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To Advertisers. Those wishing to have their advertisements changed should advise us very much by sending in the copy by Tuesday at noon if possible, otherwise we cannot insert in its section in that week's paper.

THE REVEALS.

Since the late Municipal election, affairs have taken a new and curious turn. Mr. Storey, who was elected by a majority of four, has disclaimed the election on account, as he says, of the bitterness of party feeling which prevailed on the subject of his election, and he felt it his duty to sever his connection therewith, as any efforts of his to promote the welfare of the Village would prove futile, in consequence of the opposition by which the position was surrounded.

Provided a candidate disclaims an election, it is customary for the candidate having the next highest number of votes to take the seat, if he has no objection to do so. Dr. McGarrin, of course, had the next highest number of votes and he accepted the seat.

It may be wondered at by some that Dr. McGarrin accepted the seat which had been given up by Mr. Storey. He fully explained the reason why he accepted it, at the first meeting of the Village Council, held on Monday last. He said that his reasons for accepting the seat were that he had a majority of at least two, according to the Consolidated Statutes, which appeared a few days after the election.

We regret that this election has caused so much ill feeling, as no doubt it has. Persons who were formerly on the very best terms have now become the most bitter enemies. There is one very unfortunate feature about this election, and one which ought to receive the consideration of every person having the welfare of the Village at heart. We refer to the prevailing practice of crying down candidates by sham issues and pretenses, and blackening the character and reputation of persons offering to serve the community.

We speak thus because we are of the opinion that the best interests of the Village depend on its affairs being conducted by persons of ability and respectability of character.

The Hon. Mr. Vail has been defeated in Digby County, N. S., by Mr. Wade, whose majority is put down at 372. Mr. Vail having retired from the Government, Mr. Alfred Jones, the present candidate for Halifax, has been appointed Minister of Militia in his place.

The writ has been issued for the new election in Northumberland, N. B., to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Peter Mitchell. The nomination will be held on the 5th and the election on the 12th prox.

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There are no fresh developments with regard to the amicable negotiations beyond the announcement by the British plenipotentiaries that they would not "secede," which was a matter for their own consideration, but which had not been communicated to the British plenipotentiaries, but it is stated that the British plenipotentiaries have not yet been communicated to the House of Commons on Monday that the terms proposed were correct. It is supposed that a conference will be held on the 27th inst. to meet immediately after the British plenipotentiaries have been communicated to the House of Commons, and the other plenipotentiaries will be present.

The Council adjourned to meet in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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Pen and Scissors detects. Labourers in Quebec accept 75c per day and glad to get it.

A curling club has been formed at Larry Harbor and found.

There were 1,593 buildings erected in San Francisco last year.

The Rime movement is still progressing favorably in Bradford.

Mr. E. King Dadd's paper, the Toronto World has come to a full stop.

Nemah, Wis., groceryman, delivers their merchandise in wheelbarrows.

A woman in Rush City, Minn., 54 years old, has just given birth to her first child.

Stratford & Huron Railway by-law has been carried in Millbank; \$5,580 voted.

Voting by ballot has been abolished in Manitoba; the settlers prefer open voting.

The Arctic steam yacht Pandora has been bought for \$4,000 by James Gordon Bennett.

The Eliza Wagon Factory, Galb, is expected to be in full operation within a couple of weeks.

Victor Emmanuel's full name was Vittorio Emanuele Marie Alberto Eugenio Ferdinando Tommaso.

The fair in Boston for the Old South Church brought in \$40,000, and the expenses were only \$2,500.

The American public use in paper collars eight to a paper daily and over 8,000,000 yards of muslin annually.

The Mercantile Agency reports \$872 failures in the United States last year, with \$190,650,000 liabilities.

A young man named McKewan, of Sween township, attempted to pick a dynamite cartridge, and the result was the loss of three fingers.

A man, while trying to climb on a passenger car, after the latter had started, fell into a cattle guard at Arthur station, and broke his leg.

Richard Parkinson, the youth who embezzled the funds of McInnes Bros., of Hamilton, has been sent to the Central Prison for six months.

An old man named Adam Sinclair, was found frozen to death recently within two miles of Tilsonburg. When last seen alive he was very much intoxicated.

The oldest public servant in the domain is Mr. Joseph Bonchuet, Deputy-Surveyor General of the Province of Quebec, who was appointed by Sir F. C. Sherbrooke in 1818.

Mr. F. Rocney, merchant, of Toronto, who was taken suddenly ill in Hamilton, on Saturday last, died on his way to the Royal Hotel there, died on Friday.

Samuel Bowles, for many years the noted editor of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, died on Wednesday night. Mr. Bowles was one of the ablest editors in the United States, and his journal a model newspaper as regards enterprise, brilliancy and content.

A valuable dog belonging to H. C. Hillborn, of Berlin, was accidentally locked up in the Agricultural Hall on New Year's day, and was confined there without anything to eat until fourteen days thereafter. The animal, though greatly emaciated, will get around all right.

Jan. Reid used Walkerton coronation for \$100 damages for the use of the Town Hall on two evenings he had rented it from the corporation. The case was decided in favor of the defendants, on the ground that the plaintiff had timely notice that he could not get the hall, and consequently should not have incurred expenses that were unnecessary.

