



The Advocate.

"Pro Bono Publico."

WOODVILLE, DEC. 11, 1879.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

The coming Municipal elections do not seem to have aroused any degree of interest in the Township of Eldon. Everyone recognizes the necessity of there being a complete change in the personnel of the Council but none will do anything towards that end. Every elector in the Municipality is directly interested in this matter, and every one should think over and discuss the best candidate for municipal officers for 1880. The affairs of the Township of Eldon are in anything but a flourishing condition, and it is a duty imposed on the ratepayers by the law which confers on them the franchise, to look into the reason and if possible to remove its cause. A ratepayer is not doing justice either to himself or the Municipality to which he belongs, if he allows the monies of the Corporation to be squandered without using his influence towards stopping the extravagance. The people of Eldon appear to have no idea of their duty in this respect, they tolerate the grossest negligence in everything pertaining to the government of the Municipality and the administering of its finances, and yet year after year will vote for those who are sinking the Township more deeply and irretrievably into debt. We hope to see a large gathering at the nominations on Monday, the 29th inst., and the nomination of men for whose conduct the Township will have no reason to blush or feel ashamed, men who will use their best endeavours to set our township on her feet again, and we feel sure if such are nominated they will secure the support of all honest and intelligent ratepayers.

THE BATTLE CRY.

Being about to enter upon what we hope to see a somewhat sharp municipal campaign it will be absolutely necessary that candidates and electors should thoroughly understand each other as to what the battle cry should be. While the elector has no right to use the franchise to suit his own caprice or whims no more has the candidate any right to suppose that if he is elected he shall have a *carte blanche*, go as you please, or use the power conferred upon him to his own advantage. We complain and very justly, of the almost endless and crushing burdens with which the taxpayer is afflicted, but strange to say, though we all join in the general howl we never once attempt to put forth a finger in right earnest to mend matters, to diminish or even stop the increase of the burden of taxes with which we are cursed. We have the matter fully under our control but will we do anything more effectual than howl over it? not a bit of us! From year to year at election times we air our grievances pretty much as the medicant does his sores, but still we slide along the old grooves all the same. It must be patent to every one who gives the matter the slightest attention that our County Councils are needlessly burdensome, absolute waste. All acknowledge this, and none fail to lament at more bitterly than our representatives do when they appear before the electors, but when they get to the county town to the "happy little family" then their mourning is turned into joy and their weeping into laughter; their tears are dried and none would be so base as attempt to disturb the happy-go-easy crowd. The idea of thirty-three full-grown representatives of the bone and sinew of the country having a semi-annual play spell of one or two weeks duration each time, at the expense of the general taxpayers of the county is carrying the farce a little too far, but still it is allowed to go on.—Here is an army of between thirty and forty men receiving \$2 a day for each man for a week or more twice or thrice a year and travelling expenses at the rate of

ten cents a mile. In the first place there is no more use for thirty-three men than there is for thirty-three hundred, and in place of spending a week or ten days each time all the necessary work might be accomplished in a couple of days. Five men might in two days each term accomplish all the work of our county council more efficiently than is done by forty in ten days. [At all events as a first reduction only one representative should go from each municipality and any candidate for municipal honors who will not distinctly pledge himself to use his best efforts to induce the Government to amend the law should not receive a single vote. In fact it is only a matter of time and a very short time too when the electors of this Province will be called upon to decide whether County Councils or the Local Legislature shall be wiped out of existence. The easily ridden, over patient taxpayers will surely get restive some time and demand a reduction of their unnecessary burdens, they will no longer submit to have the very life legislated out of them. There are numerous other reductions which by all means should be made in our county expenditure and might be made without impairing the efficiency of the legislation but what is the use of intimating any other reductions so long as the farce of sending such a crowd of representatives to our Counties Councils is allowed to go on. It is to be hoped that electors will set their faces in the direction of better and much cheaper legislation and not give a single vote to a candidate who does not distinctly pledge himself to do his best to secure these desirable ends. Electors have quite long enough played fast and loose with the franchise until in very many instances it proves a curse while it would be a blessing if properly exercised.

