



# The Advocate.

"Pro Bono Publico."

WOODVILLE, NOV. 20, 1879.

## THAT ROAD.

Of all the insane methods of constructing roads used in this neighborhood the one employed by the Commissioners deputed to lower the hill in front of Mrs. Morrison's residence is the most ridiculous; in fact it displays such palpable carelessness and stupidity that we are reasonably led to ask whether those authorizing the work are really sane men. The road before the improvement was tolerably good, and at all times passable, but, owing to its being a little higher than the level of the residence of Mrs. Morrison (into whose premises it seems the water runs in the Spring), that lady offered a contribution towards lowering it; the Councils of Mariposa and Eldon thinking it a good idea accepted the proposition and adding a grant of \$50 each forthwith the work was begun. Some two feet of earth forming the crest of the hill, has been taken off and carefully deposited in the hollows on either side of the hill, forming a most horrible quagmire, in fact, it was not even levelled, the loose earth being merely dumped and left. The road at present beggars all description, no teams can pass over it and those who are forced to travel that way have to find a pass in the ditches on either side which are fast becoming so bad that even this resort will soon have to be abandoned. Had the work been performed at the proper season it would have been all right, but to start a work of that description just at a time when it was known the wet season could not be far distant, is, to say the least, a most gross imprudence. We cannot see where the necessity really existed for lowering the road at all. It will not benefit the village in any way that we can see and the removal leaves the people on the Eldon side in a much worse position than they were before, as now it is next to impossible for them to get into their premises from the road owing to the steep bank, while the evil complained of by Mrs. Morrison has not been removed. That the state of the road will drive away trade from the village we are convinced, as no one will be willing to risk the possibility of getting stuck in a horrible mess of blue clay when he can go elsewhere, while between the village and the station a large amount of travel is daily performed. The road is bad enough now, but what will it be in the Spring when the frost and snow are leaving we leave the public to imagine. The only excuse which is given for this wanton squandering of money is that had the work not been done this season it could not have been done at all. As that, we believe, was the stipulation upon which Mrs. Morrison gave her donation, indeed, it would have been better had it not been done, but we do not agree with this lame excuse for if the work was of sufficient importance to warrant the outlay this season, the same reason for its performance would have existed the same next. As it is the money is absolutely thrown away besides doing an immense amount of harm to the village. We had occasion to refer to a piece of just such work performed on the town line to the east of the village last winter, on which occasion the gravel was hauled and deposited on top of the snow making a terrible mess and entirely suspending traffic for a time. It would appear as if an attempt were being made to destroy the trade of our village as year after year something is done to render traffic to us both difficult and dangerous. Who is to blame for this state of affairs? They are a standing disgrace to the Municipalities authorizing them. We would

advise that something be done towards rendering the present work somewhat less dangerous as with the present state of the road it will become a fruitful source of accident.

Since writing the above the road has become frozen and but little improvement has been sustained by the process.

## ELDON VOTERS' LIST

Eldon Voters' List for the year 1879 has not yet been published and to all appearances it will be some time before it is. It would be a gratification to the ratepayers to know under what system or in what manner the Eldon Voters' List is prepared. The precise way in which it shall be prepared is specified in the Revised Statutes of Ontario, but our Clerk and Council, it seems, have a method of their own which comes before that appointed by law. In the first place it is appointed that the Assessor shall return his roll not later than the 30th day of April—the assessment roll for the township of Eldon was not returned until the latter end of May, and the Court of Revision, which should have been held within fourteen days thereafter was not held until the 29th of July, nearly eight weeks later than the time appointed by statute. We quote from the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chap. 180, Sec. 42, 43:—

"Every Assessor shall begin to make his roll in each year not later than the fifteenth day of February, and shall complete the same on or before the thirtieth day of April." "Every Assessor shall, on or before the first day of May, deliver to the Clerk of the Municipality such assessment roll, completed and added up, with the certificates and affidavits attached."

No notice was given as to the time of meeting of the above Court in this township, and yet the statute distinctly says it shall be advertised at least ten days before the sitting of the Court in the township newspaper:—

"The Clerk shall also advertise in some newspaper published in the Municipality, or, if there be no such paper, then in some newspaper published in the nearest Municipality in which one is published, the time at which the Court will hold its first sittings for the year, and the advertisement shall be published at least ten days before the time of such first sittings."—Sec. 56, Sub sec 7.

