



Editorial Notes.

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER is to say the least a most indefatigable sensationist. A short time ago he invited the criticism of the orthodox to his opinions on evolution and now he starts the proprieties by introducing the famous violinist Remenyi to his congregation after the morning sermon. The distinguished musician delighted the congregation for some time with music which Beecher pronounced "heavenly."

THE existing extradition treaty between Great Britain and the United States covers only seven crimes—murder, assault with intent to commit murder, piracy, arson, robbery, forgery, and the utterance of forged papers. These are found to be limited, and the Secretary of State has recommended to the United States Congress that manslaughter, counterfeiting, embezzlement, larceny, perjury, rape, abduction, child-stealing, kidnapping, burglary, criminal destruction of a vessel, and mutiny and revolt on shipboard, shall be added to the list, being embraced in all the recent extradition treaties recently made between Great Britain and other powers.

THE French Government is seriously considering what steps to take to prevent the importation of deleterious articles of food and drink, or, at all events, to limit it as far as possible. Among the latest systems of adulteration brought to light is that of transforming "balm of Peru," flour, chestnuts, and chalk into chocolate; and the manufacture of wine without the intervention of the grape. The manufacturer, in the latter instance, pours into the potato-juice, barley-juice sugar, yeast, vinegar, cream of tartar, violet-roots, and elder blossoms (just to give it a bouquet), bleaching liquid, and glycerine. The name of the wine depends upon the varying proportion in which these ingredients are used.

VICTORIA COUNTY COUNCIL.

THURSDAY.

Council met at 3 p.m. the warden in the chair. Members all present except Messrs. Daniel and Heaslip. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Col. Deacon moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey (Emily), that the names of Messrs. Broad and Taylor be added to the special committee appointed yesterday in the matter of gravel.—Carried. Col. Deacon moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that a memorial to the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries praying for the erection and maintenance of fish slides on the Talbot river was received and read and the council went into committee thereon, Col Deacon in the chair. Committee rose and reported the memorial without amendment, when it was adopted and ordered to be signed, sealed and transmitted. Mr. Fairbairn moved, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the petition of Jno. Kennedy and 139 ratepayers of the township of Ops, Fenelon and Verulam, asking a grant of money to be spent on the boundary between Ops and Fenelon opposite the 11th con. be received and read and referred to the standing committee on roads and bridges. Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Tookey, that the council grant a sufficient sum to replank a bridge 220 feet in length on the town line of Stephenson and Macaulay in crossing the Muskoka river, this motion to be referred to the standing committee on roads and bridges.—Carried. Mr. Bailey (Laxton) moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that this council grant such a sum as will be necessary to make Grass river on the boundary between Carden and Baxley safe for public gravel, and that this motion be referred to the standing committee on roads and bridges.—Carried. Dr. Norris moved, seconded by Mr. Broad the report of the special committee appointed to examine the assessment rolls and equalize the assessments of the municipalities in the county of Victoria for the year 1883 be received and read. The council went into committee of the whole on the report Dr. Norris in the chair report finally passed without amendment. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey

