

The Expositor.

ORILLIA, 30th JAN., 1873.

The Inebriate Asylum Bill.

The Government measures for the establishment of an hospital for the reclamation and cure of habitual drunkards consists of twenty-seven clauses. The preamble and first three clauses relate to the necessity for such an institution, and giving power to the Lieut. Governor to purchase a site, erect suitable buildings, and fit the same with necessary appurtenances for the treatment and care of the inmates. The hospital to be known as the "Ontario Hospital for Inebriates." Section 4 gives the Lieut. Governor power to appoint a superintendent, bursar, house-keepers and other officers and servants for the conduct of the affairs of the hospital. The fifth section places the hospital under the authority and supervision of the Inspector of Prisons and Asylums. The six following sections prescribe the duties and powers of the inspector and Superintendent. Section 12 provides that the hospital shall be for the reception and treatment of males only. Admission to the Hospital may, according to 13th section, be obtained on the voluntary application of any bona fide resident of the province, desiring to be admitted. Such inebriates not to be detained for a longer period than two years; the superintendent having power to discharge a patient at any time for any one of the following reasons: That such person is cured; or that he is incurable; or being able to pay for his maintenance, fails to do so; or having been guilty of vicious conduct prejudicial to the good order and discipline of the hospital. There are two clauses providing for the payment of a certain sum, yet to be fixed, for the maintenance of patients who are possessed of property sufficient to pay for such support. There are also provisions for the commitment of habitual drunkards by the County Judge, on petition under oath of any of the relations of such alleged drunkards, and on proof being furnished that the party complained against is so given over to drunkenness as to render him unable to control himself and is incapable of managing his affairs; or squanders or mismanages his property; or places his family in danger of distress; or transacts his business prejudicially to the interest of his family or his creditors; or uses intoxicating liquors to such an extent as to render him dangerous to himself or others; or incurs the danger of ruining his health or shortening his life thereby. Other clauses give powers to the Inspector to administer the affairs of a patient, for his benefit, under certain restrictions. These are the chief provisions of this important Act, in outline, and will suffice to give the general public an idea of the principles upon which the Government propose to establish and manage the institution.

On the evening of the 19th inst., the dwelling-house of Mr. Alex. Munro, Sen., Kirkfield, was burned to the ground, together with its contents, while Mr. Munro and wife, the only occupants of the house, were at church. Loss about \$500. No insurance. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Mr. Munro is one of the oldest pioneers of the township of Eldon, and beneath his hospitable roof many an immigrant found a welcome lodging in the early settlement of the township of Carden.—Post.

On Friday last Hon. Mr. Crooks moved the second reading of a Bill to consolidate, and amend the laws having reference to Mutual Fire Insurance Companies. A discussion followed. Mr. Ardagh held that further protection than now existed was necessary for policy-holders. An instance came recently under his notice in which a party insured with the company for the amount of his policy, but was told that there was a mortgage upon his property. The agent of the company had told the party that it was not necessary to do so, as it was merely collateral. The company, however, refused payment as the law was in their favour. He felt that something was necessary to more fully protect policy-holders under such circumstances.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The anniversary sermons in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church were preached in the P. M. Chapel, Bracebridge, on Sabbath last, by the Rev. H. Parrish, of Orillia. The attendance was good and the collection liberal. The preacher selected for his texts the 25th verse of the 11th chapter of the Gospel of St. John, and the 3rd verse of the 14th chapter of Revelations, from which he delivered two eloquent discourses. Mr. Parrish, though a young man, has good descriptive power, makes use of elegant language, and is very fluent. The tea meeting was held on Tuesday evening, and was quite a success. The Rev. G. Wilson presided, and addresses were delivered by the Revs. Reeve, Auger, Webster, Parrish and Pattison. The choir was highly complimented by Mr. Parrish for their valuable services.—Advocate.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF SIMCOE.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Barrie, Jan. 28th, 1873.

The Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the respective Townships, Towns and Villages, in the County of Simcoe, met this day pursuant to the provisions of the Act respecting the same, and having filed their certificates of qualification and office with the Clerk, took their seats.

The following are the names of the members of the Council:—Nottingham—H. Neelands, Reeve; A. McDermot, and L. McAllister, M. D., Deputies.

