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TOWN AND COUNTY.

DASHES HERE AND THERE.

The Town Wins.

It will be recollected that Mrs. Mary Copeland brought an action against the town, for damages sustained by her by reason of falling on a loose plank on Kent-st. east. The case was tried before his honor Judge Dean, who, while holding that the plaintiff, if entitled to anything, was entitled to $200 damages, nevertheless dismissed the action with costs on the ground that the town were not insurers against accidents and were not liable. The plaintiff appealed, and the appeal was argued before Chief Justice Meredith and Mr. Justice McMahon at Toronto on Nov. 4th, and they dismissed the appeal with costs, affirming Judge Dean's decision that the town were not liable. Mr. Wm. Steers appeared for Mrs Copeland, and Mr. G. H. Hopkins, town solicitor, for the town.

Knew What he was After.

The Orillia News-Letter relates the following: Mr. Davidson, the well-known sawmill owner and lumberman of Penetang, has a quiet vein of humor. A story from him is always interesting. Here's one of his: A Michigan lumberman was staying at an hotel in a northern sawmill town over Sunday. The resident called upon the visitor Sunday evening. "I shall be glad to have you come to church. You will be made more than welcome. You will hear a good sermon, and I am sure you will feel better. Come, my dear friend, come." The visitor from Michigan said: "I'm greatly obliged to you, neighbor, for the kind invitation; indeed, I am. But my wife and daughter 'to hum' ever in Michigan look after the church going and spiritual end of the business. I came over to Canada after logs. Yes, it's logs I after, neighbor—logs!"

The Trust and Guarantee Company.

A meeting of the local board of the Trusts and Guarantee Company, limited, was held Nov. 3rd. The company is composed of leading gentlemen all over Ontario. The board for Victoria county, with headquarters at Lindsay, was organized last week, with Thomas W. Poole, M.D., president of board, Thomas Stewart, barrister, secretary, and the following gentlemen as executive and honorary directors: G. H. Hopkins, F. D. Moore, D. J. McIntyre, John McLennan, Robert Ross, Wm. Flavelle, Jno. Kennedy, John Flavelle, J. R. McNeillie, Andrew Jackson, W. H. Clarke, M.D., Rev. P. D. Laurent, Rev. C. H. Marsh, Jacob Neelands, L.D.S., R. H. Gibbs, P. Boyd Tytler, Edgar A. Totten, D.D.S., W. L. White, Wm. MacDonell, W. H. Stevens, J. C. Harstone, R. H. Walks, James Collings. These gentlemen are well and favorably known, and we predict a successful career for the company. Mr. F. C. Taylor, of this town, is one of the board of directors at Toronto.

Newspapers and Magazines.

—Outing for November is full of good things, fresh from forest, field and stream. The frontispiece will touch a sympathetic chord in the memory of every sportsman: for who has not turned out of bed before old Sol peeped over the horizon and ready for the fray, waited and waited for a delinquent brother until patience seemed well nigh exhausted. This scene is cleverly portrayed by Weston in a picture full of animation which will delight every lover of "A Day Over Dogs." Football, the horse, and yachting, are the other strong features. Every seasonable sport is treated in this excellent number of the best of sporting magazines.

—The Ladies' Home Journal has secured what promises to be the great magazine feature of 1898. It is entitled "The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Member's Wife." In a series of letters written by the wife of a cabinet member to her sister at home, are detailed her actual experiences in Washington, frankly and freely given. The letters were written without any intention of publication. They give intimate peeps behind the curtain of high official and social life. They are absolutely fearless, they study Washington life under the search light as it has never before presented. As these are all actual experiences the name of the writer is withheld. The "Experiences", which will be beautifully illustrated, begin in the December number and will continue for several months.

THE LATE FATHER CONNELLY.

A Short Sketch of the Life of a Popular Priest

The diocese of Peterboro and the parish of Hastings lost another faithful and zealous priest on Sunday morning by the death of Rev. Father Michael Connelly.

During the past summer Father Connelly was driving in the country with a livery horse, which became unmanageable and threw him from the buggy, causing injuries which, it is thought, with other complications, sciatica in particular, resulted in his death. Father Connelly had been confined to his bed for five weeks and last week Dr. Dolon, of Belleville, was called in consultation of his condition, but the physicians, though exerting all their skill to save the Father's life, failed, and he passed away on Sunday morning, mourned by the community at large. He was a popular priest and much esteemed by his Protestant friends. Though of a quiet disposition he was energetic in his labors as a priest, and always sought to advance the church's interest.

