



The Advocate.

"Pro Bono Publico."

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Britain and Russia in Asia.

If there ever was a time when the position of the British Empire required the combined wisdom of all its statesmen and the aid, by deed or counsel, of every true lover of his country, it is in the face of the persevering plots of Russia to annihilate its influence in Europe and to overthrow its power in Asia. Surely, by this time, Mr. Gladstone and his followers must be convinced that the aims of the Muscovites have been all along directed to this object. The trouble in Afghanistan is simply a continuation of the scheme inaugurated in 1875 in the Herzegovina. Baffled in her designs in Europe, while with her traditional treachery she seemed to acquiesce in the conclusion arrived at by the Treaty of Berlin, that document had no sooner been signed than she was conspiring with a savage chieftain at the very gate of Britain's Indian dominion. Still shirking an open conflict and, as ever, preparing a way of escape by plausible lies in case of actual danger, she sent an envoy to Cabul, where she also knew that England had long been without a representative, and where she also knew how easy it was to arouse feelings of hostility against her rival. She foresaw, of course, that ordinary prudence would suggest to the Viceroy of India to take a like step and she took means to insure insult and resistance on the part of the Ameer, already won over by Russian intrigue. The result was just what might have been predicted. While Abramoff, the Russian Governor of Samarcand, (we now see the drift of Central Asian movements) was received with all the honours, Sir Neville Chamberlain, though formerly a personal friend of the Ameer, was forbidden to approach the capital. That Great Britain would not quietly endure such an insult, Russia was well aware. She had also taken good care to inform herself of the exact military condition of India, and of the difficulties in which the necessary vindication of the British dignity would involve the Viceroy. Unhappily, some time before it had been decided to reduce the forces of several of the Indian princes, and from this and other causes, the army at the Viceroy's disposal was not at its full strength. To summon troops from Europe would be just what Russia would like to see done. In fact, the whole affair was worthy of the arch-plotter and disturber of Europe. And, as has been already hinted, the subtlest part of it is that Russia is not open to direct accusation. Although she has been at the bottom of the whole mischief, there is no overt act of which England can complain. She had a right to send an embassy to Cabul. She only anticipated England in doing so. What is most annoying and perplexing in the whole business is, therefore, that while Britain is supposed to be at war with Afghanistan only, she is really engaged in a contest with Russia, of whose assistance the Ameer can avail himself. If matters go decidedly against England Russia can then step in and openly declare herself on the other side of the Ameer. If the latter is beaten, his deceitful ally can, with her usual diplomacy, wash her hands of the whole affair, while, with small trouble and expense, she shall have the satisfaction of involving England in a difficult and perilous campaign. That the ultimate result will tend to the greater security of India and put an end to Russian intrigues in that direction, there is good reason to hope. But there will be need for the utmost wisdom, and the victory will not be gained without the cost of a good deal both of blood and money. Such a crisis is no time for the indulgence of petty spites or ambitions. Not only is British honour concerned, but the safety of what she prizes most in her possessions may be at stake. That Russia, weakened by a long war and with treasury virtually empty, has any immediate intention of doing more than annoying her great rival, is not likely; but a war of this kind begun, there is no knowing what contingencies may arise. Whatever differences, therefore may exist on other questions between the two great parties into which the realm is divided, there should be none as to the necessity of defending the Empire from jealous and unscrupulous foes.

LETTER FROM PARIS.

HOTEL DE L'ATHENE, Paris, Oct. 3, 1877.

Great discontent has been expressed by exhibitors, foreign as well as French, at the very late date named for the grand ceremony of the awards. A deputation, including many of the most important exhibitors, having waited upon M. Krantz, it is said that at his instance the question is being reconsidered by the Minister.

The distribution is fixed for Monday, October 21. Some changes have been made in the original arrangements of the ceremony. The idea of a procession from the Corps Legislatif to the Palais de l'Industrie has been abandoned. The workmen are now busy in making the preparations.