Let us as electors rise to the responsibility of our position as such. Let us commence here and now to enforce decisive action in the direction of legislative retrenchment.—Let us commence in right good earnest with our counties councils; beginning at home let us straighten up that after which the Local and Dominion Legislatures may be grappled with to good purpose. Is it not about time that aspirants to municipal honors were declaring themselves and indicating the course they are prepared to pursue.—Port Perry Observer.

OBITUARY.

The sudden and unexpected decease of Mr. Duncan Campbell, our much respected assistant Postmaster, has caused a feeling of deep sorrow and gloom to pervade the entire community. While sitting at his desk reading, on Saturday morning last, he suddenly fell back from his chair and expired. The startling intelligence quickly spread through the village, and Mr. Campbell being so well known, a large number of sympathizers soon gathered around his sorrowing friends. For a long time Mr. Campbell had been troubled with heart-disease and this fearful complaint was the cause of his death. The deceased was 42 years of age, and had been a resident of Woodville for the past nine years. Although shrewd and very careful in business, his dealings were always characterized as straightforward and honest, and he earned for himself the name of a good and peaceful man; in fact we have never heard a hard word spoken about him. Mr. Campbell was a native of Ilay, Scotland, and came to this country with his parents in the year 1853, settling in this Township (Eldon). His first step in life was as a clerk in the store of Mr. J. Cameron, Beaverton, where he lived some two years, then he went to the store of the late Mr. Gordon, Manilla, with whom he remained about four years. Not being of a very robust constitution, and thinking the climate of New Zealand more favorable to his health than our severe climate he removed there, and remained about eight years. On leaving that country the firm with whom he was employed offered him their agency in London, England, but his precarious health caused him to decline the proffered honour. Since that time he has resided in Woodville, where he earned the respect and friendship of the entire community. Shortly after his return from New Zealand he married Miss Elizabeth Douglass, of Manilla, who died May the 9th, 1878, leaving a little daughter. His remains were buried at Manilla, and were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives both from Woodville and Manilla.

TRUSTEES of rural school sections should remember that by the School Act of the present year the elections of School Trustees take place now on the last Wednesday of December. The details of the elections remain unchanged.

Notes and News.

WORK at the Snowdon iron mines has been discontinued for the present, at least.

THE new law against tramps has come into force at Columbus, Ohio. The first conviction is a sentence of three years penitentiary. The effect of the law is most salutary and the tramp nuisance is abating.

THE *Free Press* says:—A delegation is about to visit Ottawa to urge upon the Government the construction of the Trent Valley Canal. The work is estimated to cost between three and four millions. A large meeting was held at Lakeside on Wednesday at which it was declared that the Trent Valley was the natural outlet of the North-west, and that since the Government had abandoned the Georgian Bay Branch, they could fairly be asked to undertake this work in place of it. Sir Charles Tupper has intimated that he will be happy to see the proposed delegation on the 23rd of December.

A HORRIBLE story concerning alleged atrocities by British soldiers comes from Afghanistan, which, though apparently well authenticated, it is to be hoped for the honour of the service and of humanity itself is not true. The correspondents of two Indian papers, the *Lahore Civil and Military Service Gazette* and the *Times of India* state that at the battle of Charasiab some of the wounded Afghans left on the field were "frightfully slashed about" by soldiers of the 72nd Highlanders, and their clothing set on fire! At the instance of one of the correspondents they were afterwards shot to put them out of their sufferings. It is melancholy that the glory of a brilliant action should be tarnished by the brutalities of a few miscreants. Talk as we may about "civilized warfare," there was probably never a war in which fiendish brutalities were not inflicted by the participants upon wounded men, prisoners or non-combatants. In these days we are certain to hear of such cases through the ubiquitous correspondent, whereas in former times they would never have come to light. The *Manchester Guardian* having called attention to the matter; it will doubtless be fully ventilated.