Father Connelly was a native of Perth. He was born in that town 48 years ago and was a son of the late Edward Connelly. His parents died several years ago. The son was educated at the schools of Perth and afterwards, deciding to enter the priesthood, studied at Regiopolis College Kingston, going from there to the Montreal seminary. Ven. Archdeacon Casey, of the Cathedral staff, and Father Connelly had always been closely associated, privately as well as in the church, for they were ordained to the priesthood together on May 28th, 1872, at Smith's Falls, by His Lordship Bishop Horan. Both Archdeacon Casey and Father Connelly celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their ordination, their silver jubilee, during the past summer. After his ordination Father Connelly remained three months in charge of the parish at Smith Falls while the parish priest, Rev. Father Cinnan, was absent in the old country. Father Connelly then went to Belleville, where he remained two years. He was transferred to the parish of Carden, Victoria Road, which at the time embraced all the country in Northern Victoria, now occupied by two parishes. In 1879 Father Connelly went to Downeyville, where he labored until 1883 and during his pastorate built a residence. In 1883, when Ven. Archdeacon Casey was removed to Peterboro, Father Connolly was appointed to succeed him at Campbellford, and after being there a short time he was removed to Hastings to fill the vacancy created by the death of Rev. Father Quirk. While there he built a new presbytery. By the death of Father Connelly Hastings loses its second priest within three years.

The deceased had two brothers, Rev. Father James Connelly, of Belleville, and Mr. Edward Connelly, of Perth. Mrs. Macdonald, of Perth, is an only sister. Previous to the illness which preceded his death, Father Connelly had always enjoyed good health, being strong and robust.

Photographs.

I. H. Oliver is prepared to take instantaneous photos under his new skylight as cheap as the cheapest. Studio, 128 Kent-st., Lindsay, nearly opposite the post office.—79w-tf.

A Successful Test.

The Acetylene gas machine recently installed by Mr. Jas. Boxall, local agent, in the R. C. Presbytery at Downeyville, was tested on Thursday and Friday last, and gave the greatest possible satisfaction. It is a 20 light machine, and the installation and plumbing was done by Mr. Sam. Smith, Mr. Boxall's expert plumber. Vicar-General Laurent, of this town, and a number of the leading parishioners, were present to witness the test, and after a general illumination of the presbytery one half-foot burner was turned on in Father Bretherton's large sitting room, and so intense was the light proceeding therefrom that a newspaper (THE POST) could be easily read in any corner of the room. Everyone present united in praising the light, and it is more than probable that Mr. Boxall will dispose of a number of plants in the near future.

Personal

[The POST invites all its readers to contribute to this column all items of a personal nature, such as the arrival and departure of guests, the movements of well-known people, business men, etc. All that is required is to send a postal card to The POST.

—Mr. James Galvin, of Peterboro, was at the Daly house last Friday.

—Rev. J. M. Cameron, of Wick, called on friends in town last Saturday.

—Rev. J. MacMillan, of Fenelon Falls, passed through town last Saturday.

—Mr. W. Burgoyne, of Fenelon Falls, was in town last Saturday on business.

—Mr. D. Eagleson is at Cobourg Friday attending the funeral of the late H. Grinlinton.

—Mr. Alex. Elliott, liquor merchant, Peterboro, was in town last week on business.

—Mr. H. Lockhart Gordon, of Toronto, was in town last Friday on his way north to join a hunting party.

—Mr. Joe. Staples, who is one of Kirkfield's most progressive citizens, was in town last week on business.

—Dr. R. T. Marron, of Peterboro, left Saturday last with a party of hunters for Bracebridge, Muskoka.

—Mr. J. Sutcliffe, sr., of Toronto, was in town last week the guest of his son, our well-known dry goods merchant.

—Mr. H. Marron and Miss Fannie Marron, of Peterboro, are visiting their sisters, Mrs. D. Clarke and Mrs. R. D. Preston, of this town.

—Dr. A. Gillespie, Lindsay st., left for Chicago last Friday to prosecute special studies in the city hospital. He will be absent about six weeks.

