position while we explain the matter in detail.

About the beginning of October last meeting of the Woodville Presbyterian congregation was held in the Church to deliberate in a call to a minister, the Rev. John McNabb, of Beaverton, presiding. On a vote being taken, about twenty-eight voted to call the Rev. Mr. Ross, while between fifty and sixty voted for the Rev. Mr. Flett.

On the 8th of October the Presbytery of Lindsay met in this village, and the Commissioners asked leave to delay the call until next meeting of the Presbytery to see if it would be more fully signed, which request was granted. In the meantime (Oct. 17th) we published the following paragraph, which the supporters of the call to Mr. Ross took umbrage at the time.

**CALL.**—In our report of the Presbytery meeting last week we mentioned a call was extended by the Presbyterian congregation of this place to the Rev. Alex. Ross, of Pictou, Nova Scotia. We regret to learn that the call is not formally signed as under the circumstances it is desirable it should be, more especially as the Rev. gentleman has a reputation as an able preacher and faithful pastor. We trust there will be a division in the congregation in regard to this most important matter.

Before the next meeting of the Presbytery copies of the call were circulated through the congregation, and numbered, signed by both members and adherents, (and we may here state, to that we bear no ill feeling against Mr. Ross, that we signed the call ourselves), and when the next meeting was held it was resolved to send the Rev. Mr. McNabb to Nova Scotia to act on behalf of this congregation, he was instructed to say that the call was unanimous, although quite a number of influential members of the church had not signed it. Mr. McNabb fully followed his instructions, and as owing to no lack of zeal on his part that Mr. Ross declined the first time. That Mr. McNabb acted in all faith and is entirely free from blame in this matter, we are positive, and we are truly sorry if our item of last week reflected on the veracity of the Reverend gentleman—as some asserted—and it is more on his account than our own that we hasten to state the facts of the case.

Up to the time of going to press there were some six hundred signatures appended to the present call—members and adherents—and it is expected at least a hundred more will sign it before it is sent to Mr. Ross.

A REPORT from Cabul states that tranquillity has been restored, and that the Poon Khan has been proclaimed Emperor.

The plague in Russia, which has been making such rapid strides—notwithstanding all the precautionary measures which have been adopted, and which are within the power of man to take for arresting its progress—is becoming more serious than ever before. In the past week typhus has been rife in St. Petersburg. Typhoid typhus and also the Siberian plague are said to be prevalent in the East. Such a fearful state of affairs hardly to be comprehended in this country. With diseases of such a malignant character raging, it is feared as the year progresses the mortality will increase to a terrifying extent.

**THE COMING LOCAL ELECTIONS.**

The elections for the Local Legislature will soon be on us, and we understand that the political chiefs in this neighborhood are organizing their forces for the coming contest. We do not participate in politics, but at the present time we deem it our duty to express a hope that the candidates chosen to contest the North Riding of Victoria may be men of more than ordinary culture and sound integrity. Men who when elected will not be the passive tools of a few unprincipled politicians, but with firm, sound judgment, will do their best to further the interests of the constituency which they are called upon to represent. North Victoria is one of the largest counties in Ontario, and we think it should be able to turn out a representative who will reflect credit upon it in the Legislative Halls of Ontario. But few truly realize the amount of responsibility resting upon a man chosen to represent a large county, or there would probably not be so many aspirants for political honors, but few of the men usually chosen are really competent for the position, and we would be sorry if North Victoria's representative were to be classed among them.—We want a real live man, a man with some energy, and a fair amount of common sense and judgment. Without these qualifications no man, be he ever so popular, is fit to represent North Victoria. We wait in expectancy for the coming candidates, hoping that they will be right men.

**JOSEPH COOK** in a recent lecture stated that 60,000 Chinese in California contribute over \$15,000,000 to the annual revenue of that state, and that they have increased the value of its property which is now held by white men, \$280,000,000; that they have reclaimed a million acres of marsh lands worth \$3 an acre, so that they are now worth \$10 an acre, each one produces 75 bushels of wheat; and that there enterprises now give employment to 500,000 white men, some of them are turning on their benefactors, and would expel them from the state they have enriched. He doubted whether there had ever been such a profitable emigration to the country.