The contest between photography and the art of engraving, which has been going on of late years, has resulted in the almost complete disappearance of the last named art in France. Official and press reports following 1867, complained of the utter prostration which by degrees seemed to have overtaken the last representatives of an art once so flourishing, but which now appears entirely to have lost public favor. Since 1867, considerable efforts have been made, both by the State and privately, to revive an art which was so long one of the least contested glories of France. The orders of the Louvre and the city of Paris, and the decision of the Minister of Public Instruction and the Fine Arts, to authorize the execution of plates representing the prize of honor at the Exhibition, and great works of monumental art, the foundation of the French Engraving Society, the publication of numerous art collections, and illustrated archaeological prints, will doubtless give a great stimulus to the revival of a necessary art, which scientific processes of reproduction cannot replace. Engravers upon wood and etchers have more than regained lost time, favored by the development of the market for illustrated books; they now form a numerous and active body, abounding in varied talent. They devote themselves to the reproduction of every kind of objects of art, as well as to executing picturesque views, architectural designs and original compositions, &c. A small number of artists have devoted themselves to the more arduous vocation of copper-plate engraving, which exacts more rigid application and closer study.

Lithography, once exercised by so large a number of eminent painters, is still more behind hand in finding favor with the public; but the talent of some artists, who have never abandoned the art, gives hope that this delicate process of interpretation and expression will once more be properly appreciated. There are about 1,000 or 1,200 French etchers and engravers on copper, wood, and stone, who exhibit yearly in the Salon 300 to 400 engravings and lithographs.

At the Vienna Exhibition, out of 101 medals awarded by the International Jury, 45 were obtained by French engravers. The principal centres of the production of fire-arms in France, such as rifles, guns, pistols, revolvers, duck-guns, blunderbuses, and weapons used in war, are Paris and Saint-Etienne, where this industry has existed ever since powder was first used. The most elegantly finished fire-arms are of Parisian make, and it was in the capital that the fire-arms employed to defend Paris in the siege were made. Weapons used in hunting are principally made at Saint-Etienne, which rivals the capital in the manufacture of fire-arms of all kinds. Side-arms such as swords, sabres, foils, daggers, bayonets, axes, life-preservers, bucklers, &c., are made at Chatellerault and Saint-Etienne, but those having artistically-carved and ornamented handles, and otherwise better finished, are made in Paris, where the finest models are to be had. The balls, percussion caps and cartridges are nearly all turned out in the departments of the Seine and Seine-et-Oise. The iron and steel used in the manufacture of fire-arms and side-arms are mainly prepared in France, particularly in the departments of the Vosges, Isere and Loire. Copper, horn, leather, ivory, mother-of-pearl, silver, gold, &c., are used in the mountings and ornaments of side-arms.

Hunting equipments are made partly by hand and partly by machinery, but the artistic weapons and accoutrements of all kinds are made almost entirely by hand, and are consequently exceedingly expensive. The annual French production of all kinds of fire arms and hunting accoutrements attains the approximate total of 42,000,000 francs.

Another interesting sight for visitors to Paris will be available at the end of the present month, namely, the grand hall, known as the *Salle des Pas Perdus* of the Palais de Justice, the Palace of Charlemagne, the oldest building, perhaps, in Paris, except the *Baths of the Roman Emperors*, the Palais des Ther-

mes. This great hall has, for a long period, been sadly degraded, and nearly all its real features hidden; the task of restoration was conferred on the father of living French architects, M. Duc, who aided by M. Daumet, has all but achieved the work, sweeping away all false passages and partitions that disfigured it, and restoring the original design. The *salle* in which the ancient Parliament—set aside by Louis XIV. as interfering with his autocracy—met, will now be the principal tribunal chambers; and in the great hall will be set up the magnificent monument in honor of Berryer, now at the Exhibition. LIONEL.

