

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The House of Commons is just beginning to sit at night. Up to this the House has met at three and adjourned at four, five and six. On government days the Government has had nothing to go on with, showing how utterly unprepared for the session they were.

A characteristic piece of corruption was exposed in the House by Dr. Wilson, of East Elgin. The government sent engineers to make surveys and take levels of a little stream called Kettle Creek, between St. Thomas and Port Stanley, with the proposal to construct a ship canal. This offer to spend a great deal of the public money in that riding is of course a direct bid for support to the Government with the view that Dr. Wilson may be defeated at the next election. As a matter of fact it would be a miracle to make Kettle Creek navigable for ships and even if it could there is no trade between the two points. Mr. Charlton's bill is none too soon. It applies to just such cases as this and makes it an offence for the Government or the Government's candidate at or near an election to promise to make public expenditures in a riding. If such a bill became law and was enforced it would kill off just such little bribery schemes as Kettle Creek.

At the Opposition caucus Mr. Laurier was confirmed in the leadership and it was stated Mr. Blake would not during this Parliament take an active part in politics. Sir Richard Cartwright testified to the great services rendered by Mr. Laurier and to the tact and wisdom shown by him under difficult circumstances. All the Opposition endorsed this as Mr. Laurier is coming out strong as a leader. Unrestricted reciprocity with the United States was re-affirmed and it was resolved to move for the repeal of the iniquitous and costly Franchise Act.

The Estimates were on Thursday transmitted to Parliament by a message from His Excellency "signed by his own hand." Every member uncovered and rose to his feet while the Speaker read the Message in English and in French. When a message from His Excellency is not "signed by his own hand" the members do not rise. It may not be generally known that every dollar of money voted is voted "to Her Majesty." The Estimates ask for a total sum chargeable to Consolidated Fund of \$26,035,000 an increase of half a million dollars over last year. The principal items are as follows, leaving out the odd dollars:

Cost of public debt.....	\$11,727,000
Civil Government.....	1,239,000
Justice.....	726,000
Legislation.....	691,000
Agriculture Arts & Satis.....	320,000
Immigration.....	101,000
Pensions.....	105,000
Superannuation.....	240,000
Militia.....	1,295,000
Public Works.....	1,704,000
Mail subsidies & steamship.....	235,000
Lighthouse & coast service.....	526,000
Fisheries.....	886,000
Subsidies to Provinces.....	4,100,000
Indians.....	1,064,000
Mounted Police.....	709,000
Government of Northwest Territories.....	203,000

There is no provision made for a revision this year of the Voters Lists. The subsidies of \$60,000 for West India steamships is increased to \$85,000. There is a vote of \$200,000 taken for the approaching census of 1891. The Militia vote is about the same as last year, which is too little.

The week's proceedings in Parliament have been notable for dullness and dryness. None of the important topics have been brought forward. Four divorce petitions were presented. Hugh F. Peefe, of Vancouver, claims a divorce from his wife, who was Miss Tisdale, on the ground that she had criminal relations with a civil engineer named Frank Simpson at Thorold, Ontario.

David Clapp, of Herriston, charges that his wife, formerly Miss Patterson, committed adultery with Fred Pringle a music teacher of Harriston. Emily Walker, formerly Miss Herald of Hamilton, prays to be put auander from Alfred Walker to whom she avers she was never really joined. The pair were secretly married in Dundas and never lived together, and Emily also claims a divorce on the ground of her husband's desertion.

Again a wife seeks relief. Christina Glover, of Burlington, alleges that Christopher Columbus Glover had such relations with Hattie Glover, her sister, as to entitle her to a bill of divorce.

The big debate on Mr. McCarthy's bill to abolish official French in the Northwest will...

The Budget speech and announcement of tariff changes will not be made till about the 20th.

Dalton McCarthy was re-elected President of the Imperial Federation League Thursday.

The House will be asked to approve of a uniform letter postage of one penny or two cents for all parts of the Empire.

Meaford Road.

Standard Correspondence. Sleighing has departed again and we have mud for a change.

Mr. James Boland, of Winnipeg, is over here visiting friends.

Mr. Thos. Gilbert was up to Wiarton last week for a load of fish. Guess he intends to keep leut.

Mr. John Boland was up to Owen Sound last week attending the County Council.

Mr. Thos. Kells is in Toronto this week at the central Farmers Institute. Mr. John Davis lost two valuable cows by a straw stack toping over.

Mr. Joseph Buchanan has purchased a pair of thoroughbred animals—a bull and heifer. Mr. J. I. Graham has also secured a pedigree heifer. They are short horn Durhams.

The last subject for debate at the club was, "did the Government do right or wrong in allowing the Jesuit bills to become law," which will be concluded this week.

Board of Health.

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Board of Health of the village of Markdale for 1890, held in the council chamber, on Monday the 3rd day of February, at 10 o'clock a. m., according to statute.