FARMING ON A LARGE SCALE.—We hear a good deal of farming on a large scale in the west, but we have a remarkable instance in our own township of the success which can be obtained by industry, energy and the exercise of prudence and good judgment in the management of a farm. Not many years since Mr. Thomas Conlin bought his first farm; he now owns about one thousand acres of first class land in the Township of East Whitley—a portion of which he rents, the balance he farms himself. He has raised, this season: 3,700 bushels barley, 3,000 bushels wheat, 2,000 bushels oats, 200 bushels marrowfat peas, 150 tons of hay, and fattened 70 head of cattle. The barley was sold for 62 cents per bushel; the wheat—a very nice sample—is worth \$1 25; the oats are worth 35 cents per bushel; the peas worth 75 cents per bushel; hay \$8 per ton; 70 head of cattle at \$40 per head—making a grand total of \$11,644 in value for the product of the lands of one farmer in our own township. Such results should give encouragement to young farmers throughout the Province. It is only by perseverance and untiring industry that success in farming is obtained, but it is less uncertain than any other business a man can engage in. Boys, stick to the farm.—*Reformer*.

It is rumored that the Imperial Government intend establishing an "Imperial Army Reserve" in this country. The reserve would consist of a force of ten thousand men, composed for the most part of members of the various regiments of the present active militia force, and would be liable to be called on for service in any portion of the world where England may be engaged in war.

PAMPHLET.—We have received a copy of a pamphlet issued by the Hudson Bay Coy., for the benefit and instruction of attending settlers in Manitoba and the North-West. This little work contains much interesting information with regard to crops, climate, &c., and a first-class map of the country, showing the route of the different projected railway lines. It also contains a list of the lots for sale in and about Winnipeg, by the Hudson Bay Company.

WARNING.—Now that sleighing approaches, the children of our village will no doubt revive the practice, indulged in every winter, of hanging on sleighs as they pass through the streets. This practice is very dangerous, and we remember several instances which resulted in serious accidents to children. It would be well if parents would look after the welfare of their children in this respect. The drivers of sleighs are neglecting their duty when they allow the children to indulge in such so-called pleasures.

Local Matters.

Boots cheaper than ever, at the "Regulator." Men's long Boots only \$1.75 per pair. Men's leather Gaiters only \$1.50 per pair.

Economizing.—By a new regulation, baggage masters will hereafter be dispensed with at small stations along the line of the Midland Railway.

THE ADVOCATE from now until 1st of January, 1881, for \$1. Send in your name.

WARNING.—If the boy who broke the pane of glass in our office window will call to-morrow and put in another we will say no more about it. If he does not, let him look out for us.

As the season is very backward we are selling all heavy goods at greatly reduced prices. All-wool Factory Flannel, 35 cents per yard. Jas. A. Mitchell & Co.

Our old friend, John Shaw, has received the contract for carrying the mails to the Junction for another term, and now he wants to purchase a new horse. Old "Shack" has done good service in the past, and John wants to put him out to "grass," for a while. Anyone having a good, sound, serviceable nag to dispose of will find a purchaser by calling on him.

Nothing is so pleasing to the children at this season as to reward their conduct with some neat present at Christmas. Gunn Bros. have just received a stock of presents expressly suitable for this purpose. Call and inspect their stock.

BAND.—The band were out for a short time last Thursday evening. They are making steady progress, although not quite up to their old standard, owing no doubt, to the recent addition of four or five new players. We believe they intend to hold an entertainment of some kind about the beginning of the new year, and we are confident our villagers will give them all the assistance in their power.

We have a large assortment of Tweeds arriving, which will be made into suits at pleasure of purchaser, and a perfect fit guaranteed. In quality, goods cannot be excelled. Call and examine. Jas. A. Mitchell & Co.

Weather.—Well, yes, we have had some weather during the past week. Snow, rain, slush, mud, in fact everything that could be thought of to make roads bad and business dull. However, it has taken another turn—freezing, with a prospect of snow, and we still hope for a little sleighing before Christmas.—It started to rain since the above was in type, and now—look out and judge for yourselves. Vennor himself couldn't prognosticate two hours ahead, this weather.

All wanting Frames should leave their orders at once, as the Framing Department will close after Christmas, at Sherman's.