MARIPOSA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

Council met October 12th. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Mr. Broad, seconded by Mr. Adam, that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer in favor of Robert Western for the sum of \$3, for work done on sidewalk between lots 10 and 11 in the 4th concession...Carried. Moved by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Broad, that this Council permit John Kelly and Richard Smith, as representatives of the weigh scales at Little Britain, to allow the said weigh scales to stand as they now are on the public highway for the time being...Carried. Moved by Mr. Broad, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that this Council authorize and require the Clerk to notify William Caldwell, Sr., that this Council require him to pay to the Treasurer the sum due from him as rent for road allowance occupied by him...Carried. Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that the Clerk be instructed to levy the sum of one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents (\$169.55) on the Police Village of Woodville, in accordance with the application of the Trustees of said Police Village...Carried. Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Mark, that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer for the following sums for indigent persons, viz: Mrs. Morin, \$2; Ann Mitchell, in care of Mr. Broad, \$1...Carried. Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Broad, that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer in favor of the following persons: Mr. John Mann, for fixing road scraper, 95 cents; Robert Ashbery, for furnishing material and making approach to Town Hall, \$3.50...Carried. Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Mark, that Gideon McDonald be appointed Collector for the North half of this Township, for the year 1878, at the salary of forty-five dollars...Carried. Moved by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Broad, that Thomas Wallis be appointed Collector for the South half of this Township for the year 1878, at the salary of \$45...Carried. Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Mark, that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer in favor of the following persons for the selecting of Jurors for the year 1878: R. Irwin, Reeve, \$5; J. Clarke, Assessor, \$5; J. F. Cunnings, Clerk, \$10...Carried. Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Broad, that this Council grant the sum of \$20 to the County Agricultural Society, for prize money for the ploughing match to be held near Oakwood...Carried. Moved by Mr. Adam, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that the report of M. Dean, Esq., P. L. S., in reference to the part due for the Goose Lake drain by Mr. McGinley, be received, and the amount estimated by M. Dean, being \$435, be paid to Mr. McGinley or order, as soon as the debentures are sold. And that M. Dean's account for \$173 be received, and that the sum of \$150 thereof, being the amount mentioned in the By-Law, for surveying and assisting surveyor in connection with said drain, be paid to him or order at the same time...Carried. Moved by Mr. Broad, seconded by Mr. Mark, that this Council adjourn to meet again on the second Monday in November, next...Carried.—JOHN F. CUNNINGS, Clerk.

THORAH TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

Council met Saturday, Oct. 5th, at 1 p.m. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report read from W. J. Thompson, P. L. S., in the matter of the village plan, and survey on Townline. Application from J. and W. Grant to cut timber on the allowance for road between the 9th and 10th Con. at Lot 2. Moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. Chalmers, that whereas the following amounts are to be raised for school taxes, viz: S. S. No. 1, \$281.09; S. S. No. 2, \$330.04; S. S. No. 3, \$306.52; S. S. No. 4, \$1072.51; S. S. No. 5, \$398.46; be it therefore resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the several boards of School Trustees the said amounts to their credit on the collector's roll for 1878 as soon as the same shall be collected, subject however to any deduction for school Taxes remitted or charged in error, and that the clerk do notify the said Trustees of the amount to their credit and request them to inform the Collector of any school taxes they intend to remit...Carried. Moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. G. F. Bruce, that the Treasurer do on the first day of November, next, make a claim on the Midland Railway Company, for the sum of one Thousand Dollars, on account of arrears due to the Township; and also a further claim for the sum of \$127, costs incurred in the suit "Township of Thorah vs. Midland R. Co."...Carried. Moved by Mr. G. F. Bruce,

seconded by Mr. Chalmers, that Messrs. James and William Grant be allowed to cut and remove the timber on the allowance for road between 9th and 10th Con., at Lot 2, provided they clear up a passable track at the part so chopped...Carried. Moved by Mr. R. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Galloway, that Mr. W. Keane, pathmaster Div. 33, be instructed to cut the fallen timber in the creek on Lot 7, 10th Con., between the Portage and Talbot river...Carried. Moved by Mr. Chalmers, seconded by Mr. G. F. Bruce, that the following credits be allowed the Collector on his Roll for 1877, viz: taxes remitted, not collectable and charged in error, \$99.26; special rate S. S. No. 3 not collected, \$240.05; fees for collecting, \$70...Carried. Moved by Mr. Robt. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Galloway, that whereas the Collector's Roll for 1877 shows the Collector in default the sum of \$224.53, be it therefore resolved that the attention of his securities be called to this matter, and that the Treasurer do make a formal demand upon them for the said amount, and also to notify them that if the same be not paid forthwith legal proceedings will be taken to recover it...Carried. Moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. Robert Bruce, that the sum of forty dollars be granted in aid of improving the townline between Thorah and Eldon, at the 8th Con., Thorah, to meet a like sum granted by the County of Victoria, and that the Township Commissioner be instructed to expend the said sum at once, if he think it advisable, if not to let it lay over until next season...Carried. Moved by Mr. G. F. Bruce, seconded by Mr. Galloway, that whereas Mr. C. H. Davidson, Treasurer, has laid before this Council a new bond signed jointly by himself and Messrs. Franklin Thompson and Alex. Cameron, be it therefore resolved that the said bond be considered satisfactory, and that the former bond given be cancelled and returned to the parties signing the same...Carried. Moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. G. F. Bruce, that whereas the assessments of the following lots are shown to be in error, that is to say, on lot n. e. part 5, con. 1, 27 acres, \$45.85; pt. s. h. 14, 6 con., 1 acre, \$5.30; pt. w. h. 13, 5 con., 1/4 acre, \$10.23; be it resolved that the foregoing amounts, charged as arrears of taxes, be cancelled...Carried.