The members of the Board of Health for the village of Markdale for 1890 are: W. J. McFarland, Solomon Hill, W. A. Brown, W. N. Haskett and R. C. Bryden.

The members having taken the declaration of office took their seats at the board.

On motion Solomon Hill was appointed chairman of the Board, R. C. Bryden being secretary ex officio.

Moved by W. A. Brown, seconded by S. Hill, that Robert Askin be appointed local inspector of outbuildings, yards, &c., and to report as to their condition to Mr. S. Hill, chairman of the Board of Health; inspection to be made about April 25th—Carried.

Board adjourned to meet at call of the chairman.

R. C. BRYDEN, Sec.

EXCHANGE GLEANINGS.

In the Dominion estimates Owen Sound gets \$20,000 for harbor improvements this season.

Rev. J. McNeil, of McIntyre, Osprey was married on the 21st January at West Toronto Junction to Miss Annie E. Drummond, late of Maxwell.

Kilbourn, Bishop & Co., general storekeepers, of Owen Sound, have become financially embarrassed. Their liabilities are placed at \$25,000 and the assets nominally at the same.

AN OLD GOOSE.—Mr. John Wilson, of the old Survey, Melancthon, reports the death of what was perhaps the oldest goose in the township. It was 25 years old, and laid eggs until it was 23. Mr. Wilson is certain as to the age of the bird.—[Shelburne Economist.

BLITH.—Myles Young, J. P., who has for five years been teacher of the Bible-class in the Methodist church in this town, was presented with an address and a beautiful easy chair by his class, which numbers upwards of fifty members. His good wife was on the same evening, made the recipient of a very kind address and a beautiful dressing-case by her Sunday-school class.—[Christian Guardian.

BURNED TO DEATH.—A very sad event occurred on Friday last near Corbetton, on the farm of Mr. Leader, who lives at the rear of Mr. Rundle's farm on the gravel road. About four o'clock, Mrs. Leader went out to the barn, where her husband was working, leaving the children in the house alone. One of them was three years of age, the other eighteen months. Mrs. Leader it seems stayed for a while at the barn to assist her husband, and on returning was horrified to find the house in flames. Mr. Leader endeavored to effect an entrance, but in vain, and narrowly escaped losing his life in the attempt. The house was entirely consumed, and the charred bodies of the two children found in the ashes; one of them burned beyond recognition. The remains of the little ones were interred in the Gravel Road cemetery on Sunday last. This is the

Town Hall, Glenelg, Jan. 20th, '90.

The newly elected council for the township of Glenelg met this day pursuant to Statute. Present—Charles Moffat, Esq., Reeve; James Staples, Esq., Deputy-Reeve; Thos. Davis, Alexander C. Beaton and Patrick Neil, Esq's, Councillors. Each member made and subscribed to the declarations of qualification and office and filed the same with the Clerk and took their seats. The Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The Reeve nominated Thos. Dulan and the council appointed George Binnie as Auditors.

By-laws 273, 274, 275 and 276, for the appointment of Auditors, Assessor, Local Board of Health and Path-masters, respectively, were introduced and read a first and second times.

The Reeve and Mr. Neil were instructed to enquire as to the sufficiency of the Treasurer's sureties, and report at next meeting of council.

The Clerk was instructed to notify Donald and John McCaskell to remove obstructions from the highway.

Collector for Ward 2 was instructed to accept \$8.28 in full of taxes charged against lot 85, Cons. 2 and 3, N. D. R., statute labor having been performed to the amount of \$4.00.

Collector for Ward 4 was instructed to erase \$4.48 from taxes against lot 9, Con. 12.

The Clerk was instructed to ask for tenders for printing.

Neil—Beaton—"That the Auditors be instructed to report at this Council, whether or no, that the "allegations made on nomination day "that the late council overexpended "the revenue of last year, and if "correct, to state how much, and if "not correct to show how much (if "any) of the revenue of last year was "left in the hands of the Treasurer "and unexpended by them. The motion was carried.

By-laws 273, 274 and 275 were read a third time and ordered to be signed, sealed and engrossed on By-law book.

Ward commissioners were appointed as follows: Ward No. 1, A. C. Beaton; Ward No. 2, Thos. Davis; Ward No. 3, Patrick Neil; Ward No. 4, Jas. Staples. The Reeve to be general supervisor over the whole township.

Cheques were issued as follows: Expence of municipal elections, \$48.50; Malcolm Beaton, refund for over assessment, \$1.87; Thomas Townsend, work at lot 15, con. 3, E. G. R., \$19.00; William Thomas, work at lot 15, Con. 3, E. G. R., \$19.50; Robert Burrell, work at lot 15, Con. 3, E. G. R., \$7.75; James Edge, bank draft on County rates, \$2.25; G. F. McCaul, Affidavits to assignments, 50 cents; C. W. Rutledge, printing, \$15.70; Alexander Bell, Arbitration S. S. 12. A. & G., \$5 00; James Carlson. Arbitration S. S. 12. A. & G., \$2.00; J. S. Black, cleaning pipes and flues in Town Hall, \$1.00; Patrick Neil, cleaning pipes and flues in Town Hall, \$1.00; C. Williams, commission on road expenditure, \$6.00.

