

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—The Ministerial caucus on Friday was a quiet enough affair simply because Sir John Macdonald would not allow any discussion over vexed questions. He patted them on the back, told them to be good boys and if necessary he would later on call them together again. But all the same there are dissensions and bickerings in the camp. One section favors and another opposes an increase of the flour duties. There are ominous rumblings of open rebellion if the Premier does not dismiss both his finance minister and his minister of militia, both of whom are very much disliked by most of those to the Speaker's right. There is also a divided opinion on Mr. McCarthy's course. Mr. McCarthy himself was absent from the love feast and at the moment was riding a blood horse around Parliament Hill. The vexed question of the flour duty, an increase of which is demanded by the Ontario members and resisted by the Maritime members, was also dodged by the Artful Dodger who hopes to wriggle out of the difficulty in some way.

The first little brush between the Opposition and the Government resulted in an exhibition of temper by the Premier who was compelled by Mr. Laurier to come down. A motion of Mr. McMillen's for a return showing the expenses of the bare junketings abroad of the ministers and trade commissioners was opposed by Sir John Macdonald in such an unparliamentary way that Mr. Laurier threatened to divide the House, upon which the Premier agreed to allow Mr. McMillen's motion to pass at a subsequent stage and in a modified form.

Mr. McCarthy's bill to abolish the official use of French in the Northwest Territories is not so important as Mr. McCarthy's speech. It was something of a surprise and was attentively listened to by both sides of the House. The able member for North Simcoe reviewed the question of two languages and two races as affecting the whole Dominion and took the ground that so long as Canada recognized another official language beside English so long would national unity be wanting. He declared that most of our difficulties were due to this racial cleavage which threatened to rend the Dominion in twain. He was several times interrupted by the French members who displayed a good deal of feeling on the subject. Mr. McCarthy warned them to let him alone as he had a right to his opinion and intended to maintain it. When he spoke of the "conquest" of French Canada the French members suggested "cession" as a better word, but Mr. McCarthy thought his own expression better. Although he took high ground with respect to the whole Dominion it must not be forgotten that his bill applies to the Northwest only.

The Premier was evidently grieved at Mr. McCarthy's line of argument, and said it raised such a grave issue that they must have time to consider it. Mr. Laurier's few remarks indicated that he did not regard the bill itself as a terrible affair but he disented from many of the mover's utterances.

Col. Demison, of Toronto, seconded the bill and it passed its first reading. When it comes up for its second reading there will be a big debate not second in interest to the great Jesuits debate of last session. How parties will vote on it is as yet unknown. The issues raised by Mr. McCarthy are perhaps greater than any raised since Confederation.

The banking system was discussed Saturday morning between anti-thirty Dominion bankers and the Minister of Finance. A scheme of national currency was suggested and condemned. It was the general opinion, however, that the banks notes of one Province should be made a legal tender in all. The government will also probably provide in their forthcoming bill a guarantee fund for the protection of depositors and note-holders of any bank that closes its doors. The American system of government bonds as a basis of circulation was generally condemned by the bankers. Most of the banks wish the present system of circulation left undisturbed.

Mr. Mulock's motion for an address to the Queen assuring Her Majesty of the loyalty of her Canadian subjects, is on the paper for to-day.

The writ for the Haldimand election will be issued at once.

Mr. Clarke Wallace has presented the petition of the Grand Orange Lodge of B. N. A. for an Act of Incorporation.

increase in wages of \$2 a week. The government are not disposed to submit to the dictation of the Union.

An Open Letter to the Residents of Markdale.

Editor Standard.

As it has been the fashion of late to write open letters through the press, I take the advantage of this way of securing an audience to write a few lines on a subject which concerns most of the residents of this place.

I take it for granted that every Markdaleite wishes to see his village a fair sized prospering town in the near future. Now what are we doing to accomplish this end? Very little has been done so far. True our little affairs, such as sidewalks, roads and bridges, &c., &c., are being looked after better than they have ever been, but it will take considerable legislation of this sort to affect the growth of our village.

What about that Committee which was formed to do their utmost to get some manufacturers to establish themselves here. Dundalk is springing up in this direction and it is likely they will succeed if they mean business and pull together. It is a well known fact that the great majority of the towns of Canada owe their success to their manufactures. Take away the factories and what is left in a few old dry bones who hang on for dear life to the little pile they may have made, afraid to spend one dollar until they see it yield a refund of 50 per cent. ready to cry down any new scheme either financial, social or moral which has been started for the benefit of the village at large.