Meaford—C. Graham, Reeve; S. Hawkins, Deputy.

Essex—John Lennox, Reeve; R. Teggart and David Dunn, Deputies.

Collingwood—J. Hogg, Reeve; C. Cameron, Deputy.

Tainish—T. R. Ferguson, Reeve; W. C. Little and W. Hunter, Deputies.

St. Andrew's—George Randolph, Reeve. Muskoka—J. P. Cockburn, Reeve. Taw—Samuel Fraser, Reeve.

Floss—O. J. Phelps, Reeve. Adjala—P. Small, Reeve; G. P. Hughes, Deputy.

Tecumseh—George Nolan, Reeve; T. Fisher, Deputy.

Oro—J. C. Steel, Reeve; J. Johnston, Deputy.

Monro—Robert Wilson, Reeve; Thomas Elder, Deputy.

Morrison—J. H. Jackson, Reeve. Wainman—J. A. Smith, Reeve. West—George W. Thos. Atkins, Reeve. Rosedale—Stoddart, Deputy.

Bradford—J. McI. Stevenson, Reeve. Orillia Village—Jas. Quinn, Reeve. Orillia and Matchedash—John Regan, Reeve.

Medonte—W. N. Rutledge, Reeve; J. Fitzgerald, Deputy.

St. George—Wm. Leadley, Reeve. Simcoe—Wm. Switzer, Reeve. Barrie—M. H. Spencer, Reeve; H. Sewrey and Jas. Burton, Deputies.

Tiny—Geo. Clarke, Reeve; David Davidson, Deputy.

Tossonville—R. Murphy, Reeve. The Clerk called the Council to order, and requested them to elect their Warden.

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Local Matters.

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Notices of births, marriages and deaths inserted free—send them in.

The Kennedy, Forbear and Walters' troupe are exhibiting in the Temperance Hall.

The interesting letter from our Toronto correspondent, on the fourth page, was received too late for last week's issue.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, on Sunday, the 16th February.

JOHN HAMILTON, a Waterloo veteran, popularly known as "Auld Jock," died near Hillsdale, on the 24th inst., aged 75 years.

AUCTION SALE.—At Brechin, on Saturday, 15th February, Farm Stock, Dry Goods, Ready-made Clothing, &c. A. McPhadgson and Collins & Pitt.

We may intimate to strangers in town that the pews in the Wesleyan Methodist, Episcopal, and Presbyterian churches are free during Sunday evening service.

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Presbyterian Church in this town, will take place on Wednesday next, the 5th of February, at half-past seven p.m.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENT.—The Reading Room of the Y. M. C. A. has been papered, and appears much more comfortable. They will be pleased to see you there any evening.

COOL BURGESS had a "packed" house on Wednesday evening of last week. The seats in the hall suffered considerable damage from the crushing of a rather unmanageable audience.

The preparations for the Banquet to the Midland Railway Directors are being carried forward energetically. The Banquet will come off in Mr. F. Keen's new hall, on Thursday next, the 6th inst.

J. B. PEARY & Co. announce that they will commence business on Saturday next, and Mr. James Tudhope expects to be ready to supply the wants of all who call upon him about the Saturday following.

On Thursday evening last the farm-house of Mr. Archibald McTaggart, in the township of Thorah, was completely burned down. The cause of the fire was a defective stove-pipe. There was no insurance.

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For "useful facts" study the following new advertisements in this paper:—Stock-taking Sale; Reduction in Winter Goods; Valentines; Card; Anvil House; New Dry Goods House; \$1,000 to Loan; Provisions and Feed.

The Bishop of Toronto proposes holding conferences during July next, at Orillia, Muskoka, Coldwater, Medonte, Shanty Bay, Penetanguishene, Barrie, Creemore, Collingwood, Parry Sound, Rosseau; and in October, at Beaverton.

The Committee who have charge of the preparations for the Tea-meeting in connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Fair Valley, Mara, to be held on Friday, 7th February, have secured the services of the Rama Indian Choir to supply the musical part of the entertainment.

This is the season for emptying the closets, wardrobes and chests which are the usual receptacles for cast-off clothing. What is of no use to present owners will be of use to many of the shivering, half-clad poor.