(Emily), that \$200 be granted to open 11th Con. of Emily, and that this resolution be referred.—Carried. Mr. Fee moved, seconded by Mr Hopkins, that the council grant \$100 to assist in opening up the road between the 3rd and 4th Cons. of Ops, north of Oakwood road; and connecting with the road coming from Fenelon Falls, and that this motion be referred to the standing committee on roads and bridges.—Carried. Mr. Read moved, seconded by Mr. Mr. Arthur, that this council grant the sum of \$50 to the village of Bobcaygeon, and that this motion be referred to the standing committee on roads and bridges.—Carried. Mr. Tookey moved, seconded by Mr. Hunt, that this council grant the sum of \$200 to construct a road by opening up the side line between Cons. 2 and 5, in the township of Macaulay, as this will be a great improvement and save the repairing and keeping in repair of two large bridges over the Muskoka river, which are now in a very dilapidated condition, and which in all probability will shortly have to be rebuilt by this council unless the new road is made, and that this motion be referred to the committee.—Carried. Dr. Norris moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey (Emily), by-law No. —, to confirm the equalization of the assessment of the municipalities for the year 1883, was received and read, and the council went into committee thereon, Dr. Norris in the chair. The by-law was reported without amendment and finally passed, sealed and signed. The council then adjourned to Friday. FRIDAY. Council met at 4:30 p.m., the warden in the chair. All members present except Messrs. Daniel and Heaslip. Minutes read and approved. Mr. Adam presented the road and bridge committee report, and moved that it be received and read. Council went into committee of the whole on the report, Mr. Adam in the chair. The report as amended was then read and finally passed as follows: The minutes of the committee appointed to control the erection of a bridge at the village of Cobocook, the tenders and the contract and bond entered into with Mr. William Kennedy for the erection of the bridge for the sum of \$3,000 have been submitted to your committee, and appear to be satisfactory. A number of communications and motions made in council asking grants for roads and bridges have been laid before your committee. In view of the recommendation made by your committee at the January session that the grants then voted should be in lieu of all special grants, which recommendation was adopted by the council, a number of these applications and motions cannot be entertained. Your committee have dealt only with matters relating to boundaries and bridges on boundaries and recommend that grants be made in the following urgent cases: For the repair of Grass river bridge, north of the village of Victoria Road, a sufficient amount, not to exceed \$88, for the replanking of said bridge, W.R. Cavanaugh, Esq., to be commissioner. For the boundary between the townships of Watt and Stephenson \$100; the county council of Simcoe have granted a similar amount, the reeve of Stephenson to be commissioner. For a bridge across Black Creek, on a road to be used in lieu of the boundary between the townships of Draper and Ryde, across lots A and one, in the 1st con. of the township of Draper, the sum of \$300, provided the Commissioner of Crown Lands expend a sufficient amount to complete the construction of the bridge. Plans and estimates have been submitted. The county clerk to be directed to write full particulars and send the plans to the commissioner of crown lands. For the replanking of a bridge 220 feet long on the boundary between Stephenson and Macaulay crossing Muskoka river, the sum of \$40, provided that the work is completed, the reeves of Macaulay and Stephenson to be commissioners. Your committee recommend with reference to the bridge across the outlet from Deer Lake, on the boundary between Stephenson and Macaulay, that \$100 be granted to rebuild said bridge, the reeve of Stephenson to be commissioner. Your committee recommend that \$50 be granted to assist the township of Eldon to repair a bridge across the Talbot river, in the village of Balsaver, and that the deputy-reeve of Eldon be commissioner. Your committee recommend that Thomas Wallis and Elias Bowes, Esqs., be appointed commissioners to act with the first deputy-reeve of Mariposa in expending the balance of the grant made in January, 1882, to open the side line across the 6th con. of the township of Mariposa between lots 10 and 11. All of which is respectfully submitted. On motion of Dr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Broad, the report of the committee on education be received and the council go into committee thereon, which was done, and report adopted without amendment. Mr. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, that \$100 be granted to repair the Bobcaygeon road, on Cowan's hill, and that the deputy-reeves of Verulam and Ops be commissioners. Mr. Fairbairn thought something should be done for this boundary road, it being exceptionally bad. There was no doubt of this, and Lindsay was suffering through it in trade, which was being directed to other points from this cause. He trusted they would endeavor to do something to remedy it. Mr. Adam considered that some other townships had been called on to repair roads in other townships simply because they travelled over it. It was wrong in principle and unfair to other townships, such as their own. Mr. Fairbairn considered Mariposa's action was commendable, but in their case it was slightly different. He did not consider Verulam should be shut out from the county town in that way. Mr. Fell said that was easily got over by notifying the intervening municipality that the road was out of repair and they were in duty bound to fix it. The vote being taken was lost by fifteen to six. A motion giving the treasurer permission to pay the Muskoka reeves their full sessional allowance and yet permit them to start for home a day earlier than the council ad-

