

BORN.
Coxon.—In Brit, on the 21st inst., the wife of Mr. James Currie, of a son.
DIED.
Burke.—At 11:30 a.m. Patrick Joseph, Peacock, on Thursday, 21st January, Mary Agnes (Daniel) beloved daughter of A. C. Daniel, aged 21 years.
Morris.—In Repose on the 21st January, Christy Stuart, widow of the late Robert Morris, and sister of Mrs. Archibald Campbell, Acton, aged 63 years.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

How would it do to pass a special Act of Parliament permitting Halton and Haldimand counties to hold quarterly Dominion elections? It would be cheaper than the course now followed.—Brainerd Post.

The annual convention of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, at its closing session in Toronto last week, endorsed parliamentary suffrage for women, which will now form a part of its official programme.

The Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, in annual session last week, is desirous of securing a number of amendments to the Crooks Act, and a deputation from it will probably wait upon the Government to ask immediate legislation in that direction.

The returns from the saving banks—both Government and Post-office show that the people continue to save increasingly. Habits of thrift are growing, and the country's prosperity is well evidenced by the ability of the people to earn more than they can spend.

The Kansas Senate has passed unanimously a bill to restrict the ownership of real estate to American citizens and those who have lawfully declared their intention to become such, and to limit the area of land which corporations may hold or own to one section or less.

Nell Miller, of LaFayette, Col., on whose farm a rich vein of fine coal has been discovered is a public-spirited woman and gives away land freely as sites for public buildings; but every lot given or sold is accompanied by the stipulation that the land shall revert back to her if anyone is ever sold upon it. In this camp a few hundred souls, she has refined \$2,000 for a lot upon which to build a saloon.

Peterboro town council is taking precautionary measures in case the Scott Act is defeated in that county. At a meeting of the council on Monday night a by-law was introduced fixing the sum at which licences shall be issued. For hotels the license will be \$500, for saloons \$600, and for shops \$300. In order to increase the license fee to the above sum it is necessary to submit a by-law to the electors before March first.

The World is enabled to announce this morning that Hon. John Hagart, Postmaster-General, has recommended to his colleagues the adoption of a two cent letter postage, and that this recommendation is to be embodied in a government measure to be brought down early in the session. Mr. Hagart will also signalize his advent to office by other postal reforms of a desirable character.—World. All will hope the World is not too previous in its announcement.

The construction of the Hudson's Bay Railway, extending northward from Winnipeg, will be resumed in the spring. Forty miles of track are already built. President Oberland had a conference lately with the Government respecting the concessions to the road, and will soon be in New York to submit the arrangement to his financial backers. He claims that the Hudson's Bay route is the most direct route to England. Specially constructed vessels, he says, can run the year round without interruption.

No more licenses are to be issued to American fishermen under the scott act. The order circled was to remain in force for two years, so as to give the United States the opportunity to adopt the Fishery Treaty in the meantime. But in the event of the rejection of the treaty the Government was at liberty to continue the moratorium or terminate it. It has pursued the latter course. Everyone must regret that after all the correspondence and all the negotiations we are in the fishery dispute at the very point from which we started.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Standing Committee of the Council for the Year.

The County Council met last Tuesday week and organized for the year.

Upon the second ballot Mr. M. F. Fagan, of Oakville, was elected Warden.

The standing committees were appointed as follows:—

FINANCE.—Storey, Menzies, Robinson, Dr. Richardson, Pettit.

HOUSES AND BRIDGES.—Graham, Scott, Husband, Cook, Hutchison.

COUNTY BUILDINGS.—Robinson, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Webster, Menzies, Dr. Buck.

PENITENTIARY.—Dr. Buck, Pettit, Scott, Graham, Hutchison.

EDUCATION.—Husband, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Webster, Storey.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.—Storey, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Buck.

Hospitals, Storey, Graham and Pettit were appointed a committee to look after and report on the matter of the G.T.R. versus this county.

Dr. Luk and Henry Gray were appointed Public School Teachers' Examiners for the year.

The auditors of County accounts are Duncan Dewar and Thomas Howarth.

David Whelihan was elected director for the Halton Farmers' Institute.

Halton Farmers' Institute was voted a grant of \$25.

A petition requesting the amendment of the Assessment Act so as to allow townships and village municipalities to deal with their non-resident lands and sales for taxes in the same manner as counties and towns may at present, was moved by W. H. Storey and Dr. Buck and carried, a copy of which was forwarded to the county representative for the Legislative Assembly.

Council adjourned to meet again on the first Tuesday in March.

ENQUIRING AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

At the annual meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, John Stewart; Vice-Pres., Samuel Lyons; Sec.-Treas., L. Grant; Directors: Messrs. C. Brown, D. Laidlaw, John Elliott, Nell Gillies, N. Standish, David Little, George Campbell, A. C. McElroy. A spring show will be held at the usual time. There was considerable discussion at the meeting about people exhibiting articles that did not belong to them.

HALTON ELECTION TRIAL.

Seventy-four Charters of Bribery and Corruption but nothing substantiated.

the First Day.

