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Marconi has been successful in establishing complete trans-atlantic wireless telegraphy. This is the one important event of the year just closing.

The bye-election for North Grey will be held on Jan. 7, with the same old candidates—Boyd and Mackay—in the field. North Perth and North Norfolk elections will also be held on that date. In North Grey the campaign has opened with a rush which augurs well for one of the warmest campaigns ever held in the riding, and that is saying a great deal. At Mr. Mackay's nomination meeting he made charges against certain individuals which have already resulted in a writ for slander being issued against that gentleman for $10,000. Things will be so warm in North Grey for the next two weeks that overcoats will be at a discount and sleighing nowhere. "It wull be a fine fecht," as the Scotchman said.

A Denial

To The Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR—A paragraph appeared in your issue of the 19th inst., among the Priceville notes, in which certain parties have been vigorously assailed on account of the part they are alleged to have taken in the Referendum. I have been accused in a public place of being its author a few days ago and though I have denied in the presence of several witnesses I still hear that I must have assisted somebody either in furnishing the contents or in the composition thereof. Now I wish to say, once for all, that I did not devise, scheme, contrive nor concoct one single sentence, line nor word of the objectionable paragraph, nor do I know who did, and the same can be said of everyone else in this house. I have an idea that the reason there is an effort to bring this matter home to me, and thus, if possible, to lessen my influence with certain parties, is because I acted as agent for the affirmative on the day of the voting. Let me say that I neither sought after nor desired that position. I was appointed by the Sheriff of the county of Grey, after that it was my own business. As to my views on the liquor question—if they are inconvenient to anybody I am sorry—but they shall never be changed

J. A. MATHESON.

Priceville, Dec. 19, 1902.

Township Council

A special council met in the town hall, Flesherton, on Dec. 15th, 1902. Members present, the reeve in the chair. The minutes of last session were read and confirmed. The following communications were presented and read: T. R Mc Kenzie, resignation as D R.O. Div. 8, and James Hemphill, Div. 4; the Clerk of the Peace, Co. Grey, certificate of report of selection of jurors, 1902; reports of commissioners of Divisions 1 and 3 were presented and filed.

Bylaw No. 619, appointing the following deputy returning officers, was read a third time, finally passed and ordered to be entered in bylaw book, viz.: H. D McLoughrey, W. J. Bellamy, T. M. Bannon, Donald McLeod jr., G. Tryon, S. Gilbert, James Williamson and F. H. Thompson.

Muir—Thompson—That W. H. Thurston be paid $12.75, being balance of printing contract 1902—Carried,

Muir—Gibson—That the following accounts be paid: Boyd, Hickling & Co., coal oil, 88c., and D. McTavish, repairs to road grader. $15 70.—Carried.

Boyd—Muir—That commissioners be paid for special work as follows: A. Muir, J. Gibson, J. Boyd, $2 each; G. Thompson and D. McTavish, $4 each.—Carried.

Gibson—Muir—That the treasurer be paid $10 for preparing financial statement for 1902—Carried.

Thompson—Boyd—That John Weber be paid fifty dollars on account of building culverts on valley road.—Carried.

Boyd—Gibson—That the members of the local board of health be paid as follows: M Riley $6, D. McTavish $2, W. J. Bellamy $2 50, J. P. Ottewell $2, S. W. Sloan $2.—Carried.

Gibson—Muir—That the following accounts for gravel, as certified by overseers, be paid: John Pedlar $1.60, P. Muir $1 25, and George Moore $7.70, $3.20 of George Moore's account to be charged to Proton council as the gravel was used on the town line.—Carried.

Muir—Thompson—That John Boyd be paid $33.77, being his commission on expenditure Div. No. 3 as per his report.—Carried.

Boyd—Muir—That Wm. Osburn be refunded $4, being statute labor of 1902 for lots 146-147, 3 N. E., the same having been performed as certified by overseer.—Carried.

Muir—Boyd—That the account of the Municipal World, $5, for subscriptions, be paid—Carried.

Gibson—Muir—That the caretaker of hall be paid $1.50 for attendance at hall for three sessions of Division Court as per bylaw.—Carried.

Thompson—Muir—That the selectors of jurors for 1902 be paid as follows: the reeve $4, assessor $4, clerk $4.—Carried.

Thompson—Muir—That A. Sherrat be paid $10 and George Fisher $6, for work on Osprey and Artemesia town line, 1 S D. R., being work ordered by county commissioner, one half of said amount to be charged to Osprey council—Carried.

Muir—Gibson—That D. McTavish be paid $8 45 for repairs to grader in 1901. Carried

Thompson—Boyd—That the request of R. Plant and R. Purvis be granted by allowing Samuel Allen, who is in indigent circumstances, $4 0 per month, the same to be placed in the hand of Henry Williams for distribution—Carried.

Gibson—Thompson—That the reports of commissioners of divisions 1 and 3 on expenditure in 1902 be received—Carried.

Thompson—Boyd—That John Williams be allowed whatever timber there is on road allowance known as Campbell's hill and also on road between lots 26 and 27, con. 11.—Carried.

Boyd—Muir—That the collectors for 1902, not having returned their several rolls as required by the 14th inst., resolved that the said collectors be, and they are hereby authorized, to continue the levy and collection of unpaid taxes in the manner and with the powers provided by law, up to the 26th day of December, 1902, but nothing in this resolution shall alter or affect the duties of said collectors to return their several rolls, or invalidate the said collectors' sureties.—Carried.

Muir—Gibson—That the reeve, Mr. D. McTavish, is hereby tendered the hearty thanks of the members of this council for the able and courteous manner in which he has filled the office of reeve for the year now closing, believing that he has taken a great interest in the affairs of the township during his term of office, and this council as a whole extend their thanks to the clerk and treasurer for the way in which they have fulfilled their several duties as township officials during the year.

This motion was put by Mr. Gibson, as chairman pro tem, and unanimously carried.

The council then adjourned.

The Markets.

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Peas	72	to	73
Wheat	65	to	65
Barley	45	to	45
Butter	17	to	17
Eggs fresh	20	to	20
Pork	7 00	to	7 00
Chickens per pair	25	to	50
Ducks per pair	40	to	60
Tuckeys per lb	11	to	12
Geese per lb	8	to	8
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Irish Lawn Handkerchiefs, from 5c. to 25c.
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