**THE NEW CITY.**—On the 23rd of April next Guelph will no longer be a plain town, but will come forth as a full grown city. Guelph has been a prosperous village and town and there is no doubt that the enterprise displayed by her citizens in the past will keep her in the fore ground as a city, to which status she is now in every respect entitled. The people of Guelph are preparing to celebrate the majority of their city on a scale of great magnificence. The cities now in existence in Ontario are Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, London, St. Catharines, Belleville, Brantford and Guelph. Stratford, and Peterborough we suppose, will come next.

**NEARLY A PANIC.**

ON Friday last, according to announcement, the scholars of Bridgewater school met at the Temperance Hall to give an entertainment consisting of singing, recitations, and comic dialogues. The performance had just commenced, and the children were singing when an alarm was raised in the village that the parsonage was on fire, and some one with a view to get all help possible ran to the Hall and shouted "fire." This immediately caused a panic, for all thought the building which was crammed full was on fire and numbers rushed for the door which was soon blocked up, as also the steps outside the hall, being in an upper story, and it was only by presence of mind of a few of the audience, who, either by main force or vigorous expostulation, kept the frightened people back, that a serious accident was prevented. The fire turned out to be in the parsonage chimney and was soon got under when the entertainment was resumed and passed off well, though it was plain to be seen the younger branches were very much excited, and did not quite get over their fright the rest of the evening.—*Madoc Review*

3 Bales Cottons, at old prices, at J. A. Mitchell & Co's.

It is reported that Mario, the famous tenor, and husband of the late Madame Grist, has become insane.

**DISTRICT NEWS.**

13 pounds Sugar for \$1, at Jas. A. Mitchell & Co's.

The bakers of Toronto have advanced the price of bread one cent per loaf.

The Northern Railway Company wants its elevator at Collingwood exempted from taxation.

At McIntyre's Corners, Township of Osprey, a man named H. McLean was stabbed by one McPhail.

A CASE of small pox has occurred in Yorkville, a suburb of Toronto, to the terror of the inhabitants.

The painters of Ontario and Victoria counties have united for the purpose of maintaining uniform prices for their work.

The Queen's Own Rifles, of Toronto, intend to at once go into weekly drill for the grand review to take place on the Queen's Birthday.

The Rev. Joseph Elliot, of Montreal, has accepted the call extended to him by the Presbyterian congregation of Cannington, and will be inducted early in April.

**OUT OF JOINT.**—Fifty dollars was about the figure extracted by Squire Doidge and the lawyers from John Joynt by legal process for an infraction of the Crooks Act.—*Oshawa Reformer*.

**ANOTHER ACCIDENT.**—Mr. W. Allin an employee in the Hall Works, had three fingers of his right hand cut off and the remaining finger and thumb badly injured while working with a saw on Monday last.—*Reformer*.

**A BAD FALL.**—Johnson Graham fell from the elevated platform in the rear of the Buckeye Works to the ground a distance of sixteen feet, he was badly shaken up, one finger put out of joint, his wrist cut and shoulder badly bruised.

A MAN named Wm. Hadden, aged about thirty-two, employed by Mr. Geo. Taylor, about two miles from Dundalk, County Grey, was accidentally killed by a falling tree, Wednesday morning. Deceased was unmarried, and is said to have relatives in Port Hope and Millbrook.

**HANLAN IN ENGLAND.**—*Bell's Life* says:—"Hanlan makes his boat travel at a rare pace, and never permits her to get out of hand. His style is easy and graceful, and he works up to 32 and 33 strokes per minute without much effort. He is in the very best health."

A MISS WARNER has undertaken to walk in the Agricultural Hall Toronto one-half mile every hour for twelve hours daily, and twenty-five miles every evening independent of her day's task. She commenced her walk on Monday and is to walk for two weeks. Sundays excepted.

**RESTITUTION.**—A few days ago a ham was taken from the store of Mr. E. Fielding a little out of the regular way of business. Last night it was returned, with a note attached which read as follows:—"Mr. Fielding I am sorry I took the ham my consious trouble me and my wife made me take it back to you. I thote it looked lik the poor man's friend."—*Reformer*.

**SMALL-POX** has broken out in the village of Marmora, North Hastings, and two or three cases have terminated fatally. The health officers have taken the matter into consideration, and the Reeve has issued a proclamation calling upon the inhabitants to observe a set of rules published for the guidance of those who may be exposed to the disease.

The *Sutton Times* says a party of pleasure seekers left that place for Roach's Point, driving on the ice, and after being out for three or four hours found themselves at the mouth of Kempenfeldt Bay, nine miles from Barrie. They reached their destination after a journey of forty miles. A singular feature in the case was the fact that everybody expressed a firm determination not to start for home until it was broad daylight.

