

TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT.

We believe the masses are of the same opinion as ourselves, viz: that we have too much government all the way up from the county council. Our township corporations are, we believe, generally managed with a due regard to economy, and with as few members in their council boards as can efficiently perform the business of the municipality, but why is it necessary to have in this county, say 40 representatives at the county council while half that number would transact the business as well, and in less time, and at about one half the expense. We think it is high time the ratepayers (who have to pay the piper) took the matter up and support only those candidates who make the reduction in the number of representatives at the county council a plank in their platform. We cannot expect our Deputy Reeves to press the matter that would be depriving themselves of the most desirable portion of their official duties, human nature is too strong to expect it, the matter must be pressed by the ratepayers if anything is accomplished. The question has been up in our county council and if we remember correctly, the house was almost equally divided. We cannot see that any undue advantage would be given any municipality should the number be reduced one-half, neither do we see that any would suffer any serious disadvantage, while the county would save at least \$1,000 per year. If anything is done towards lessening the cost of government we must commence at home. We would like to have the opinion of the press on this question as well as that of our prominent ratepayers.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Four weeks from Monday next will be nomination day and one week later municipal election. In Glencross we presume the present reeve will be elected by acclamation. J. A. McMillan and Wm. Glencross are candidates for deputy reeve. It is said Mr. Davis intends retiring from municipal honors; he has been a good man for that position. Mr. Dunsmore will likely be re-elected as councillor; we believe Mr. Mullarky will not seek re-election; Mr. P. Neil will likely be a candidate, he is a square man and will doubtless be elected; Mr. McCuaig will also be a candidate, and his prospects are said to be good for success. In Holland matters are quiet, the present Reeve Mr. John Cameron will likely be elected without opposition; Mr. Shute, the Deputy Reeve will likely be the successful candidate for that office again; There will be a vacancy caused by the expected removal of Mr. John Deavitt to the N. W. The present council will likely seek re-election and doubtless many others. There are various rumours in regard to the movements in Euphrasia. Mr. Giray will likely be re-elected as Reeve without opposition; Messrs. Ellis, Erskine and Fawcett are spoken of as probable candidates for the Deputy ship. The old council will seek re-election except Mr. Patterson, who it is said will withdraw at the end of his present term. Mr. Black will probably be a candidate, he is an intelligent well-to-do farmer and would make a good councillor. In Artemesia there appears to be complete silence, most, if not all the old council will likely be returned to power. Osprey is so far quiet, time enough however. We hope our correspondent will keep us posted. In Proton there will be important changes. The present Reeve, Mr. McGregor will retire while a host of names are spoke of as probable as

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The governor of the great state of New York, the population of which is about equal to that of the Dominion, receives a salary of about \$10,000 a year, and in return gives his best energies to the active work of administration. Our Governor-General a mere ornamental personage in gold lace and knee-breeches, who does nothing but enjoy himself and figure at state ceremonials, costs us \$118,054.90 per year.—Morning News.

Why should the Canadian people be called upon to pay the Governor-General's travelling expenses in addition to his very liberal salary of \$50,000? Lord Lorne's trip during the fiscal year 1882 cost the country \$15,000. What have the people to show for the money.—Morning News.

Personals.

Geo. Walker, of Cookstown, was in town this week.

Mr. C. Gregory and family, of Toronto, have removed to Markdale.

Mrs. Thos. Brook, of Thamesville, Kent County, is visiting friends in Markdale and vicinity.

Our esteemed young friend, J. Mitchell Reynolds, is home. He intends remaining for the winter.

James McLeod and family, have removed from Manitoulin, where they were located the past two years.

The latest arrival in Markdale is a man with but three letters in his name, and which is spelled the same from either ends.

What They are Saying.

GLENELG.

My re-election is sure—McRae. A councillor's position is not what it cracked up to be—Mullarky.

My prospects are good for Deputy Reeve—McMillan.

Don't be too sure—Glencross. Are we going to be left without a representative—Markdale.

I'll accept it—P. Neil. Think I'll step down and out—Davis.

If it is the wish of the people I will again offer myself as a candidate for councillor—Dunsmore.

Me too—McCuaig.

MARKDALE.

Who'll be village police next year—the citizens. We are not anxious for re-election—present trustees.

We must have more enterprise even it does cost something—the business men.

Then let's have it—C. W. R. Why don't McFarland cover up that cellar-way?—Pedestrians.

EUPHRASIA.

I'm going to be Reeve another year—Giray. Haven't fully decided yet my course—Ellis.

Nor I—Fawcett. I will resign—Patterson. Think I will run for Deputy—Erskine.

Am not anxious about the matter—Boyd. Its me runs this concern—Dunlop, clerk.

HOLLAND.

Cameron will be our Reeve—the ratepayers. And I'll be Deputy another year—Shute.

I'll go to the N. W.—Deavitt. My re-election is safe—Galbraith. And mine—McKinnett. Don't think I'll try it this year—Neely.

ARTEMESIA.

I have a mind to run for Reeve—Elliott. There's no use—Christoe. If he does I'll run for councillor—Boland.

It's about time Elliott had his turn at the helm—many ratepayers. Me too—Wright. I'm contented with my present position—McArthur. So am I—McKee.

OSPREY.

There isn't a man in the Tp. can beat me—McGirr. Just be careful—Sing. I believe I could beat you myself—McIntyre.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.—A dark gray and white coley dog, white ring around his neck, short stubby tail. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving at the Revere hotel, P. J. McCassey.

The Red Light in the Sky.