The new firm of Empey and McInnes will open out in a few days, in Mr. F. Keen's block, a full stock of merchandise, consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries &c. They wish it distinctly understood that they have no idea of going into the Flour and Feed business, as stated in one of our contemporaries.

THE WEATHER.—We have been experiencing the discomforts of a regular "cold snap" during the past two days. Although the present is a severe winter, we hear of very little sickness. Let those who have health and comfort remember that there are some amongst us suffering from sickness, cold, and it may be want of nourishment.

RUNAWAY.—Yesterday afternoon a horse drawing a stylish cutter ran off on Mississauga street. The driver jumped out, and the cutter striking against the pole in front of Wainman's Barber-shop, remained there, while the horse proceeded, unattached, down Matchedash street. There was a large crowd, big excitement, but little damage.

MR. W. DUNN has acted upon the hint we threw out last week, and obtained the consent of his fellow-Directors of the Mechanics' Institute to having their Library placed in charge of the Young Men's Christian Association. This will be a general benefit, and one for which the members of both Societies will thank Mr. Dunn for securing.

SOBER IN ORO.—A Soiree is announced to come off in Eason Church, near Rugby, in the Township of Oro, on Wednesday, 12th February, at half-past two o'clock p.m. Several clergymen and others are expected to give addresses, and suitable music will be provided. Tea to be served at 3 o'clock. We predict a pleasant afternoon for all who attend.

MISSION SERMONS.—The Rev. G. Burnfield, of Cookstown, gave eloquent and impressive discourses, last Sabbath, morning and evening, in the Presbyterian Church. The anticipations which had been raised in the minds of the congregation concerning the Rev. Mr. Burnfield's ability, were fully realised. The church was well filled, particularly in the evening.

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Editor of The Expositor:—

Sir,—Such is the law, and it is daily violated in this village to the danger of the community at large, and especially the aged persons or those hard of hearing. What are our so-called active Magistrates about to permit this, or our chief or other constables? I suppose somebody must be run over, and then action will be taken. Yours obediently, ALPHA.

January 28, 1873.

It seems to be generally understood that Hon. Joseph Howe will succeed to the Lieutenant-Governorship of Nova Scotia in May.

AMONGST the private Bills introduced on Monday were two relating to new divisions of Counties for municipal purposes. The Attorney-General stated that the Government could not entertain any such schemes pending the preparation of a general measure for the next Session.

AN abbey in Ireland exhibits two skulls of Shakespeare—one of him when he was a little boy, and the other when he was a man.

FROM the Southern Californian, published at Bakersfield, in the gold state, dated the 9th inst., we select the following local:—"The Sunday Law, which came in with the new Code and the New Year, operated last Sunday for the first time. The stores and saloons were all closed, and the town wore a quiet, proper and respectable air. It was remarked by some that the town appeared a trifle dull, and we missed the cheerful and enlivening note of the frequent six-shooter, but after a little time we have no doubt we shall get used to it and possibly get reconciled in some degree, at least to this state of affairs."

By the Toronto Express, we learn that Mr. W. R. Tudhope's stock of hardware is not surpassed north of Toronto.

WILSON has received the Spring Fashions for Gents. His stock will be complete in a few days.

W. R. TUDHOPE is receiving the largest stock of Sewing Machines ever offered for sale in Orillia.

By TELEGRAPH.—G. M. Wilson, of the Shirt models and all apparatus goes forward by Express in a few days.—J. W. Green.—Wilson has secured one of the best Coat makers, one of the best Vest makers, and one of the best Pant makers in the Province, for the Spring trade.

On Wednesday we dropped into W. H. Carpenter's while the County Inspector of Weights and Measures was testing his honesty by examining his weights. They stood the test. Carpenter is honest, and continues to do a rushing trade.

Orillia readers will be pleased to learn from the leading fashionable houses in Montreal that the Spring goods will be more than usually attractive. He starts for Montreal in a few days, so don't purchase your spring dresses until he returns. It always pays to wait for his stock.

G. M. Wilson's Stock Taking Sale is now going on, and great bargains are offered at his store. Fully realising the fact that times are hard and money scarce, he is selling goods so low that each customer will feel as they lay down their money that they have "done well," and will advise their neighbours to go to Wilson's for bargains.

Go to Pike's Peak if you desire to see nature in all its grandeur and sublimity; ascend