The council adjourned to February 10th at 10 a. m.

J. S. BLACK, Clerk.

Walter's Falls Public School.

The following is the honor roll of U. S. S. No. 1, Holland and Euphrasia, for the month of January. Names in order of merit:

Fourth Class—Margret L. Coleridge, Willie Sanderson, Frank Sanderson, Jane Lemon, Mary J. Coleridge, Ollie Brown, Thos. Campbell, Percy Brown, Annie Walter, Bertie Carney, Lottie Brown, Willie Bonnell, Emily Campbell, Bertie Seabrook, Geo. Hanbery. Third Class (Senior Division)—Hannah Caswell, Ida M. Carney, Martha Prior, Willie McLennan, Rose E. Taylor, John H. Coleridge, Lillie Shank, Geo. Caswell.

Junior Division—Annie M. Shank, John McDormick, Thomas A. King. Second Class (Sen. Div.)—Emily Walker, Stanley Sanderson, Philip Walter, Louie Lemon, Lizzie Lemon, Catharine McLennan, Byron Carney, Clara King, John D. Laycock.

Junior Division—Arthur Caswell, Walter Lemon, Freddie Walter, Charlie Taylor, Allie Barker, Charlie Barker, Willie Shank, Eddie Brown, Nettie Bonnell, Sophia J. Shepherdson, Maggie Findlay.

First Class, Part II. (Sen. Div.)—Aubrey Dayman, Allie Walker, Catharine Laycock, Willie Bassett.

Junior Division—Lettie Shepherdson, Phoebe Caswell, Willie King, Robert King, Thomas Mower, James Mower.

Part I. (Sen. Div.)—Wesley Walter, Lottie Seabrook, Kenneth Laycock.

Junior Division—Willie Walker, John Walter, Thos. Hanbery, Alex. Findlay.

Meeting of County Officials.

St. THOMAS, Jan. 30.—The Elgin county council to-day passed the following resolution:

Resolved, that this council petition the Ontario Government to amend the law so as to give all counties the power of electing all county officials by popular vote.

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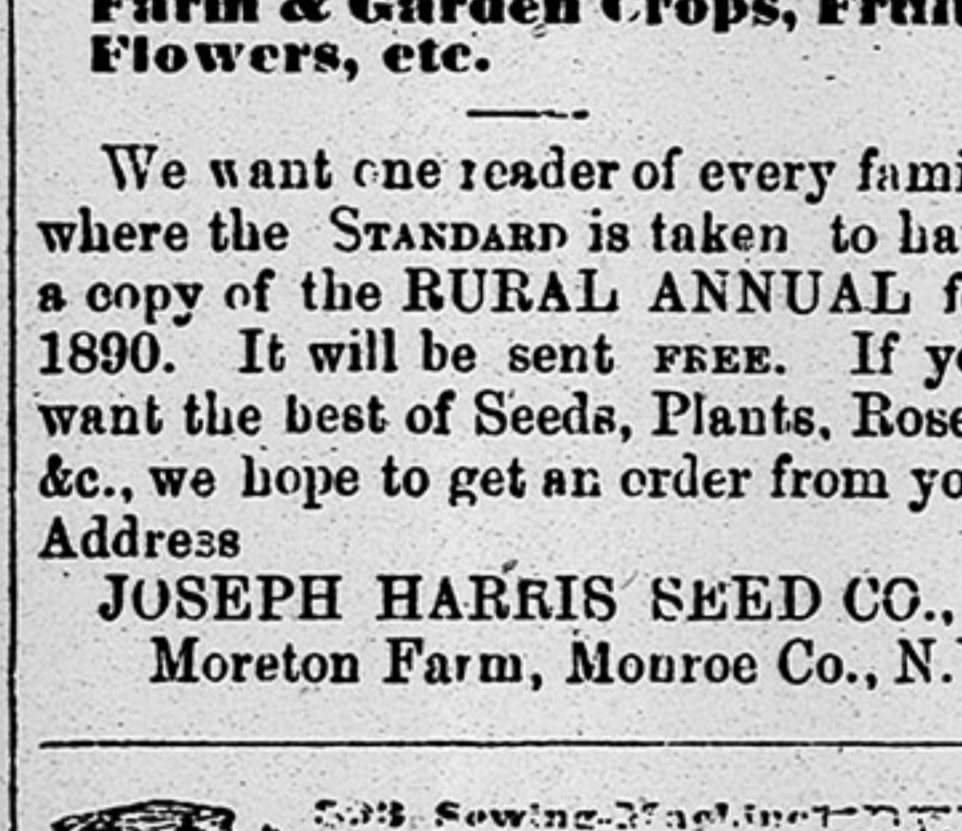
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