In writing the above I am well aware of what some of our men, especially the Reeve has done in endeavoring to secure a High School for this place also in regard to Railway matters, but it is quite plain to all that if we do not make a start sometime in the direction which has been indicated, Markdale will be left in the race.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for your valuable space and trusting this subject may change from an open letter to an open question.

"MARKDALE."

County Council.

The council convened at 2 o'clock on Tuesday 28th as per statute, and after the roll was called an adjournment was made until 7 o'clock to a number of members not having arrived. The day was gorgeous and every one appeared as happy as a sunflower. The principal work of the evening session was the election of Warden, when Chas. Moffat, Esq., Reeve of Glenelg, was elected.

THE PERSONNEL.

- Artemesia—Dr. Christoe, Jno. Boland, W. Sharp.
- Collingwood—F. A. Smelser, W. Kerr, John Irwin.
- Bentick—J. Messinger, H. Brigham, H. Willis.
- Derby—J. Cochrane, W. Brien.
- Egremont—P. Dickson, J. Swanston, J. Allen.
- Euphrasia—T. Gilray, W. Fawcett.
- Glenelg—C. Moffat, James Staples.
- Holland—William Norton, Anthony Shute.
- Keppel—W. A. Totten, John Clark.
- Normanby—Victor Lang, Geo. H. Schenk, Malcolm McPhee.
- Osprey—T. Gamey, D. K. Preston.
- Proton—Duncan McMillan, Mr. Shaw.
- Saravak—J. S. Findlay.
- St. Vincent—J. Bowes, N. Read.
- Sullivan—J. Sparrow, J. A. Thompson.
- Sydenham—J. Thompson, W. Lemon, N. McDonald.
- Owen Sound—J. C. Miller, J. M. Kilbourn, R. Malcolm, Jno. Armstrong.
- Durham—Jno. A. Brown.
- Meaford—G. P. McIntosh, S. Carson.
- Dundalk—T. Hanbury.
- Markdale—W. J. McFarland. Com.

EXCHANGE GLEANINGS.

This year 334 students are attending the Collegiate Institute, Owen Sound.

The Owen Sound Art Exhibition will open for one week, commencing 3rd of February.

Rev. J. J. Dobbie applied to the Presbytery, at Orangeville, for reinstatement, at its last meeting and his prayer was rejected.

Michael Brennan, of Brookholm, near Owen Sound, fell from the roof of his house last week while putting out a fire which had started in the roof, and was nearly killed.

Foul Plot Discovered.—The Globe and Empire has found a trace next. They have discovered that one of the Editors of the Mail was trying to make arrangements to annex Canada.

An old lady named McCollman living some distance north of Bunesan was frozen to death last Monday night while making her way from her own house to that of a nephew. She was eighty-two years of age and had been living alone.—Durham Chronicle.

During the heavy wind storm on Monday the 18th, a twelve foot board was blown off an outbuilding and carried some forty feet striking James Barber, a Derby farmer, while splitting wood. The board struck him on the head rendering him unconscious. He is recovering.

The shoddy pedlars who have been doing up the unwary farmers around Dornoch and Williamsford and the Rooky Saugeen for some time past, is about to be brought before the tribunal of justice for selling contrary to the County By-law made and provided in such cases. A county constable was here Tuesday making enquiries respecting the whereabouts and the number of sales effected, with a view to commence operations against him. Several jewelry pedlars who are also going through the country with packs, are to be brought to account and will have to contribute to the revenue of the County either by paying license or fines.—Chatsworth News.

At noon last Friday Mr. Neil Macdonald, of the 10th concession, Glenelg, was in his usual health and spirits. An hour later he was cold in death. He was working at the Glenrodden saw mill. A sleigh load of saw logs had capsized, but nobody was hurt. Some time afterwards Mr. Macdonald wished to reach the other side of the spot where they lay and instead of walking around the logs he started to cross them. Being on a side hill they started to roll; the deceased lost his footing and was shot out in front of the logs which rolled over him. Streams of blood shot from his body, he was a corpse. His legs were broken in several places; his shoulder blade was fractured and the side of his face broken in. The accident took place in the sight of several of the deceased's horrified fellow workmen, but they could have rendered no aid. The excitement for a time was intense. Mr. Macdonald was about fifty-five years, and leaves a family of grown up children. His wife died three or four years ago.—Durham Chronicle.

Markdale Markets.
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 29, 1889.

Fall Wheat	29 to 32
Spring Wheat	70 to 82
Barley	35 to 40
Oats	24 to 25
Pease	53 to 52
Butter	14 to 15
Eggs	19 to 20
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