Rarely has there been an assemblage to equal that which gathered on Tuesday in the Court House, Milton, where interest was centred in the trial of the petition, presided over by Chief Justice Arnould, to set aside the election of Mr. John Waldie, the Liberal member for Halton. The court room was crowded, even standing room was difficult to get. G. D. Blackstock, Toronto, and D. McGibbon, Milton, appeared for the petitioner, and J. H. Macdonald, Toronto, for the respondent. No less than seventy-four charges are embodied in the bill of particulars filed by the prosecution.

The substance of charge 44, which first went up, was that "James Currie, of Milton, laborer, an agent of the respondent, did on the 1st day of August, 1888, at the Town of Milton, use undue influence to elect Robert Armstrong from voting for David Henderson by offering him the sum of \$1 to go with him, and afterwards inducing him away from his place of residence to prevent him from voting at the said election." This charge occupied most of the time of the Court, during the day. Some twenty-nice or thirty witnesses were examined. The evidence adduced was more or less conflicting.

The court adjourned at 7 p.m., having sat without rising from ten in the morning.

Court resumed at 9 a.m. yesterday morning.

LATER.

After consultation between petitioner and respondent and their counsel the case was adjourned until next July. Mr. Waldie will occupy his seat in the House of Commons during the session.

OUR MUNICIPAL PARLIAMENT.

The New Council sits Down to Business and Passes a lot of Last Year's Accounts.

Council met on Monday evening at 7:30. Rev. Storey in the chair. Members all present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The first report of Committee on Finance was read and accounted passed as follows:

James Brown, member for streets, \$164.

James Smith, salary and extra work at Cemetery, \$10.

J. C. Hill, street lamps and repairs, \$24.

L. Lyons, two months' salary lamp and signs, \$5.

H. P. Moore, printing and stationery, \$2.

Thos. Easton, feeding traps, \$10.

Hart & Co., stationery, \$11.

C. C. Speight, polling boxes, \$2.

John Clegg, balance P. M. McCann's act for Cemetery work, \$1.

Report adopted.

Moved by W. H. Lowry, seconded by John Harvey, that the account of J. E. McGarrin for safety, postage, etc., be referred back for further explanation.—Carried.

Moved by W. H. Lowry, seconded by John Harvey, that the Report be referred to the committee on the security of the corporation the sum of six hundred dollars and place the same to the credit of the Treasurer.

On Saturday the death in Ottawa of Sir William Ball Richards created profound regret. Born in Brockville seventy-four years ago the late Chief Justice was a typical Canadian of English descent. He entered Parliament in 1846 and was a member of various ministries during the stormy times of political dissension. He was appointed a judge by Sir Francis Hincks in 1853 and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada by Mr. Macdonald in 1871. He was created a Knight Bachelor in 1877 and in 1879 retired to private life.

UPON motion the Council adjourned.

ACTON UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

An Enthusiastic Meeting of the Farmers and Citizens Interested in Our Agricultural Society.

The meeting of Acton Union Agricultural Society called for last Thursday was held in the town hall and was the largest meeting ever held by the Society.

President Joseph Ladd occupied the chair and the Directors with few exceptions were in their places.

The auditor's report was presented by Mr. D. Henderson, as follows:—

RECEIVED.

Members stickers \$10.00

Gate receipts and lodges 10.00

Proceeds of lots disconnected 176.00

Donations for special prizes 666.33

PAIEMENTS.

Prizes paid 119.00

Special prizes paid 15.00

Printing and advertising 45.00

Ment of grounds and hall 72.00

Attractions, fireworks, &c. 50.00

Carpenter work 36.00

Judge and Jury kept 25.00

Secretary's salary 20.00

Postage and stationery 11.72

Cash on hand 6.00

THE REPORT.

Several minor matters with reference to disputes and protests by exhibitors were amicably settled.

The election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

PRESIDENT.—John Duff.

Vice Pres.—Bobt. Akiss.

SECRETARY.—Bobt. Irving.

TREASURER.—W. H. Storey, D. Henderson, J. B. Pearson, R. Agnew, H. P. Moore, N. Johnston, John Hartley and Wm. Hemm.

EXECUTIVE.—Alex. Waldie, W. Fisher, John Wriggsworth and Richard Green.

MANAGERS.—Geo. Kitching, Wm. Jackson, James Watson.

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The subject of allowing running races at the Exhibition was introduced and caused considerable discussion. The following resolution was presented and carried:—

Moved by H. P. Moore, seconded by Joe Ladd, that this Agricultural Society hereby resolve itself to oppose the holding of any running races at Exhibitions held under the auspices of the Society, and we suggest to the officers and directors that they prohibit everything of that nature at the Society's Exhibitions.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Joe Ladd, the retiring President, for his services, to which he made a suitable reply.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors Mr. James Mathews was re-appointed Secretary pro tem. It was also decided to have a meeting of the directors on the 5th February to arrange for a concert and an address by Prof Shaw in the interests of the society.

The interest so generally manifested by farmers and others in the entire section covered by the society in the organization ensures its success.

If you want to buy or sell a Farm, advertise in the Toronto Weekly Mail. That paper reaches 100,000 Farmers' homes every week, and your advertisement should meet the eye of someone who wants to purchase. Advertisements of this class are inserted in the Toronto Weekly Mail for Five Cents a word each insertion, or Twenty Cents a word for five insertions. Address the Mail, Toronto, Canada.

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the season. Loss of Appetite, Disease,

and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 10

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