Personal.—About three months ago, Mr. John D. Anderson, son of Mr. John Anderson, of Cannington, went to the Old Country to "walk the hospitals." We learn that he has passed a very creditable examination, taking two diplomas—L.R.C.P., and L.M., Edin. He now writes his title—M.D., M.B., F.T.M.S., M.C.P. and S., O., L.R.C.P., L.M., Edin. (Perhaps some of our readers can make them out, we gave it up). On his way home, Mr. Anderson intends to stay in New York for a few days, and take a look through the hospitals of that city. For so young a man—he is just out of his teens—Mr. Anderson's success is something remarkable, and his many friends in this neighborhood will feel proud of it.

The Presbytery of Lindsay met here on the last Tuesday of November. There were twelve ministers and seven elders present. The minutes of former meeting were read and sustained. The attention of members was called by the moderator to the rule that representative elders be certified by their sessions to the clerk. Dr. Gillespie was heard from Cannington congregation and their request granted in regard to the sale of their old church, a village lot and liberty to effect a mortgage. A paper was read from Uxbridge congregation as to certain arrangements with Leaskdale branch, and the matter referred back to them to endeavour to come to a solution of the difficulty among themselves. The clerk read reasons of dissent from finding of last meeting, and also Mr. A. McLeod's protest and appeal which were ordered to be held in retentia. The Presbytery's home mission committee reported having visited Sunderland, Vroomantou and Manilla in view of a union of the three stations; found Manilla unwilling to unite, wishing rather to be connected with Brock congregation. Report received and adopted. It was agreed to notify Rev. A. Currie's congregation and Manilla and take up the case at next meeting of Presbytery. Supply was appointed for the mission stations. Each minister was appointed to arrange missionary meetings for his own charge and report next meeting. The presbytery agreed to make no suggestions to the committee on the additional hymns. The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held here on the last Tuesday of February at 2 p.m.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of Correspondents.—Ed.

To the Editor of THE ADVOCATE:

SIR—Your agitation in reference to the coming Municipal elections, is something in which I think the Township generally should take a deep interest. No one will deny that our Township business is in a most lamentable condition, and I am of opinion that nothing but a purging of the entire Council will remedy the evil. I am pleased to see the steps taken by you in this matter, and should the ratepayers themselves take the matter in hand, it will not be long before we have a change. Much discontent is manifested in this neighborhood by the way in which the Township work is performed, and our taxes used. Hoping that you will continue to stir up this matter among the people until something is done, I remain, yours respectfully,

A RATEPAYER.

Hartley, Dec. 8th, 1879.

To the Editor of THE ADVOCATE:

DEAR SIR,—Why are our people so slow to express themselves in reference to our Township matters? It is surprising the apathy with which they sit and talk of these things and never try to mend them. I think we want a change somewhere, and I am real glad to see you moving in that direction. Everyone in this vicinity is pleased to notice the course you have taken, and you have the support of this section of the Township to back you in your efforts. The candidates have not yet made their appearance, but we hope some change will be made; at any rate nothing can be worse than the present administration. Hoping you will find room for this in your valuable paper, and that it may stimulate others to further thought, I am, dear sir, yours, &c.,

NEMO.

Kirkfield, Dec. 9th, 1879.

New Advertisements.

Estray Cow.

STRAYED into the premises of the undersigned Lot 39, North Portage Road, Eldon, about seven weeks ago a cow. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses.

HECTOR McINNIS

Eldon, 10th Dec. 1879.

Estray Heifer.

CAME into the premises of the undersigned, Lot No. 5, in 3rd Con., Eldon, in the last week of October.

ONE 1-YEAR-OLD HEIFER.

Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take her away.

PETEL McALPINE,

156-3in Lorneville P.O.

PAY UP AT ONCE.

ALL parties in my debt will oblige by paying in full on or before the 23rd of this month, as all accounts not then paid will be placed in Court without fail.

G. C. SMITH.

Woodville, Dec. 10th, 1879.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA

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—ON TUESDAY,

16th DAY of DECEMBER!

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