journal was withdrawn after some remarks concerning mileage, etc. Mr. Fee moved, seconded by Mr. Walker, that Mr. D'Vin be allowed \$100 to pay office rent, light and fuel.—Carried. Mr. Adam moved, seconded by Mr. Broad that the report of the special committee appointed to consider and report on the questions submitted by the legislature of the province with reference to the desirability of reducing the number of county councillors be received and read. Report read and council went into committee of the whole thereon, Mr. Adam in the chair. It was as follows: Your committee beg to report: That as county councils at present constituted have in the past rendered good service to the country, and all things considered still form a good and reliable body for educational and municipal purposes, with such a representation of the people as precludes the possibility of jealousy, suspicion or complaint on the part of those with whose interests they are entrusted, and as your committee, having carefully considered the question of expense, find that the average cost of three sessions per annum is somewhat under \$1,200 for the whole of the province, and that the average cost for each township is not more than \$100 for each inhabitant in the county, your committee under the circumstances decline to recommend any reduction in the number of county municipal representatives. Your committee beg to recommend that the law in reference to bridges of certain dimensions now applicable to village municipalities be amended as to apply to bridges on leading roads in towns and townships, the county council to have the right to determine what highways shall be considered leading roads. Your committee would also recommend that inasmuch as by recent decisions in the superior courts of the province the law relating to bridges on roads forming boundaries or used in lieu of boundaries appears to be vague and indefinite, the law be so amended as to remove existing doubts. Your committee recommended that a copy of this report be transmitted to the clerk of the legislative assembly as the reply of this council to the questions submitted. All of which is respectfully submitted. Mr. Adam explained wherein he thought the report did an injustice in that the townships would in nearly all cases have to build and keep in repair their bridges while towns and villages would not. Col. Deacon took a wider view than that. He thought as the bridges were for the benefit of all in the county, either in towns or villages, the county should control them. The report was adopted. Col. Deacon moved that twelve badges be purchased by the treasurer for the use of county constables when on duty in the court house.—Carried. Council adjourned till eight o'clock p.m. Council met at 8:30 p.m., the warden in the chair. Mr. Melville moved, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, the report of the committee on printing was read, recommending the payment of sundry accounts. It was passed in committee without amendment. Mr. Hopkins moved, seconded by Mr. Melville, that the report of the committee on county property was read and finally passed without amendment. The report recommended the payment of a number of accounts and was adopted. The special committee drafting the memorial to the Minister of Railways and Canals asking for assistance to pay the railway debt of the county was received and read. Col. Deacon presented the finance report and moved the council into committee thereon. He took pleasure in saying that the county books had been found in their usual satisfactory state. The report was adopted. Col. Deacon moved, seconded by Mr. Fairbairn, that the warden, the clerk and the mover be appointed a committee to draft a circular to the other county councils in the province asking their co-operation in petitioning the Minister of Railways to recoup the municipalities for the bonuses granted in aid of railways throughout the province, and that a copy of the memorial adopted by this council be transmitted therewith.—Carried. Mr. J. W. Wallace was heard in reference to a grant asked for helmets for a new volunteer company recently formed. He asked the same grant as the other company received at the January session. Mr. Fairbairn moved, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that a grant of \$1.50 per man be made to the new volunteer company of Mr. J. W. Wallace, being the same as paid the older company in January.—Carried. Col. Deacon moved that the by-law to authorize and levy certain rates for taxes for the current year be read, which was done, and finally passed in committee of the whole. The rate to be paid by each municipality is as follows: Mariposa \$5,506.83 Ops 3,423.98 Emily 3,451.15 Eldon 2,319.91 Fenelon 1,942.35 Verulam 1,954.02 Somerville 659.68 Baxley 327.15 Laxton, Digby & Lon. 224.24 Oakley and Draper 212.58 Carden and Dalton 201.00 Rye 92.00 Macaulay 147.15 Stephenson 149.92 McLean and Ridout 186.93 Lindsay 2,166.75 Onemee 192.60 Fenelon Falls 385.20 Bobcaygeon 228.71 Bracebridge 228.71 Woodville 112.50 Total \$24,061.07 The council then adjourned to Saturday. There being no quorum it stood adjourned to December.

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