About half-past twelve o'clock Tuesday, smoke was discovered issuing from a room in the basement of the House of Commons wing of the Parliament Buildings, where the woodmen were condemned to do their work. The chief messengers gave the alarm, and the hose attached to the water system and a stream of water poured into the flames, which were soon quenched.

On Saturday evening the residence of Mr. Warren Rock, Q. C. London, was entered by burglars and systematically ransacked. On examination being made it was found that from the bedroom were taken Mr. Rock's pants and vest, a pair of silk drawers, a gold watch, and a purse containing \$12, in all valued at \$225. About the same hour the residence of Judge Elliott was entered in a very successful manner.

Miss Abbie Frink, of Boston Corners, McGillivray, is probably one of the largest women of her age in the country. She was eighteen last birthday, weighs 225 pounds, is 5 1/2 feet in height, measures 44 inches around the chest and 33 inches around the waist. She came to the township from the United States, a short time ago, and she also agrees with her average of three pounds per week since her arrival. She is very quick in her actions, and offers to run a foot race with the lightest of her sex in Staples. When lifting on the scales she marked 900 pounds.

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An Interesting Case. To the Editor of the Free Press.

Sir,—Will you be so good as to insert in your valuable paper the case and circumstances which culminated into a lawsuit.—First the cause; second the suit and trial; third the comment thereon?

Finally, on the Township line between the Township of Erin, in the County of Wellington, there resides two persons known as John McIntosh, in Erin, and Alex. McIntosh, in Erin, each being Road Overseers in their respective Townships, on the same division, in the year 1876.

On or about the 20th of June, 1876, A McIntosh notified the said John McIntosh to do his road work, he having four labor days to perform, for property in Erin, under the said A. McIntosh. The first day of working, J. McIntosh sent a man to the work and done one day's work out of four days.

A man known as James Moore, living in said division in Erin, having for said year, three days' road work to do, for 50 acres owned by him in said division in Erin, under the address J. McIntosh. He (Jas. Moore) came to A. McIntosh during the work and said to him, "I have three days' road work to do for the 50 acres in Erin, under J. McIntosh, can I do it with you?" A. McIntosh said that he had no objection, but John McIntosh said that he had no objection, but J. McIntosh had no objection that he (J. Moore) might do it with A. McIntosh, to which A. McIntosh replied, saying, "you may do it with me, but I have nothing to do with the Erin road work; I will tell you when you have three days' work to do." On the following morning, J. Moore sent his son and team and done what he wanted to do, three days' work for the 50 acres in Erin.

According to instructions given to Road Overseers in the Township of Erin, they have to return their Road List on or before a stated day in the month of Sept. with a declaration that the said Road List is a correct return.

Before making such return the said A. McIntosh made up his Road List giving J. McIntosh credit for one day—being the amount due by or for him in lieu of four days' for the Erinosa side of road division.

In or about the month of Nov., 1876, the Erinosa collector called on J. McIntosh, in Erin, for his Erinosa tax, having in the bill \$2.25 for deficiency of road work. Upon after J. Moore sent to A. McIntosh for a receipt for the three days' road work that he had done for the 50 acres in Erin. A. McIntosh would not give a receipt for it, he not having anything to do with that Township.

On the 24th of Dec., 1877, a summons issued out of the Third Division Court in the County of Wellington, said Court held its sitting on Jan. 10 1878, before His Hon. Judge Lindwell, which resulted as follows: Suit as entered in Erin, by J. McIntosh to J. McIntosh, claim of \$2.25 for damage in not granting a certificate when required, and making this false return of three days' statute labor. Statement of costs and judgment to be paid by defendant on suit: J. McIntosh vs. A. McIntosh. To costs of suit in full, \$5.76; to witness fees of plaintiff, \$1.25; to judgment, \$2.25; to plaintiff's affidavit, 25c. Paid in full by defendant, Jan. 10th, 1878, \$9.51.

A verdict was given on the plea that A. McIntosh should have given J. McIntosh credit for J. Moore's three days' done for Erin, and that J. McIntosh should have done, as were shown to the Court by J. Moore's evidence? In reference to the second plea, what course of knowing otherwise than what was then stated had J. McIntosh of knowing what J. McIntosh was doing or meant to do, or whether he was working or not working, at that time, and, if working, for which property was he working? Was it for his property in Erin or the Erinosa property or for J. Moore's property in Erin. A. McIntosh could not say, for J. McIntosh never told him until he told it before the Court, which of the property he felt inclined to credit it to. Now, taking all the above circumstances into consideration, A. McIntosh would be obliged to any one for correct information as to what otherwise he should have done than that which he did return list for that year minus three days' statute labor for J. Moore, except that A. McIntosh might have reported to a Magistrate within ten days after refusal to work, such refusal being proved by the non-appearance of said J. McIntosh to do road work per notice.

Comments on the duty of Road Overseers in law and equity at some other time.

I remain, Yours respectfully, ALEX. MCINTOSH.

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The undersigned is prepared to do all kinds of WORK with neatness and despatch on the shortest notice, and at the most reasonable prices. He keeps constantly on hand all kinds of TINWARE and STOVES of the latest designs.

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