Claims for Sheep killed by dogs—B. F. Brown, 1 ewe valued at \$6, allowed \$4; Geo. Wallace, 1 ewe, value \$6; allowed \$4; John Gould, 1 ewe, value \$6; allowed \$4; Peter McCuaig, 1 ewe and 1 lamb, value \$9, allowed \$6. Moved by Mr. Chalmers, seconded by Mr. Galloway, that whereas the above mentioned parties have made affidavits and given further evidence substantiating their claims for sheep killed, be it resolved that they be paid the several amounts allowed, that being two-thirds value of the said sheep...Carried. Moved by Mr. Chalmers, seconded by Mr. Galloway, that Messrs. G. F. Bruce and John R. Grant be accepted as securities for the Collector for 1878...Carried. Moved by Mr. Chalmers, seconded by Mr. R. Bruce, that the sum of \$5 be paid to Mr. Peter Walls, for the use of Mrs. McPherson, and the sum of \$5 to Mr. C. Galloway, for the use of Mrs. Colville, both in indigent circumstances...Carried. Moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. Chalmers, that whereas the allowance for road between the 2nd and 3rd Cons., at the corner of Lot 3, is blocked by the Midland Railway; that the said road is needed for the convenience of the public; that a crossing is required to allow the said road to be travelled; that the Midland Railway Co. have already been notified in the matter on three several occasions, and have promised to have it attended to, but have as yet taken no steps to remedy the grievance; be it therefore resolved that the President of the said Company be again notified, and in the event of the said notice being disregarded for two weeks from this date, that Messrs. Robinson and Kent be instructed to commence proceedings to cause the required crossing to be constructed; and that the clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the said Midland Railway Company...Carried. Moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. Chalmers, that the Clergy Reserve appointment for 1878, \$37.66, be equally divided between the five school sections, and paid to the several Trustees...Carried. Accounts presented—gravelling and repairing streets in Beaverton, commutation statute labor and grant on Mara St.—Alexander McRae, \$11.87; Peter McCuaig, \$6; James Williamson, \$17.25; Charles Wheeler, \$7; John Cameron, \$17; William Stoddart, \$13.50; Ewen Cameron, \$9; Wm. Murray, \$9.50; James Hair, \$4; John Cameron, per order Daniel Stuart, \$23.75; William Cameron, \$25; Frank Stewart, \$1; Angus McKay, cleaning driftwood and repairing damage to wall and bridge, between 3 and 4, \$5; Arch. Currie, road at lot 10, 4th Con., gravelling 50 rods, \$50; Clerk, postage 1878 and lease, &c., \$13; Selectors of mins., Reeve \$3, Assessor \$3, Clerk \$4; Chas. D. Barr, printing voters' list, bonds, &c., \$37.50; Wm. Kean, cleaning fallen timber Portage Road, \$2, and \$2.25, per order John Gregg, 3 days statute labor charged him; James Donnell, gravel on Townline Thorah and Eldon, \$4; James Edgar, cleaning fallen timber, Lake Shore Road, \$1; Hale Bros., printing Township Accounts Notices, &c., \$15.50; Geo. Smith, per order Duncan Gillespie, lease of gravel pit, Lot 7, 10th Con., \$50; Cameron & Westcott, stone hammer, pick, &c., as per bill, \$8.15. Moved by Mr. Robert Bruce, seconded by Mr. Chalmers, that the above accounts be allowed and paid...Carried. Moved by Mr. Chalmers, seconded by Mr. Galloway, that this Council do now adjourn until Saturday, the 14th day of December 1878, to meet at one p. m...Carried.—G. F. BRUCE, Clerk.