—Capt. Thos. Donnelly, of Kingston, government inspector of hulls, was here on Friday on his way to Bobcaygeon to inspect the Crandella.

—Mr. D. C. Carrell, of London, Canadian representative of the American Cutlery Company, Chicago, was the guest of his cousin, Dr. Gross, last week.

—We were pleased to see the pleasant face of Mr. Barrett, proprietor of the Barrett house, in town Saturday. He has almost recovered from his recent accident.

—Conductor McMillan, formerly of the Whitby-Manilla run, but now promoted to the Belleville-Peterboro express, removed his family from Whitby to Belleville last Monday.

—Miss Millie McWilliams, daughter of Mr. James McWilliams, formerly of this town, but now of Cobourg, was married recently to Mr. Nelson Tait, a young business man of that town.

—Mr. R. J. Matchett, who recently accepted the position of the inspector for the Chicago & Grand Trunk R.R., with headquarters at Sault Ste Marie, spent a few days of last week in town.

—Mr. Wm. Leahy, one of Brock's most progressive farmers, accompanied by Mrs. Leahy, drove into Lindsay Saturday. Mr. Leahy is well pleased with the growth of our town since he last visited here.

—Mr. Norman Kennedy, of Dunsford, brother of Mr. A. Kennedy, town, is reported seriously ill. Dr. White was called last week, but considers the patient beyond recovery. He is well known in town.

—Mr. Jas. Webster, of Toronto, late superintendent of this division of the G.T.R., was here Friday, the guest of Mr. Alex. Paton. Mr. Webster received a very warm welcome from many of the local employees.

—Mr. Jack Bannon, formerly station agent at Gooderham, on the I. B. & O. R. R., but now C.P.R. agent at Don station, Toronto, returned last week from a successful hunt up north, having secured two large deer.

—Mr. James Jackson, of Pickering, has just returned home, after visiting his brother John, of Fenelon township, also his brother William, of Lindsay, whom he had not seen for 38 years. It is doubtful whether there are three brothers in Ontario as old as the above. John being 90, James 83, and William 71 years old, and the combined ages amounting to 244 years.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A Pressing Question.

[To the Editor of THE POST.]

SIR,—I understand that the order from Deseronto is to run no more logs over Fenelon Falls slide for the Rathbun Co. mill here, and to run the mill day and night in order to get the stock of logs out this fall if possible, as they intend to remove the mill and machinery to some other town. They have received some good offers from other places, one of which they will soon close with.

Mr. G. H. M. Baker and his shingle maker left town to-day to inspect a mill that has been offered to them on reasonable terms. Mr. Baker's orders to Mr. Ellis and others are to get men enough if possible to start the double tour to-night.

Is it not too bad that the town of Lindsay is to lose an industry like this, which pays in wages alone about $12,000 per year to workmen, and all because our sleepy council will not use them as they should, and as they are using others. Can there not be something done in order to keep this industry here? I think the mayor ought to call a public meeting of the ratepayers to discuss this matter. I believe, sir, the right thing to do would be to ask the present council to resign and put in representatives who will look after the town's interests.

I understand the Rathbun Co. will not remove their retail yard, but will have it supplied from other mills.—Yours, etc.,

A WORKMAN.

Mr. Begbie and the Property Committee.

[To the Editor of THE POST.]

SIR,—Mr. Begbie, in honest, terse, strong Anglo-Saxon, in his letter to the council stated that if they loaned the hose without an order from him to use the water "they were conniving at stealing." Now, as the hose cannot be attached to anything but the hydrant, and as Mr. Begbie had complained before, his statement was well merited although the chairman's imaginative report would otherwise imply. This matter of loaning the hose came up in committee *and it was denied* that an order had been given, thereby implying that the hoseman had acted on his own responsibility and alone was blameable. Mr. Robson's report, however, does not bear out this evidence of cowardice, and I am open to correction if the names of Mayor Smyth, and Messrs. Robson and Sootheran, were not signed and countersigned. One can see the reason for his worship's authorization and the endorsation of the chairman of the board of works, but why Mr. Sootheran's name should be there is not quite plain. Surely Dr. Burrows is not right when he styled Sootheran counsellor and dictator, yet this looks very like it. If it has come to this that our mayor and the chairmen of special committees have lost their individuality and authority, it is time the public knew it.