As we stated before the Court of Revision did not sit until the 29th day of July, when we believe it did meet somewhere in the township, but what transpired at that meeting is known only to those gentlemen who formed the Court and those who made appeals. Nothing more has been heard of the Voters' List up to the time of writing although the "Voters' List Act," (Chap. 9, Rev. Stat.) is very precise in its dealings with this matter. Section 2, of this Act says:

"The Clerk of each Municipality shall immediately after the final revision and correction of the assessment roll in every year, make a correct alphabetical list in three parts, of all male persons being of the full age of twenty-one years and subjects of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization, and appearing by the assessment roll to be entitled to vote in the Municipality."

"Immediately after the Clerk has made the said alphabetical list, and within thirty days after the final revision and correction of the assessment roll the Clerk shall cause at least two hundred copies of the said list to be printed."—Sec. 3, Voters' List Act.

We are asked repeatedly "How is it that the Eldon Voters' List is not yet published?" It is now over three months since the Court of Revision sat, and the Voters' List has not yet appeared. We have enquired of the Clerk several times when it is to be issued but have always received an evasive answer. The ratepayers have a right to know how things are being conducted in the township and why these things are being shrouded in mystery. That all is not as it should be is apparent, or why should an honest question be met with an evasive reply. We shall anxiously await an explanation why these things are thus.

**Crowded out.**—A lot of interesting local correspondence has been unavoidably crowded out this week but will appear next.

## THE CLOUD IN THE EAST.

The complexion of affairs in Europe at the present moment is anything but reassuring. France is building strong fortresses on the Belgian frontier; Servia, Bulgaria and Montenegro have formed an alliance, ostensibly against foreign intervention, but really against Austria; Germany is adding fifty-four batteries to her artillery force—undoubtedly the strongest field force in Europe—and it is stated that the next Imperial budget will contain estimates for an even more considerable increase to her army; Turkey, as we predicted some time ago, is, under the stress of England's demand for reform in Asia Minor, disposed to court the Russian rather than the English alliance, and in order to prevent the capture of Constantinople by a Russian political coup de main, Admiral Hornby's fleet is under orders to leave Malta and may leave at any moment with a strong probability of its entering the Euxine and taking possession of Sinope or some other Turkish port as a material guarantee for the execution, both by Russia and Turkey, of their treaty engagements. In the meantime Count Schouvaloff has left London; a successor has not been and probably will not be appointed—at any rate until the issue of the Constantinople embroglio has been reached. It will thus be seen that there are sufficient elements of combustion in Europe to make it probable that the slightest breeze in the neighbourhood of the Bosphorus will fan the whole into a flame. Once started it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that others Powers besides Russia, England and Austria will eventually be involved in conflict. France may be tempted to make use of the opportunity, furnished by the pre-occupation of the other Great Powers, to attempt the recovery of her Rhine Provinces and to rectify the Belgian frontier—a course which would bring down upon her the whole force of the German Empire, and the moral, if not the physical, hostility of England. Much will depend, of course, on the progress of events at Stamboul, where, it is to be feared, England has not now a great Eltchi to represent her, as in the days which preceded the Crimean War. Were Lord Stratford now at Therapia, it is safe to say there would be no talk of Turkey's entering into an alliance with her traditional enemy. With Sultan and Pashas, his word was law, and no man ever so thoroughly circumvented Russia as he did when the Holy Places were made the pretext for her seizing the Roumanian Provinces, which she afterwards had to evacuate; in order that Austria might occupy them in the interest of Europe. It is to be feared that Sir Austin Layard is cast in a different mould, and that Russia has now acquired an influence in the councils of the Porte, which would have been impossible had Lord Stratford remained in Constantinople as England's representative. —Free Press.

It is really too bad that some people should not be allowed to take their teams into the stores with them. They draw up on the sidewalks and on the crossings and unfortunate pedestrians are forced to paddle through mud and snow in the best way they can.

An exchange relates a case of a beautiful young lady, the daughter of wealthy parents eloping with an editor. This is as it should be. We thought all along that the young ladies would eventually recover from the coachman mania and aspire to the nobility again.