BY-LAW NO.

A By-law to raise the proportion of funds to be contributed by the Municipality of the Township of Eldon towards the draining of the lake known as Goose Lake, and Marsh surrounding it, situate in the Townships of Mariposa, Eldon and Fenelon, as set out by the Surveyor's Report of the said drainage works being \$347.25 for principal and interest.

Provisionally adopted the Twenty Second day of October, A. D., 1878.

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Mariposa have by By-law No. 225, provided for the draining of the said Goose Lake and Marsh and for borrowing the funds necessary therefor.

And whereas, the said Council have served the Reeve of this Municipality with a copy of the report of Michael Dean, P. L. S., containing estimates for the said drainage works and an assessment of the real property to be benefited by such drainage and stating the proportion of benefit which in his opinion would be derived by every road and lot, or portion of lot from said drainage, said assessment, as far as it relates to the Township of Eldon is the same as is hereunder set out.

And whereas, the said Council of Eldon are of opinion that the draining of the locality described is desirable. Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Township of Eldon, pursuant to the provisions of Chap. 174 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

1. That the said report so far as the same relates to the said Township of Eldon be adopted.

2. That the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Eldon do pay to the Corporation of the Township of Mariposa, the sum of three hundred and forty-seven dollars and thirty-five cents being the amount mentioned in said report, to be contributed by the said Township of Eldon as its proportion or share of the funds necessary for the said works in fifteen annual instalments of twenty three dollars and fifteen cents each, on the twentieth day of July in each year for the fifteen years next following the passing of this By-law, and that the Reeve of the said Township of Eldon, may give his order on the Treasurer thereof for the said yearly payments and cause the same to be paid to the Treasurer of the said Township of Mariposa at the office of said Treasurer, on the days and times aforesaid.

3 That for the purpose of paying the sum of three hundred and forty-seven dollar and twenty-five cents being the amount charged against the lands in this Municipality so to be benefitted as aforesaid other than the roads belonging to the said Municipality. The following special rates over and above all other rates shall be assessed and levied in the same manner, and at the same time as taxes are levied upon the undermentioned lots and parts of lots, and the amount of said special rates assessed as aforesaid against each lot or part of lot respectively, shall be divided into fifteen equal parts and one such part shall be assessed and levied as aforesaid in each year, for fifteen years after the final passing of this By-law during which the said instalments are accruing due.

TOWNSHIP OF ELDON.		Value of land improved by drainage works, yrs. at 5p. c.	Total amount assessed for 15 yrs.	Annual amount assessed for 15 yrs.
CON.	Lot.			
10	E. Pt. W. 1	\$ 21.00	\$10.44	\$2.69
	E. Pt. E. 1	63.00	30.78	8.18
	11	63.75	31.87	8.47
	11	77.25	37.92	10.00
	11	18.37	9.39	2.36
Charge to Municipality for Roads.....		\$180.37	\$347.85	\$92.35
Total		\$249.50	\$488.70	\$125.40

That the drain when completed shall so far as the share of this Township is concerned therein, be kept in repairs and maintained at the cost of the lands and roads assessed for construction, said lands and roads paying in the same relative proportion as the foregoing assessment.

4 That the sum of ten dollars and ninety cents, being the amount assessed against the roads of this Municipality, be paid to the Treasurer of the Township of Mariposa out of the general funds of this Township, on the order of the Reeve within one year.

NOTICE.

ANY person wishing to appeal against any part of the above assessment is hereby notified that the Council will hold a Court of Revision and Appeal for that purpose at the village of Lorneville, on Thursday the twenty-first day of November, A. D., 1878, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m. And further take notice that any person who wishes to apply to have this By-law or any part thereof, quashed, must within ten days after the final passing thereof, serve a notice in writing upon the Reeve, or other head officer and upon the Clerk of this Municipality of his intention to make application for that purpose to one of Her Majesty's Superior Courts of law at Toronto during the term next ensuing the final passing of this By-law or he will not be heard in that behalf.

GEO. W. MILLAR,

Township Clerk.

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