

Twelfth session of the Eldon Council held at Lorneville on Friday, the 12th day of December, A. D., 1879.

Members present—Messrs. Carmichael, Ashman, Nicholls and Armstrong. Mr. Eachern McEachern absent.

Moved by W. Ashman, seconded by J. Nicholls, that a by-law be now introduced and passed, rescinding any or all resolutions on by-law now in force appointing an arbitrator in the matter of the Mariposa and Eldon drain, as John A. Jackson has withdrawn his appeal therein.—Carried.

Moved by W. Ashman, seconded by R. Armstrong, that the said by-law in reference to the foregoing resolution, be now read a first, second and third time and passed.—Carried.

Moved by W. Ashman, seconded by R. Armstrong, that the by-law appointing the Nomination and Electoral Divisions in Eldon, and appointing Returning Officers for the ensuing elections in Eldon, be now introduced and read.—Carried.

Moved by R. Armstrong, and seconded by J. Nicholl, that the said by-law appointing Nomination, Electoral Divisions, and Returning Officers for the ensuing elections in Eldon, be now read a first, second and third time, and passed.—Carried.

Moved by W. Ashman, seconded by R. Armstrong, that the sum of \$5 be paid Alex. McPherson, for the Widow Morris. And also the sum of \$5 be paid Sarah McKinnon, indigent.—Carried.

Moved by W. Ashman, and seconded by J. Nicholls, that the sum of \$11 be paid Eachern McEachern, for road job done on 5th con., opposite lot 10, also for road job 4th con., opposite lot 7; \$12 out of appropriation for Ward No. 1—in all \$23.—Carried.

Moved by J. Nicholls, and seconded by R. Armstrong, that the sum of \$6.11 be paid to John Mellnes, for road job done on first quarter road, opposite 4th con., out of appropriation in Ward No. 1.—Carried.

Moved by J. Nicholls, and seconded by W. Ashman, that the sum of \$10 be paid to George Ross for road job done on 2nd con., lot 17, and that the sum of \$5 be paid to Kenneth Matthewson for removing stumps out of the 4th con., lot 23.—Carried.

Moved by W. Ashman, and seconded by J. Nicholls, that the sum of \$4 be paid Hugh McCorquodale, for repairing bridge west of Argyle.—Carried.

Moved by W. Ashman, and seconded by J. Nicholls, that the Clerk do request the Rev. Mr. McKay to furnish a bill of the items constituting the \$25 damages claimed by him this day for injury sustained as alleged.—Carried.

Moved by J. Nicholls, and seconded by W. Ashman, that the payment of costs and interest in suit George Shields vs. Eldon for the drain on first and second concessions of Eldon, be paid to Messrs. James A. Mitchell & Co., said suit being number 147 A. D. 1879, in books of the 1st Division Court, County Victoria, amount \$ Geo. W. Miller, Clerk, to furnish settlement.—Carried.

Moved by R. Armstrong, and seconded by W. Ashman, that the following valuations be placed on the said lands herein mentioned as the said lands were omitted from the assessment rolls of Eldon for the year A. D. 1878, viz:—

N. half 7, 3rd con., Eldon, 100 acres, at \$40 per acre; and personal property, \$200, \$31.92 and \$9.38. Total, \$420.00.

South half lot 14, 1st Con., Eldon, 100 acres, at \$5 per acre, \$3.8 and \$2.45. Total, \$600.00.

Lots 60, 61, North Portage Road, Eldon, 100 acres at \$1 per acre, \$3.04 and \$7.20. Total \$400.00.

N. E. quarter lot No. 1, 1st concession Eldon, 50 acres, \$34 per acre, and personal property, \$170, \$14.21 and \$8.97. Total \$1,870.00.

And that No. 31, 3rd con. Eldon, 200 acres, be assessed to D. B. McNabb, for the year 1879, at \$400.00.—Carried.

Moved by W. Ashman, and seconded by R. Armstrong, that the Reeve and Clerk do sign memorial to the Honorable Sir Charles Tupper, in reference to the Trent Valley Canal, and forward the same to J. J. Lundy, Esq., Peterboro.—Carried.

Moved by W. Ashman, and seconded by R. Armstrong, that this Council do now adjourn, and meet again at Lorneville when called together by the Reeve.—Carried.

**THE SPARROW WAR.**

Once upon a time a certain King of Prussia found fault with the sparrow, long before it was brought over here and subjected to the prevailing storm of unfriendly criticism that is now beating upon its hardy head and energetic struggle for existence. This magnate at that time was fond of currants, big red Dutch currants, and a row of richly laden bushes, which his gardener was cultivating with a confident pride for the ultimate delectation of the royal palate, was the subject of more remark from his Majesty than the gorgeous ower parterres or the clumps of semi-tropical foliage, transplanted to please his eye, were and there throughout the princely garden. When the berries were almost blushing in full crimson beauty of ripeness, his royal Highness made the unpleasant discovery that multitudes of sparrows not only

coveted the fruit as much as he, but that they had eaten them all before he could muster an alarm mount guard, and pick the clusters for himself.

A quaint chronicler tells us, thereupon, that the wrath of his Highness was not confined to a single or repeated explosion of disgust on the garden walks, but that an edict was published at once ordering the extermination of the *Pyrgita domestica*; and so thoroughly did the vassals of the crown carry out this law, that the unhappy sparrows were literally eliminated from the Prussian realms. Then this old historian goes on to say that to the great surprise of "his Majesty" the currant bushes were not permitted, after the expulsion of those birds, to render service after their kind, for a strange fly next year followed, and "did eate ye leaves" so extensively that the shrubs again failed in bearing; and so on season after season, until the king, weary of seeing the ravage, revoked the decree of death to the sparrows, and actually paid out of the royal treasury some \$500,000 in the form of rewards to his people for their zeal in bringing the exiled birds back.