EXPLANATION OF THE FIERY PHENOMENON SEEN IN THE WESTERN HEAVENS.

For the past three or four evenings a phenomenon has been noticed in the shape of a red light which illuminated the western sky as though a great conflagration was throwing its glare over the heavens. Meteorologists say that this light is probably the reflection from a stratum of decomposed vapors in the upper atmosphere. Electric storms in the sun and in our atmosphere have produced this decomposition. This opinion is based on experiments reported by Professor Tyndall of the reflective properties of vapors decomposed by electric action on a strong sunlight.

To show the extent of country over which this phenomenon prevails, it may be mentioned that despatches have been received from a number of places in Canada and the United States stating that the light had been mistaken for a conflagration and the fire brigade called out.

MARRIAGES.

DIMMA—WILLIAMS—At the manse, by the Rev. Mr. Kees, on the 19th inst., Mr. Justin Dimma, of Berkeley, to Miss Elizabeth Williams, of Toronto.

MCUTCHEON—MCINNIS—At the Mansion House, Markdale, on Wednesday, 28th inst., by the Rev. J. S. Corcoran, Mr. Alex. McCutcheon, to Miss Mary McInnis, all of Euphrasia.

DEATHS.

MADILL—In Holland, on the 24th inst., Mary, wife of Mr. Samuel Madill, aged 48 years.

BINNS—In Toronto, 23rd inst., Mr. John Binns, (hardware merchant,) of Oshawa, late of Chatsworth.

Credit Sale Register.

Parties getting their sale bills printed at this office will have a notice under this head free of charge.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5TH.—Mr. Hugh McKenna, lot north 1/2 15, con. 11, Euphrasia, will sell on his premises on the above date, his stock, implements, &c., by public auction. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. Terms, 11 months' credit on approved joint notes. W. J. Sheperdson, auctioneer.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST.—Geo. Noble, auctioneer, will sell on the above date, at the Mansion House, Markdale, commencing at 1 o'clock a number of horses, cattle, buggies, cutters harness and sundry articles. Terms—Over \$5 12 months' credit on approved paper or 10 per cent. off for cash.

Markdale Cattle Fair.

SATURDAY Nov. 3 Do. Dec. 8

Dr. Armstrong has changed his address to that of Pic P. O. from that of Port Arthur.

OUR PHOTOGRAPHER, Mr. Hamilton, has just got out an extensive pamphlet giving full and complete directions and most useful advice to parties who contemplate having their pictures taken. Everybody ought to have one, you will find exceedingly useful information therein; call at the gallery and secure one, free.

ANOTHER IMMENSE shipment of 25,000 pounds of butter just made by McFarland direct to Liverpool, making in round numbers some 1,200 tubs or over 60,000 pounds that McFarland has shipped this season. We would like to hear of any village in the Dominion of similar size that can beat this shewing.

MANY PEOPLE like to see their names in print. We are preparing a list for publication of those in arrears for subscriptions for 1883, or any time previous, quite a large number will thus have the pleasure of seeing their signature should they continue on the black list to the end of this year. The list will be published in January.

GENTLEMEN, now is the time to order fine sewed boots as Wm. McLeod has secured the services of D. McKay for the winter. My work cannot be excelled this side Toronto, good stock and a perfect fit guaranteed. N. B. All our work warranted, no apprentices employed stand opposite Revere Hotel Wm. McLeod.

A TRUE STORY.—A resident of Melancthon was out hunting recently, and as a storm came up he crept into a hollow-log for shelter. After the storm abated he endeavored to creep out, but found that the log had swelled so that it was impossible to make his exit. He endeavored to compress himself as much as possible, but with indifferent success. He thought of all the mean things he had ever done, until finally his mind reverted to the fact that, instead of subscribing for his local papers, he was in the habit of borrowing them from a neighbor and thus defrauding the poor printer. On this he says he felt so small that he slipped out of the log without an effort. Moral: Don't sponge from your friends the local paper, but subscribe like a man.—Shelburne Economist.

MARKDALE MARKETS.

Fall Wheat, \$0.95 to \$1.00; Spring \$0.60 to \$1.00; Barley, 45 to 65; Peas, 65; Oats, 30c; Butter, 18c; Eggs, 22c; Potatoes, 40c; Hay, \$8.00; Pork, 6.00 to 5.50; Flour, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Wool 17 to 20

TORONTO MARKETS.

Fall Wheat, \$1.00 to \$1.10; Spring, \$1.00 to \$1.12; Barley, 50c to 70c; Oats, 37c to 40c; Peas, 70c to 73c; Hogs, \$6.00 to \$6.25; Potatoes, per bag, 90c to \$1.00; Butter, dairy, 25c to 20c; eggs, 22c to 25c.

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The undersigned will be at the bank at Markdale from the 20th to the 23rd December for the purpose of collecting the notes, as they become due at the above date. Those interested will please be prompt and save further trouble and costs. JOHN FORD. Annan P. O., November 8th, 1883 166-69

ESTRAY.

Came to the premises of the subscriber, lot East half 27, con. 7 Holland, about the 12th October last, four head of two year old cattle, one bull, one steer and two heifers, color mostly red. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take them away. Unless claimed by Nov. 30th, will be offered for sale. GEO. WATT. Holland November 13th 1883 166-69

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Mr. Thos. Cook, Glencross, will be at th on the 6th December

The election for Commons has results of five for Mr. Allison date.

WHAT THE PRO Hamilton's photograph cheapest place in the frames.

THE FLESHERTON week says Mr. P. M fox, and in the next gentleman for a piece