A few members put before the public, in the shape of a report, their evidence of silly spite, and they even carried it farther in not allowing Mr. Begbie a key to the fire alarm box.

That Mr. Begbie has been unfortunate enough to somehow offend Coun. Sootheran is quite plain—the latter's course in committee and council proves that, and his animus was not at all disguised by his candid admission of Mr. Begbie's skill and knowledge as a fireman. His experience might be made very valuable to the citizens by the possession of a key of the alarm boxes, and the trumpery reasons advanced by his worship and Messrs. Sootheran and Robson are not calculated to serve the town's best interests.—Yours, etc.,

AN ELECTOR.

Last Saturday's Market.

The attendance at the market last Saturday was somewhat smaller that was expected, nevertheless a large amount of produce was offered. The prices were: Turkeys, 10c; geese, 7c; ducks, 60c per pair; chickens, 35c to 40c; eggs, 15c; butter, 17c; potatoes, 50c per bag.

Wedding Bells.

—At Townsend Ave. R. C. church, Detroit, on Oct. 27th, Miss Katie Dennis, daughter of the late John Dennis, of this town, was married to Mr. James F. Thomas, of that city. The bride was gowned in cream cashmere trimmed with silk lace and ribbon, and carried a boquet of pink roses. The wedding breakfast at the residence of the groom's father was attended by a number of intimate friends of the young couple.

Curling Notes.

—The president and vice-president of the Lindsay Curling Club have chosen their rinks for the season 1897 98. In past seasons the result of this match was decided on Christmas day or New Year's day, when the twelve rinks on the president's side played against the twelve rinks on the vice-president's side. This year it has been decided to continue the contest throughout the season, and any game that a rink of the president's side plays against a rink of the vice-president's side in the regular series of matches will be entered and at the close of the season the side that has scored the most points will be the winners. Christmas day will still be a great day in the contest, as on that day, as in former years, the twelve rinks of the president's side will play the corresponding rinks of the vice-president's side. The games for this day are already arranged as follows:

President's Side.			*Vice-President's Side.*
F Knowlson's rink	plays		M W Kennedy's rink.
J A McMillan's	"	"	J D Flavelle's "
J C Harstone's	"	"	G A Little's "
W McLennan's	"	"	Dr Simpson's "
J M Knowlson's	"	"	J G Edward's "
F Crandell's	"	"	T Brodie's "
H Knowlson's	"	"	W Dundas' "
G H Hopkins'	"	"	J Keith's "
W H Simpson's	"	"	J McAdam's "
D McGribben's	"	"	T McConnell's "
J McSweyn's	"	"	R A Millar's "
T Bell's	"	"	Dr McAlpine's "

SATURDAY CHEAP FARES.

At the last meeting of the town council the G.T.R.'s action in discontinuing the Saturday cheap fares was brought up, and the matter was allowed to drop without any definite action being taken. The question is all important to the interests of our town, as the discontinuance of the Saturday half rate railway fares has been seriously felt by our business men, and is a hardship to our north country customers. The management of the G.T.R. are reasonable men, and when it can be shown that Lindsay is exceptionally situated in many respects, and should enjoy special privileges, we believe the matter will receive the attention it is entitled to at the hands of the management. The local board of trade evidently is not in working order, and the town council are indifferent—then why should not a number of merchants and business men form themselves into a committee, make themselves conversant with every strong point in favor of the continuance of the Saturday half fares, and then meet Mr. Tiffin, local superintendent of the G.T.R., and discuss the question with him on the occasion of his visit to Lindsay, which will be at an early date.

By the way, is not the apathy displayed by our board of trade of late somewhat peculiar and even reprehensible? It is composed of shrewd business men, and it is to be presumed that one important reason for its organization was a desire to advance the town's best interests by making carefully considered recommendations and suggestions regarding propositions from time to time made to our town council, yet it is many months since the board has been heard from. The world has not been standing still—important events have taken place, such as the railway's action re cheap fares and the applications for exemption made by the Rathbun Co. and C. S. Blackwell, yet the members of the board have not met for months. Can it be that they have been so busy looking out for new industries to locate here that they have lost sight of matters affecting our present prosperity? Let us hope so.

SPECIAL SITTINGS OF THE COUNTY COURT

Before His Honor Judge Dean.

