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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 13, 1879.

Lord Dufferin as Ambassador
to Russia.

Lord Loftus having been appointed Governor of New South Wales, Lord Dufferin has succeeded him as Ambassador to St. Petersburg. The press are unanimous in their praise of the appointment. The Times says that it is unnecessary to re-echo Lord Dufferin's praises, which are in all men's mouths. Few public men have been honored with eulogies so unanimous and so well deserved. His fame has grown to remarkable proportions during the latter years of his Vice Royalty in Canada, chiefly by the watchery of his tongue. No doubt Lord Dufferin's tact is as perfect as his temperament. Nature has endowed him with quick perceptions, and he will now be guided to results by a ripened judgment and an enlarged knowledge of men and affairs. In Russia Lord Dufferin will have much to observe well worth observation. Beyond the circle of Imperial and Ministerial authority there are elements now in Russia which, peacefully or violently, must have an influence upon the policy. Lord Dufferin will not mind the meaning of the pregnant events which must happen in Russia, and the value of his observations to a Government which will be able to use them will thus be multiplied many times.

Editorial Notes.

It is said that the Prussian Ministry favours the proposed duty on grain, horses and cattle.

The German Emperor is sufficiently recovered to think of opening the Reichstag in person.

The appointment of General Chanzy as French Minister to Russia appears to be finally decided upon.

The latest despatches say that the political and military situation in India is satisfactory; but the harvest prospects are gloomy.

Hon. C. E. DeBoucherville, the late Premier of Quebec, has been transferred from the Legislative Council of that Province to the Senate of the Dominion.

The Dominion Parliament will open its next session to-day. It is not expected the National Policy will be introduced for about three weeks.

It is reported that the English and French Governments are both favorable to the appointment of an international commission to examine the state of Turkish finances and superintend the collection of her revenue.

Manitoba is apparently in earnest as to having something done with respect to the Pacific Railways as shall satisfy its people, the Legislature having adjourned until the 8th of April, a delegation being appointed to proceed to Ottawa, in the meantime, and ascertain the exact intentions of the Federal authorities.

The English troops have met with a disastrous defeat in Southern Africa. A column consisting of a portion of the 24th Regiment, a battery of artillery, and 600 native auxiliaries, was annihilated by the Zulus on the 21st ult., who carried arms, ammunition, provisions and the colours of the regiment. This defeat, apart from the loss of life, is a serious thing for English power, as it will have the effect of weakening the prestige of the troops, and consequently tend to encourage the native tribes, who have been wavering in their allegiances, to join with the powerful Zulus.

OUR VILLAGE FATHERS.

MONDAY NIGHT'S SESSION.

LICENSE Fee Fixed at \$75.

Other Business Transacted.

The Village Council met in the Council Chamber, Matthews' Hall, on Monday evening, pursuant to adjournment.

All the members present. The Reeve in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The special committee appointed to examine the Bonds and Securities of the Village Treasurer reported that they found all correct.

The special committee appointed to examine into C. Masius' grievance reported that they had examined the matter and recommended that no money be refunded in the case.

Moved by C. S. Smith, seconded by D. Henderson, that By-law respecting the granting of license for the year 1879-80, be now read a first time. Carried.

By-law read a first time.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by R. Adams, that the report of the committee on C. Masius' grievance, as read be adopted. Carried.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by O. S. Smith, that the report of the committee to examine the Treasurer's securities be adopted. Carried.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by E. Nicklin that By-law respecting the granting of license for the year 1879-80, be now read a second time, and that the council go into committee of the whole, on said By-law. Carried.

Council went into committee, D. Henderson in the chair.

On coming to the blank to be filled with the sum to be paid for the license, Mr. Christie gave the amount paid for licenses in each of the different municipalities of the country. He thought they should all be in proportion, and not make hotel keepers in one part of the county pay more in proportion to conditions under which the disease makes its appearance; and gave immediate notice to a National Health officer at Washington every outbreak. By this timely warning all the maritime cities could be protected by the prompt enforcement of quarantine against vessels from the infected ports.

Mr. Adams suggested that the license should not exceed \$70. He thought hotel-keepers should be used as gentlemen, and not make them pay too much for the privilege of making a little. Besides, all they did make was spent in the town, and he did not believe in being hard on them.

Mr. Smith suggested that \$75 be charged. This sum was adopted.

YEST.—C. S. Smith, R. Adams and D. Henderson, NATE.—D. Christie and E. Nicklin. Committee rose. Council resumed.

By-law read a third time, with blanks filled as reported, and passed.

The finance Committee brought in their 2nd report, recommending that the following accounts be paid:—J. C. Hill, making building, \$1,75; Thos. Watson, work on street, \$4.00; J. Matthews, rent, \$30.00; T. A. & H. P. Moore, printing, \$5.25, and Geo. Forbes, constable's salary, \$10.00; total \$60.

Moved by C. S. Smith, seconded by D. Henderson that the 2nd report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by E. Nicklin that the Auditor's Report be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by C. S. Smith, that the Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to lay before this council a detailed statement of all Clergy Reserve moneys received by this corporation, showing the amount received each year and the source from which received; also the amount of such fund now invested, and the sum on hand for investment. Carried.

Discussion arose as to whether the Village Treasurer had authority to pay checks issued by the Chairman of the School Board without the check having the Reeve's signature attached thereto. Discussion postponed until next meeting.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by R. Adams that the collector for the year 1877, and his sureties be notified by the clerk to return Collector's Roll for that year, forthwith, and also that they be instructed to pay over forthwith to the Treasurer, all moneys due on account of said Roll. Carried.

Moved by C. S. Smith, seconded by E. Nicklin that the Treasurer be instructed to lay before this council a statement of the amount of money in his hands at the 31st Dec., 1878, at the credit of the Public School Division. Carried.

Council adjourned until Monday, 24th inst.

Board of Education.

Appointment of Standing Committees.

And Other Business.

The Board of Trustees of Acton School Division, met in the school house, on Monday evening, 3d inst., pursuant to adjournment.

Members all present.

W. H. Storey in the chair.

The special committee appointed to strike Standing Committees for the current year beg to submit the following report:

Ex-Rev. D. Henderson and M. Speight.

FUEL, Ed. Moore and Alex. Lasty.

PROPERTY, W. H. Storey and S. Moore.

Moved by Messrs. D. Henderson and S. Moore that the report of the committee to strike standing committees be adopted. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented their report, recommending that the following accounts be paid: E. Dynes, requiring well at the teacher's residence, \$5.00; Thos. Moore, teacher, salary for January, \$41.67; New Minster Book, \$1.50, and T. A. H. P. Moore, advertising, \$1.00.

Moved by E. Moore, seconded by M. Speight that the report be adopted and that the chairman do issue his cheque for the same. Carried.

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Bord adjourned until Monday, 3d March.

REV. J. T. BRESEE,

This Rev. J. T. Bresee who preached last Sabbath morning and evening, in the Congregational Church of this village, is the author of several Canadian works, among which are "Peu Portraits of English Men," "Oswald Grey" and a volume of "Canadian Poems" dedicated by permission to Lord Dufferin.

The following is from one of the Chadian papers of his departure from the Presbyterian Church of Cobber and Tilbury, near Chatham.

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