**Beaten.**—Mr. William Suggit, Lot 24, in the 3rd Con, Somerville, writes us that he had 1,800 bushels of turnips from three acres, and ends up with "beat that if you can."—Mr. William Ashman, of this township, informs us that he took up 2,100 bushels from an acre and three-quarters. Next!

**Presentation.**—Mr. Thos. McGimsie of the firm of McGimsie Bros. of this village was presented with a suit of clothes and the following address at a tea meeting held on the completion of the new M. E. Church, at Garden Hill:—**DEAR SIR.**—It affords us very much pleasure, as the building committee of this church, to recognize in this public manner your work in connection with the same. Your intercourse with us as a committee, has been characterized by forbearance and a willingness to comply with our smallest wish. We are delighted with the finish and entire workmanship in connection with this building, and are sure that the same must commend itself to all. Be pleased to accept of this gift as a token of our pleasure, and be assured that you ever have our united wish for your personal health and prosperity. —We are pleased to note the good sense of the people of Garden Hill in the present they selected as the articles given are really servicable to the recipient, and will do him much more good than any gold-headed walking stick.

## Local Matters.

Try the "Nick o' the Woods" Axe, at Maybee & Crouters.

**In Pound**—four cows. We believe they are to be sold. Couldn't some of "those hogs" be dumped in along with them?

We are to have a skating rink this winter so we are informed. It is to be in the rear of Leas & McNeill's Carriage Works, and Mr. Fred. Leas is the projector of the scheme. We wish him success in the venture.

On Friday morning last Mr. Hugh Munro, father of Mrs. Thos. Edwards, of this village, was stricken with apoplexy, and for some time his life was despaired of, but, we are happy to state, he is now on a fair way to recovery. Mr. Munro is 78 years of age and was one of the first settlers in the Township of Mariposa.

**Wanted—A Husband.**—I am a young lady of 20; reside in the town of Kincardine; have bright eyes and dark hair; my cheeks are like full blown roses; I am tall, of good disposition, and very fond of music. I can give my hand, heart or fortune for better or for worse. No young gentleman need reply to this who is under 20 or over 25 years of age. He must be tall, of good disposition, and must not wear beard on his face like a goat, and must have a good business. Address, enclosing photo., Drawer 7 Kincardine.—Reporter. How would this suit one of our Woodville bachelors.

**Lecture.**—On Tuesday evening Mr. John Murdoch, editor of the *Highlander*, Inverness, lectured as announced, in Spencer Hall, on the Land Laws of Great Britain and Ireland. Mr. Don. Jackson presided as Chairman. Mr. Murdoch gave a splendid lecture and was attentively listened to, especially his exposition of the feudal system and its interesting laws of primogeniture and entail. The game laws of the old country were also dwelt on at some length. The audience was small. After the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered to the Lecturer and also to the Chairman and were enthusiastically carried.

**Accident.**—Another of those accidents which have become so frequent of late and resulting from the careless use of firearms occurred here yesterday morning. Mr. Geo. Maybee, accompanied by a companion were seated in a buggy preparing for a shooting expedition, when by some means the barrels of a double barreled gun they were carrying came apart from the stock, and falling to the bottom of the buggy the dogs were broken; the gun being at half cock and capped went off, discharging the contents of both barrels into Mr. M's arm, completely shattering the side and elbow. It is wonderful that more accidents do not occur. It is but a short time since we saw a young man walking up the street quite carelessly with a loaded gun at full cock on his shoulder.