Cameron vs. Wright.—Action by William Cameron, of Woodville, administrator of estate of the late William J. Wright, of Eldon, deceased, against Dallas Wright, one of the sons of deceased, to recover money in his hands belonging to the estate which he had received from Margaret Wright, a former administrator. The defendant claimed that the estate owed him, as his father on his death-bed gave him his property. In proof of this Margaret Carmichael, a niece, said that just before the deceased's death he took his pocket-book, the key of his trunk and the key of the house, out of his pocket, and told her if he died before Dallas came to give them to him, and to tell him that everything in the trunk was his and everything in the house was his, and to take them. Deceased died before Dallas came, and she then gave him the pocket-book and keys, and told him what his father said, and he took away the contents of the trunk. The only other person in the house was the widow of William J. Wright. Dallas Wright gave up the money and securities in the trunk to the widow as administratrix, and never made any claim or told of the gift until after the mother's death. Counsel for defendant claimed that what took place was a good "donatio mortis causa," and that Dallas was entitled, but his honor held that in view of the delay before making the claim it had not been satisfactorily established, and gave judgment for the plaintiff for $200 with costs. G. H. Hopkins and C. E. Weeks, of Woodville, appeared for plaintiff, and Hugh O'Leary, Q.C., for defendant.

The Napanee Robbery.

The Montreal Insurance and Finance Chronicle says: The Ponton case is a most unfortunate one for all concerned. The bank authorities must have been misled as to the evidence available for proving the charge they brought against the Napanee teller. The detectives made a bungle of their business by causing one they suspected to be put in gaol and tried when their evidence was so imperfect. The young bank teller, who has undergone so painful and damaging an ordeal, must feel that his playing poker in the bank at night and his betting on horse races drew suspicion upon him which would not have been excited had he observed the injunction, "Avoid the appearance of evil."

The Late Henry D. McCaffrey.

The Oswego semi-weekly Times of Nov. 5th says: By the sudden death of Henry D. McCaffrey, Oswego loses one of its prominent citizens, the city administration a staunch and able member, and the social and business communities an ornament of which both were justly proud. The swift and sudden manner of his taking off leaves us as yet hardly realizing the actuality of our loss. To-morrow—a week or a month hence—our citizens will realize how serious is this loss, how deep the grieving that follows the loss of a dear and familiar friend. Though of Canadian birth Mr. McCaffrey had lived in Oswego from his boyhood, save for the years he spent at the front in the civil war. His success and his fortune were both of his own making. It is less than twenty years ago that his ingenuity, holding the light to his energy and industry, showed him the way to turn experience to his own account. Within that short period, so sound was his judgment and so resistless his force of will, he was able to accumulate one of the handsomest fortunes in the city. Scarcely any man would have been more universally missed. His presence in the community was an inspiration; to meet him was a tonic. The cruelest loss falls upon the admirable family wherein was he king as well as father and husband. Scarcely any walk of the city's life was strange to him, but all of them converged at the hearth where his deepest and inmost affections were rooted. Before that sacred shrine to-day there hangs a heavy pall. It may not be drawn aside. At the threshold we pause to lay down the tribute of respect, admiration, honor and love..... Mr. Wm. Sherman, Mr. McCaffrey' Lindsay agent for some years past, returned from Oswego Saturday evening, and feels the loss of his patron keenly.

Church Notes.

—The Rev. J. W. Macmillan preached two most forcible and eloquent sermons in St. Andrew's church Sunday. In the morning the text was based on Heb. 13: 8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to day, and forever.....In the evening an impressive address was given from Philippians 4: 13, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

—The anniversary services in connection with the Cambridge-st. Methodist church were held Sunday, the pastor preaching morning and evening. The morning text was taken from Luke 17: 21, "Behold, the kingdom of God is within you.".....Rev. J. W. Macmillan gave an excellent address to the S. S. children in the afternoon..... The evening text was found in John, 8: 21, "Then said Jesus again to them 'I go my way and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins; whither I go ye cannot come.'" Jesus Christ set forth the necessity of salvation, and gave more than one idea of what it was to perish. One might say it cannot be that men shall receive eternal punishment, because God is good. This is contradictory to what is written. There is nothing to support the argument of redemption in eternity; what more could the Redeemer do than what He has done? He shed his blood. Let men who have rejected God in this world find out that He will not take vengeance and they will be like the man who, during a severe sickness, when the past comes up before him, cries for mercy, and when convalescent, is worse than before. Have you found any litigation of God from Genesis to Revelation for those who die in their sins. Are men prepared to meet God on the assumption that He is too merciful to punish, or that there is redemption after death, or that there is no hereafter. People must be awakened to the fact of salvation of the soul and the punishment of those who forget God.....During the evening service, beside the regular anthem by the choir, Miss Winters sang a solo, "Send down Thy blessings," in excellent voice," also a quartette by Misses M. Mitchell and C. Walters and W. Swain and J. Hart, entitled "Cross after Crown," which was greatly appreciated. Miss Mitchell is a valuable acquisition to the choir, having come here from Chatham, and posseses a rich and sweet soprano voice.

