The Standard.

MARKDALE JAN. 22, 1885.

20 THIEVES CAUGHT.

During the past summer Mr. J. Hickling, of Artemesia, lost some $60 worth of poultry, but how they went, or what became of them was a mystery as there was no trace left by which he could discover and capture the rogue. He however, determined to, if possible, disclosed the mystery, and to this end cleaned up his musket, set a steel trap, and carefully placed strychnine where the unwary night chance to dine. The plans were effective, though the scent was anything but pleasant, as before the end of the summer he had captured 19 skunks and owl, the latter measuring four feet nine inches from tip to tip. Mr. Hickling's neighbors also killed a number of skunks, one of which was chased into Mr. Fenwick's cellar.—The dirty thing.

Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents

To the Editor of the Standard.

DEAR SIR,—A large and influential public meeting, at which the agricultural, manufacturing, milling and mercantile interests were fully represented, was held in the Convention Room of the Markdale House, on the evening of the 9th inst., for the purpose of taking steps to secure the extension of the G. T. R. from Durham north-easterly to Meaford via Markdale. A standing committee was appointed to confer with the interested municipalities, and secure, if possible, their active co-operation and assistance in the furthering of the project, and also to communicate with the General Manager of the G. T. R. to ascertain his views in reference thereto. The following compose said committee:—W. J. McFarland, chairman; Wm. Brown, secretary; Alexander Mercer, Geo. Haskett, Jas. Elliott, Edward Rutledge, Angus Plewes, D. J. Shanahan, Solomon Hill, Thomas Kells, with power to add

There is a strong feeling throughout the community, that additional railway facilities are urgently needed to meet the growing requirements of Markdale as an important business centre, possessing unlimited water power in its immediate vicinity, which only awaits the magic touch of capital, directed by skill and energy to develop its hidden wealth. The country lying between Durham and Meaford, with the exception of a few miles, is one of the finest agricultural sections in the Province, and its geographical and topographical features present no serious difficulty to railway construction. By running midway between both branches of the Saugeen, till near the centre of Glenelg, then veering northerly and following the south bank of the Rocky to Markdale, thence northerly through the wealthy townships of Euphrasia and St. Vincent, keeping the valley of the Beaver River to the right; a roadway of easy construction, entirely void of engineering difficulty could be found.

There is no doubt that if the G. T. were extended to Meaford, a large trade would at once spring up between that place and the towns and villages of the interior—the shipment of lumber alone would be no inconsiderable item. Pine lumber in unlimited quantities is wanted in the interior, and the Georgian Bay ports could supply this in abundance, and take in exchange, the products of the dairy and the farm, to supply the lumber shanties,

It is admitted by those who profess to know that at present the branch to Durham does not pay, hence it is absolutely necessary that it should be extended to some port on the Georgian Bay so as to share in the rapidly developing western trade. The present is deemed an opportune time to agitate such extension, and as Markdale is directly in the line, it is but reasonable that the people of that village and neighborhood should take the initiative.

The committee above named is now in communication with the heads of the several interested municipalities, and with the authorities of the G. T. R. developments will be watched with peculiar interest in some quarters; the good offices of the friendly Press are earnestly solicited, so that the merits of the project may be fairly set forth and intelligently advocated.

WM. BROWN,
Sec. Com.

Markdale, Jan. 14, 1885.

To the Editor of the Standard.

I think it would be an intrusion to reply at length to the communication from the Secretary of the Meaford Road *Union* Sabbath School. The poet says—

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,"

and so this young man, seized with the proud thought of his superior ability, undertakes a task, and performs it in such a limping, self-contradictory style, that he answers himself in almost every paragraph—and saves me the trouble. It is not the first time I have noticed it, in effusions from the same source.

My contention was, and still is, that the contracting parties, to the Union, were united judicially, and that therefore it was, as is, unseemly, not to have the auxillaries of the contracting parties run in the same groove—and I further contend, that but for a "nigger in the fence somewhere," opposition would not exist. In the publishing of the report, he admits that others besides myself thought it injudicious. I said it would invoke resentment, and so it has. Does this Secretary suppose he can dictate to the Methodist body, their duties, or by his specious argumentation, blind them to their own interests? I think not—already it is bearing fruit—and the people, as they should do, are rallying around their minister. He says there were "two niggers in the fence among *them* and one about *six miles* away." I suppose he means the Rev. D. C. McDowell—this is manifested the true spirit of this faction. How does that utterance compare with facts? Is this Secretary cognizant of the fact, that subsequently a meeting of the membership of the church has been held to consult and determine on this question?

I learn from good authority that twenty four members were present, and a careful vote taken, sixteen pronounced for the new constitution; three of the remaining eight, altho' favoring the new constitution, asked for time to rectify, if possible, the mistake of the *Union* party so called in their hasty conclusions, and three of the remaining five were members of one family!! How does that tally with the Secretary's statement? It is not too much to state that the evening was inclement, otherwise the vote would have been larger, and more completely in unison with the new order of things. As to the course of this Secretary, there is nothing to be advised. It seems I erred in calling him a "Presbyterian," and the vernacular of the *faction* came rolling forth—he said "I lied." Infinitely better to be a *Presbyterian* than a *Latitudinarian*, with no settled conviction of religious truth; such, I apprehend, are not the most profound or reliable.