The new Presbyterian Church, in Cannington, it appears, is not to be finished without a law suit. A difficulty has arisen between the Building Committee and Mr. French, one of the contractors, the latter claiming a certain amount of money for work done which the committee refuse to pay. Under these circumstances Mr. French has entered an action in the County Court to compel payment, and the case will be tried at Whitby next month.

This is probably intended as a death notice and is clipped from one of our exchanges:—"Mr. Geo. Brown, formerly carrying on business here, left for his eternal home on Tuesday last. We regret much that circumstances necessitated Mr. Brown's leaving the village, and we shall always be glad to hear of his success in any employment he may undertake." The first portion reads alright, but how does the editor expect to hear from him in that far-off country. Stop! Probably the compositor substituted eternal for paternal.

**MARIPOSA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.**

Council met this 17th day of March, A. D., 1879.

Members present, Messrs. Mark, Broad, Lownsbrough and Bowes.

Chair taken by Mr. Mark, 1st Deputy Reeve.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Adam entered and took the chair Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Mark, that the north-east quarter of the east half of Lot No. 10, in the 7th Con. Mariposa, be taken from School Section No. 10 and added to Section No. 11. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that the clerk receive tenders for the following printing: 125 half sheet by-laws, appointing Pathmasters, Pound Keepers and Fence viewers; 200 Voters' Lists; Advertising Abstract Auditors' report; 100 copies auditors abstract report in sheet form; 2,000 tax receipts; 2,000 tax notices. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Bowes, that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer in favor of the Trustees of the Police Village of Woodville, for the sum of \$169.55, being amount levied on said Police Village by order of said Trustees. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Broad, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer in favor of the following persons, viz: E. A. Bowes, for wood for Town Hall, Oakwood, \$4.35; Hezekiah Noble, for 5 cords of wood for widow Marin, \$5.00; Mr. Sheridan, for road through creek, \$1.25. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Broad, seconded by Mr. Mark, that by-law No. 235, being a by-law to appoint certain officers in the Township of Mariposa for the year 1879 be now read the first time. Carried.

By-law No. 235 read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that by-law No. 235 be now read a second time in committee of the whole. Carried.

Council went into committee thereon Mr. Mark in the chair.

Committee rose and reported by-law No. 235 passed without amendment.

Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Bowes, that by-law No. 235 be now read a third time and passed. Carried.

By-law No 235 read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Bowes, that this Council instruct the clerk to give the proper notice according to law, that the Council will pass a by-law at their meeting to be held on Monday, the 19th day of May next, to open the following Streets in the village of Oakwood:—Burns St., Susan Street, Edna Street, Flora Street, Perry Street, Albert Street, and the north end of Victoria and Elgin Street, and a street running north of Albert Street, lying between park lots A & B, and lot A in Oakwood west, and Taylor Street, Inkerman Street, Olive Street and Alma Street, in Oakwood east. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Bowes, that the prayer of the petition of Donald Grant and 6 others be granted, and that the Clerk be empowered to employ Mr. Dixon, P.L.S., to make an estimate and survey of the work, and report to this council as soon as the work can be done, said Surveyor to be paid as soon as the Debentures to be issued are sold. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Broad, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that the Auditor's report be now received and adopted and that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer in favor of the said Auditors for the sum of \$6.00 each for their services as Auditors. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer for the following sums for indigent persons:—Mrs. Sweatland, \$3.00; Blows family, in care of A. Cameron, \$3.00. Carried. Moved by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Bowes, that this council adjourned to meet again on the third Monday in April next. Carried.

JOHN F. CUNNING, Clerk.

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On Wednesday night some person or persons entered the premises of Mr. J. S. M. Wilcox, Whitby, and took from his stable a span of grey mares, one light coloured, aged, the other dark, inclined to roan, aged six. Also a set of old harness, one open bridle, and one with blinds. A letter was left in the stable stating that the party who took them away was going to Scarborough, and would return in a few days, but it is most likely they took an opposite direction or went north. From information since received it is expected that the horses will be recovered, as a very strong clue to the party who has them has been obtained.

**POSITIVELY THE LAST NOTICE!**

I have been patient so long that patience ceases to be a virtue, and I have now come to the conclusion that all those parties who are owing me must pay up at once or take the consequences. I must have money to meet my engagements: those therefore to whom this notice applies had better prepare. No further notice will be given.

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