—Rev. L. S. Hughson, speaking Sunday morning on prayer, said: "God the Father is the source from whence all blessing come. Jesus Christ is the means through whom we receive blessings. The holy spirit teaches us what to ask for, so that if we are to be soul-winners we must receive the annointing from on high. Further, God does answer prayer. This should be to christians a solemn thought, for if their unconverted friends are lost in the day of judgment it will be because we have not prayed for them. In the matter of soul-winning God wants every soul to be converted so that we may pray to him with assurance, knowing that our requests in this respect will be granted; sometimes our prayers are not answered because our living is not in accord with our praying; sometimes we have some particular sin we will not give up, and so we lose the blessing on that account. In closing, the pastor made plain the fact that if we are to be soul-winners we must not be interested in everything else under the sun—we must pray for individuals and commend the gospel of our Lord to the world in our everyday life.....The evening text was Job. 23: 3, "Oh that I knew where I might find him." This was the cry of a child of God in the olden time who, when afflicted, took it as from the hand of God. Often God afflicts us by taking away our families and our prosperity in order to bring us back to himself, or perhaps through disease, although the best time to give ourselves to God is when we are in good health. Sometimes our friends are an affliction to us, as when we are in trouble they say unkind things to us instead of sympathizing with us; so Job's friends were his greatest affliction in making him believe God was treating him unjustly. God would have us seek him—if we find him not we must die. The lesson is plain and simple—there are those here who have not found Jesus, and if they will cry out, "Oh, that I knew where I might find Him," God will reveal himself to them.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Regular Monthly Meeting—Communications and Reports—Mr. Pilkie Resigns the Chairmanship of the Sites and Building Committee, Alleging Unfair Treatment.

Despite the drenching rain, a majority of the members of the board of education assembled at the council chamber on Tuesday week to deal with the business in the hands of the secretary. The members present were Chairman McNellilie and Messrs. Stewart, Flavelle, J. Kennedy, Dr. Jeffers, Deacon, Pilkie and Staples.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Principal Harstone, reporting 193 pupils on the roll of the Collegiate Institute, with an average attendance for October of 175. A request for a letter press was referred to the managing committee.

From Mr. Harrington, collector of fees stating that $323 had been paid to the treasurer.—Received and fyled.

From Headmaster Broderick, reporting 896 pupils on the rolls of the public schools for October, and an average attendance of 826.—Received and fyled.

From J. S. McCarty, asking payment of an old claim connected with the drain leading from the south ward school....Mr. Pilkie said the account had already been investigated, the decision being that the board was not liable.—Referred to sites and buildings committee, with instructions to report at next meeting.

From Miss Sasannah Sutton, applying for the next vacancy on the public school staff.—Fyled.

From the board of county examiners, protesting against the kissing and caressing of pupils by teachers, and stating that a printed copy of the resolution would be forwarded to every teacher in the county. .....Col. Deacon—"The protest was probably called forth by the recent trouble in Downeyville."—The letter was fyled.

From the local manager of the Ontario Bank, submitting a statement of the board funds deposited therein.—Referred to finance committee.

MR. PILKIE EXONERATED.