I was amused at the shallow attempt to show that others besides the Methodists were a party to the Union! There were simply two schools in existence, both possessing Methodistic literature and teaching, and these schools united; no schools formed and operated by other sects existed there at any time, and it was really too bad to point the statement upon the intelligence of the neighborhood. I have now done with *Johnny*, as he is familiarly known; he is not a bad fellow after all; he possesses some excellent qualities; but has made a mistake, a serious one in this school matter.

The duty of the Methodist body is to control their own school, in their own house. Whilst tolerance and forbearance seemed necessary in the past and every one discharged his duty well, the altered circumstances render it expedient for denominational purposes, to make a slight change, and which the almost unanimous voice of the church demands. It is hoped that all parties will fall into line—"A house divided against itself cannot stand," and so I apprehend that those frictions which have arisen will be oiled and smoothed. My action and promptings proceeded from the appearance of the unfortunate report. I belong to neither party; have a strong desire to see the school prosperous and under proper supervision; I am not a bigot nor the son of one; am a firm believer and a weak follower of *St. Peter*, and hope to continue so, and remain in every particular to this school, except for truth and righteousness an

OUTSIDER.

FOR THE COMPLEXION.—For Pimples, Blotches, Tan, and all itching tumors of the skin, use Prof. Low's Magic Sulphur Soap.

Flesherton.

From our own correspondent.

The Flesherton Division Sons of Temperance held an oyster supper and musical and literary entertainment, consisting of readings, recitations, music, etc., on Wednsday evening, the 14th inst., being the evening of their taking possession of their new Hall, in Dr. Christoe's new block. About 9 o'clock a sumptuous spread was made in the Hall below the one occupied by the Sons. After all had done justice to the good things provided, the company again assembled in the hall above, when Dr. Christoe was chosen chairman, and discharged his duties in a most pleasing manner. A song by Miss Leitch was very well sang; a short address by J. Blackburn, after which Miss Christoe, in her usual artistic manner, gave an instrumental; Miss Page then recited very nicely, "The vacant lot"; also Mr. W. Thompson gave a lengthy and interesting recitation; Mr. C. Sproule then caused a good deal of mirth, by singing "The Laziest Man in all the Town"; Miss Davis then followed by a reading which was more lengthy than interesting; Miss Bella Christoe and C. Sproule then sang a duet which was well received; Miss Hopkin a reading in her usual good style; also R. Fawcett, Esq., a reading, after which the evening's entertainment was brought to a close.

Mrs. McDowell, wife of Rev. D. C. McDowell, who has been very ill for some time, is now, we are pleased to report, convalescent.

Berkeley.

From a Reporter.

1,100 cords of wood and 15 car-load of tan-bark has been shipped from this station during the past three weeks.

M. Pickett, brother to our section foreman, has been placed in charge of Rockford section. Mr. John Pickett is allowed to be one of the best track men men north of Toronto. He has given the best of satisfaction here since the road was opened twelve years ago.

Our blacksmiths, T. Sargent and R. Abby, are endeavoring to give the public satisfaction, and thus secure each a share of patronage.

Mrs. Allen is also doing a fair business.

What we want here is a station and we have no doubt this place would soon compare favorably with many of the important stations on the line.

Holland Council.

Holland Centre, Jan. 19, 1885.

Council elect, after taking their declaration of office and qualification, took thir seats and proceeded with general business.

Minutes of former meeting read and approved. The Reeve appointed John Sutherland as his auditor.

Moved by M. Howey, seconded by James Galbraith, that John McDonald be auditor for the council.

Moved by Mr. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Howey, that Alex. McCauley's assessment be made right.

Moved by Mr. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Howey, that the sum of $14.74 be placed against the S. 31 ac of lot N½ 18, con. 11.

Moved by Mr. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Howey, that the sum of 79 cts. be refunded to Henry Silverlock as taxes overpaid.

Moved by Mr. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Howey, that Mrs. Harrison's name be placed on the Collector's Roll for part 2 of 4, con. 1, E. G. R., assessment according to average at $175.

Moved by Mr. Shute, seconded by Mr. Galbraith, that C. W. Rutledge's account be paid.

Moved by Mr. Shute, seconded by Mr. Howey, that the Clerk's bill for election expenses be paid.

Moved by Mr. Shute, seconded by Mr. Galbraith, that the village trustees of Chatsworth get an order for $137.95 as money levied on that village.

Moved by Mr. Howey, seconded by Mr. Shute, that an order be issued for Trustees S. S. No. 10, for $30.51, being a deficiency of levy on that section, and that the same be charged against that section for 1885.

Moved by Mr. Howey, seconded by Mr. Williscroft, that the Collector's Roll be extended for one month.

Moved by Mr. Williscroft, seconded by Mr. Galbraith, that James Adams, John Gillespie, Jas. Kennedy, the Reeve and Clerk be appointed to act as Board of Health.