## MARIPOSA COUNCIL.

Council met Nov. 10th. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that whereas the Eldon Council has notified this Council that they appeal against the assessment made by Mr. Dixon in the matter of the drain contemplated to be run through lots 10 and 12 in the 15th Con., and 10 in the 14th Con., of this Township, and also that they have appointed an arbitrator in their behalf, but the said arbitrator has neglected to act in the matter and the Eldon Council has not taken action to appoint another in his stead; therefore be it resolved that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to apply to the County Judge to appoint an arbitrator in behalf of the Eldon Council in the above matter.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Sweetland, an indigent, for the sum of \$4.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Mark, that the Reeve give his order on the Treasurer in favor of the following persons: Tom Kains, P. L. S., for examining Goose Lake Drain, \$12; Charles D. Barr, as per acct., \$11.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Mark, that By-Law No. 247 being a By-Law to provide for appointing an arbitrator in the matter of dispute between E. Clendenning and the Municipality of Mariposa in the matter of Goose Lake Drain, be received and read a first time.—Carried. By-Law No. 247 read a first, second and third time and passed. Moved by Mr. Broad, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that this Council grant the sum of \$6 per month for the maintenance of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, two indigent persons, the same to be placed in the hands of Donald Campbell, to be paid monthly, to commence 1st Nov.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Broad, that the sum of forty dollars be expended on the 10th Con., opposite Lot No. 22, and that the Reeve and W. Lownsbrough be commissioners to expend the same.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Lownsbrough, seconded by Mr. Mark, that the Reeve give

his order on the Treasurer in favor of James Chidley, for the sum of forty dollars, for turnpiking and gravelling on tenth con., lot 22.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that this Council authorize Mr. Broad to engage Mr. G. Yarnold, P. L. S., to locate the original road allowance between lots 12 and 13, in Con. A, Mariposa.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Broad, seconded by Mr. Lownsbrough, that this Council adjourn to meet again on the first Monday in December next.—Carried.

J. F. CUNNING, Clerk.

## ELDON COUNCIL.

Eleventh session of the Eldon Council, held at Kirkfield, on Friday, Nov. 7th. Members present—Messrs. Ashman, Nicholls and Armstrong. Mr. Carmichael absent at opening but afterwards arrived and took his seat as Reeve. Moved by Jno. Nicholls, seconded by R. Armstrong, that the sum of \$7.60 be paid Peter Bassett for repairs on Grass River bridge, Portage Road, as per certificate of R. Armstrong and R. C. Campbell, Commissioners in '79.—Carried. Moved by J. Nicholls, seconded by Robt. Armstrong, that the sum of \$30 be paid to Peter Bassett for work done on Portage Road, Eldon, west of 7th Con., as follows: \$20 out of W. Ashman's grant to Ward No. 2, and \$10 out of Ward No. 3, as per understanding between the said Commissioners.—Carried. Moved by J. Nicholls, seconded by R. Armstrong, that John Merry be Collector of Taxes in Eldon for the year 1879, salary \$85; John Connolly and John Barker surties in bond of \$12000.—Carried. Moved by Robt. Armstrong, seconded by J. Nicholls, that the sum of \$5.70 be paid Alexander Fraser, for mending scrapers, as per account rendered.—Carried. Moved by Robt. Armstrong, seconded by J. Nicholls, that the sum of \$19.50 be paid John McEachern and George Shields, for road job on 4th qr. road, 5th con., Eldon, in 1879.—Carried. Moved by J. Nicholls, seconded by R. Armstrong, that the sum of \$35 be paid to John Steel, for road job done opposite lot 28, con. 1, Eldon, in 1879.—Carried. Moved by J. Nicholls, seconded by R. Armstrong, that the sum of \$8.50 be paid to Malcolm Myles, for drain and culvert on lot 3, con. 8, Eldon, the amount to be paid when fully determined on Mr. Wm. Ashman's measurement and report.—Carried. Moved by J. Nicholls, seconded by R. Armstrong, that the sum of \$10 be paid Donald McInnis for road job done on the 9th Con., Eldon, lot 17, amount of appropriation to Ward No. 3 in 1879, R. Armstrong, commissioner.—Carried. Moved by W. Ashman, seconded by J. Nicholls, that \$8.50 be paid to W. G. Stoddart, for Carmichael's coffin.—Carried. Moved by W. Ashman, sec. by R. Armstrong, that the following account be paid: to Peter Burnet, Esq., Civil Engineer, for work done on Eldon Drain, 1st and 2nd Con., Eldon, as per account, \$139.36, and that a note payable at the Standard Bank, in three months from date, be executed in favor of the said Peter Burnet, for the said amount.—Carried. Moved by Wm. Ashman, and seconded by R. Armstrong, that this Council do now adjourn, and meet again at Lorneville, on Friday, 12th December, at 12 o'clock, noon.

G. W. MILLAR, Clerk.

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