Thus the sparrow, which we have brought over from the Continent, is no stranger to persecution, and the success with which he fights for a living here augurs well for his future; but, like other people of pronounced character, he has decided phases of good mingled with much that is decidedly evil; hence his friends and foes have arisen, and the overburdened refrain of their angry savowls and recriminations is spread out within the columns of the press wherever a man can read in this country.—*Harper's Magazine.*

**CARE OF THE EYES.**

The eye is the most important of the organs of sense, and requires special care in order to maintain it in a condition of usefulness throughout life. An eye naturally weak and diseased requires far more care than a sound and strong one. In all cases, however, the eye must be protected from the action of dust, smoke, penetrating vapors, too great heat, very cold water (especially just after waking), and drafts of air. Injuries of all kinds—as, for example, blows upon the head, strong pressure upon the eyes when closed, as well as the entrance upon foreign bodies—are to be carefully guarded against. Most frequently, however, the light, natural or artificial, is the cause of affections of the eye—viz., when it is too strong or too bright, so that the optic nerve is impaired by over excitement. Such a blinding light is most injurious when it falls upon the eye suddenly after previous darkness, or from below, or from the side, or where it is reflected from a bright object. Therefore, no one should look often or long at the sun or moon, at bright flames, or reflecting or shining objects; nor should they draw, read, write, sew, or knit in the clear sunlight. It is also well to avoid looking at a clear light on awaking from sleep.

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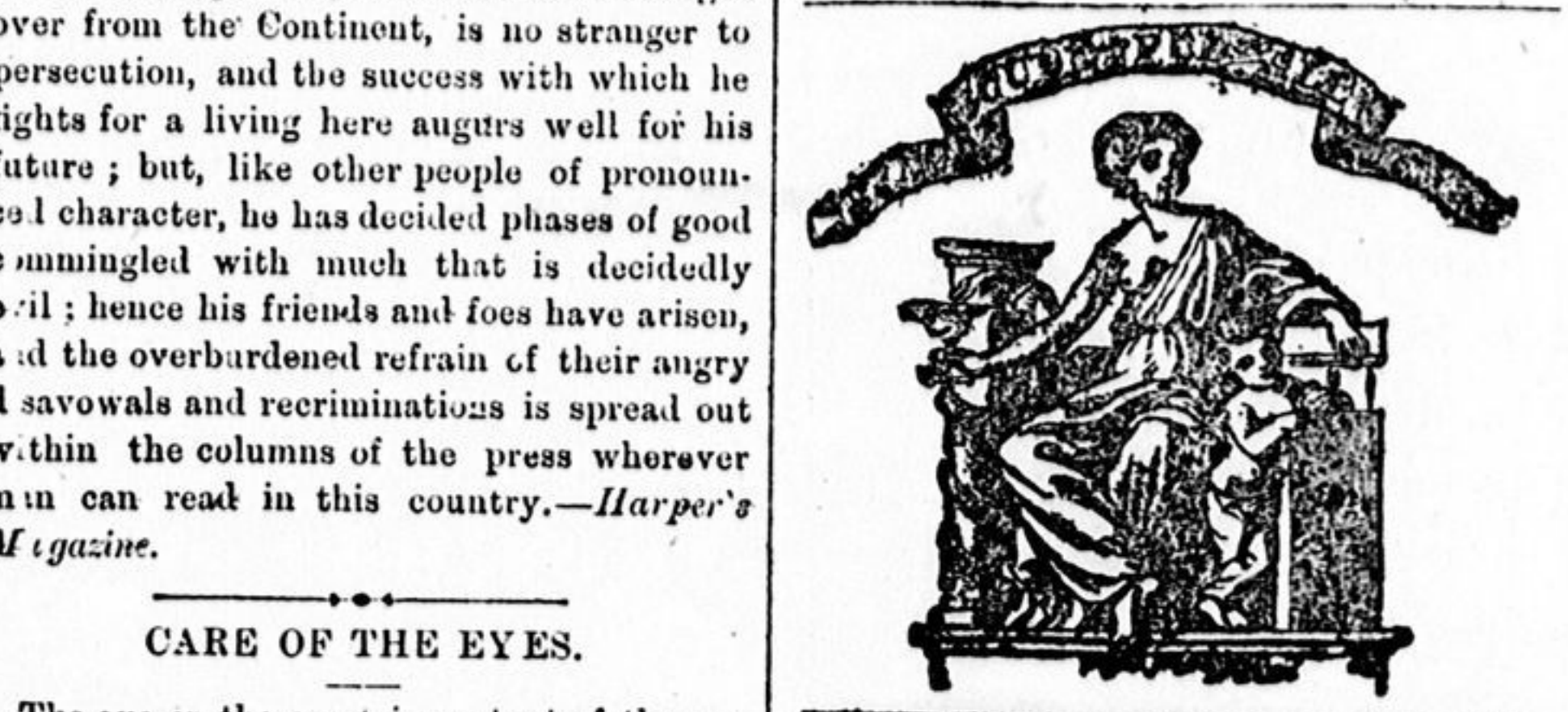
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