At the last meeting of the board a petition was presented, bearing the names of Messrs. W. B. Fee, Capt. Crandell, Sam Henderson, Joe Killaby, Tom Webster and W. McWatters, asking the board to investigate certain charges made that Mr. P. G. Pilkie, chairman of the sites and buildings committee, had removed a large quantity of earth from the foundations of the east ward school, and had sold or given away the same without authority. The matter was referred to a special committee for investigation, and in connection therewith Mr. Flavelle, chairman of the committee, read the following report:

Your committee beg leave to report, that as to the first charge, relative to removal of earth without authority of board, no evidence was received, as the minutes of the board recorded by our secretary give specific authority to the sites and buildings committee (of which Mr. Pilkie is chairman) to remove such earth

The second charge, that Mr. Pilkie illegally disposed of same, was not supported by a tittle of evidence. The evidence given elicited the fact that the sites and buildings committee instructed their chairman not to allow any of the earth which was removed to be placed on either the school grounds or road adjoining, but to dispose of same in the best manner possible.

Your committee report that the charges formulated in the petition were wholly unwarranted, and express regret that any citizen or citizens should sign such a petition, imputing unworthy and dishonest actions on the part of a public official, without apparently ascertaining whether the charges had any evidence to support same or not.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Stewart, chairman, presented the report, which stated that as a result of a conference with a committee of the county council the sum of $3,150 had been agreed upon as the amount of the county grant to the Collegiate Institute for the next three years, exclusive of 36 per cent. of the salary of an eighth teacher, if same be necessary.

The following accounts were also recommended for payment:

Public schools—McLennan & Co., coal, $195; Wilson & Wilson, acct., $7 50.

Collegiate Institute—G. S. Patrick, engrossing, $3.

The report was adopted.

Mr. John Kennedy remarked that the members of the county council committee had displayed a very fair and liberal spirit, and the arrangement entered into should be looked upon as a highly satisfactory one.

THE EAST WARD PETITION.

Mr. Pilkie entered into an explanation of the facts concerning the east ward school petition, and claimed that he had not been fairly treated inasmuch as when the petition was first introduced the members of his committee, at any rate, were well aware that a motion had been passed instructing him to remove the earth, hence their neglect to say so at the time had left him laboring under a false accusation. He also charged Chairman McNellie with having stated to Mr. Fee that he (Pilkie) had acted without authority upon other occasions. As he did not appear to possess the confidence of the committee he had decided to resign the position of chairman.

Mr. McNelilie expressed his regret that Mr. Pilkie could seriously believe that he had taken any unfriendly course towards him in his conversation with Mr. Fee. What he had said was that chairmen sometimes acted without authority, but with the full approval of the board.

Mr. Pilkie was not satisfied with the explanation, and Mr. Flavelle and others endeavored to cast oil on the troubled waters, but without success, and Mr. Pilkie wound up by handing over his account book as a decisive proof of his resignation of office.

HON. MR. FISHER'S VISIT.

Mr. Stewart referred to the approaching visit of Hon. Sidney Fisher, minister of agriculture, to deliver a lecture in the Collegiate, and said it would be well if arrangements could be made so that he might meet a number of the leading agriculturists of the county on the occasion. It was at first proposed that the Collegiate Literary Society should issue the invitation, but Mr. Flavelle's suggestion that the matter be left in the hands of Mayor Sarth and the president and secretary of the West Victoria Farmers' Institute was finally endorsed.

The board then adjourned.

HIS FINGERS BADLY GASHED.

A Young Lad Injured at the Rathbun Co. Mill.

Thomas Massaw, a young lad aged about 15 years, son of Thos. Massaw, of the east ward, has been packing shingles all summer at the Rathbun Co. mill, but is now nursing a very sore hand as the result of an accident met with on Nov. 4th. Having a few minutes to spare he took advantage of the temporary absence of one of the jointers to try his skill at making shingles, and in his hurry allowed two fingers of his right hand to come in contact with the saw, the result being that they were almost completely severed. The young fellow lost considerable blood before medical assistance could be procured, but he is now progressing favorably.

At the Academy.

A rather small audience gathered at the Academy last Friday to greet the "Killarney and the Rhine Co.," and those who had seen the play presented here before were not too well pleased with the performance. No doubt the poor attendance proved a drawback and disheartened the company, but to our mind the play has the elements necessary to captivate audiences. Mr. J. E. Toole, as Conrad, a versatile Dutchman who becomes mixed up in grave affairs in Ireland, was the life of the play, and Larry Kernan, the Irish smuggler and informer, was fairly well interpreted by Richard Anderson, but the balance of the company failed to shine—the usual result when companies endeavor to depict Irish character without painstaking study and natural ability. No person regretted the ringing down of the curtain.

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