Moved by Mr. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Williscroft, that By-law No. 1, for the appointment of Auditors, and By law No. 2, for the appointment of a Board of Health, be read 1st, 2nd and 3rd time and engrossed on the minutes.

Moved by Mr. Howey, seconded by Mr. Shute, that we receive applications at next meeting of council for the office of Assessor.

Moved by Mr. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Howey, that the Clerk's salary be $140 for the present year.—Carried, and not accepted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Shute, sec. by Mr. Williscroft, that the Clerk's salary be $145.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Williscroft, seconded by Mr. Shute, that applications for the office of Clerk will be received up to the next meeting of council.

Moved by Mr. Galbraith, seconded by Mr. Williscroft, that we adjourn till the 17th day of February.

CARSON PRICE,
Tp. Clerk.

Glenelg Council.

The council met in the Town Hall, Glenelg, Dec. 15th, 1884, pursuant to adjournment. All the members present; the Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Cheques were issued in favor of the following parties for road jobs completed:—Neil McDonald, work at lot 9, con. 1, E. G. R., $15; Wm. Bell, work at lot 16, Garafraxa Road, $1; John Thompson, work at lot 42, con. 2, E. G. R., $10; John Stewart, work at lot 17, Durham Road, $1; John McArthur, work at lots 10 and 18, Durham Road, $59; Donald McRae, work at lot 17, con. 5, $88; Duncan McArthur, work on town line A. & G. 50 cents; Samuel Overfield, work on bridge at lot 15, con. 5, $3; Allan Black, work at lot 24, con. 4, N. D.R., $6.75; Arch. Beaton, culvert at lot — con. 2, N D. R., $4.25; R. Morrison, work at lot 32, con. 2, N. D. R., $8; Neil Black, work at lot 47, con. 2, N. D. R., $1; Joseph Black, work on road at Barrhead Mills, $8; W. J. Rowe, work at lot 101, W. T. & S. R., $11. Accounts were paid as follows:—J. Townsend, printing and advertising, $2.50; A. H. N. Jenkins, printing and advertising, $3.50; Moffat Bros., road scraper, $5.75; A. Scott, removing obstruction off road, $1; Geo. Grier, removing obstruction off road, $1; W. R. Rumbough, surveys and conveyancing, $12; Isaac Elder, repairing scraper, $2.10. W. J. Rowe was paid $225 for road allowance at lot 101, con. 3, W. T. & S. R. Cheques were issued in favor of Trustees of the different School Sections for school rates—Donald O'Hanley's taxes, $12.95, was struck off Collector's Roll, work having been performed for the same. Widow Mary Wilkie, East ½ lot 14, con. 2, E. G. R., and Widow McDonald, lot 7, con. 3, S. D. R., were exempt from paying taxes for 1884; Collector for Ward No. 1 was authorized to receive $4.71 as taxes in full against lot 18, con. 2, S. D. R.; Jas. Morrison was refunded $1.92 on account of error in assessment; Charles Gray was refunded $20.15, being school equivalent collected in error on lot 30, con. 1, E. G. R., from 1872 to 1883 inclusive; Neil McCannell was refunded $2 for statute labor charged, and since performed; John McArthur was paid $1.50 for wood for use of Hall.

Road Commissioners were paid as follows:—P. Neil, $1.70; N. G. Dunsmoor, $1.40; A. McCuaig, $11.08; J. A. McMillan, $7.20; J. S. Black, plans and specifications, postage and stationery, $7.17; Thos. Davis, three days on committee, $6; Reeve and Clerk, $4 each, and Assessors $2 as selectors of Jurors.

Moved by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Dunsmoor, that Henry Burnett be paid $5 per month for the keep of Widow Anderson, an indigent, and that such payments commence on the 16th of December, 1884.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCuaig, seconded by Mr. Neil, that after plans and specifications are drawn of bridges and road jobs, the letting by public auction and inspecting shall be left to one member of committee.—Carried.

The Reeve having left the chair, the same was taken by the Deputy-Reeve, when it was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Dunsmoor, that the thanks of this council are due and are hereby tendered to the Reeve, Thos Davis, Esq., for his gentlemanly and impartial conduct as head of this council during the time he has held that position.—Carried unanimously.

Council adjourned *sine die*.

J. S. BLACK,
Clerk.

Notices of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, twetnty five cents.

BIRTHS.

MOFFAT—In Osprey, on the 16th inst., the wife of Mr. W. G. Moffat, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MCLAREN—BREADNER—On Wednesday, the 7th January, by the Rev. J. T. Paterson, at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. J. F. McLaren, B. D., pastor of Temple Hill Presbyterian Church, Euphrasia, to Miss Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. James Breadner, of Euphrasia.

The happy couple left by the evening train from Markdale for Niagara Falls, followed by the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

Market Reports.

MARKDALE.

Fall Wheat	$0 78	to	$0 80
Spring Wheat	0 78	to	0 80
Barley	50	to	65
Peas	54	to	55
Oat	26	to	00
Butter	15	to	17
Eggs	20	to	00
Apples	50	to	75
Potatoes	18	to	20
Hay	7 00	to	8 00
Pork	5 00	to	5 25
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John W. Ford.

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