

York County Council.

MONDAY, JUNE 16.—The Reeves and deputy Reeves of the various townships in the county of York met this afternoon at two o'clock in the Council Chamber, at the Court House, Adelaide street.

The Warden, Mr. Peter Patterson, presided, and there were also present Messrs. Matthew Canning, and Peter Wardlaw, Reeve and Deputy Reeve of Etobicoke; Archibald Riddell, Reeve of Georgia; Isaac Marvatt, Reeve of North Gwillimbury; Wm. Cane and William Reid, Reeve and Deputy Reeve of East Gwillimbury; William Munroe, Joel Phillips, and John D. Phillips, Reeve and Deputy Reeves of King; James Robinson, John Lane and William Eakin, Reeve and Deputy Reeves of Markham; John P. Wheeler and Donald G. Stevenson, Reeve and Deputy Reeve of Scarborough; Peter Patterson, David Doyle, and Thomson Porter, Reeve and Deputy Reeves of Vaughan; Edward Wheeler and Maxon Jones, Reeve and Deputy Reeve of Whitby; William Tyrrell, Reeve of York; and Henry Duncan and Joseph Paton, Deputy Reeves; Erasmus Jackson, Reeve of Newmarket; W. H. Thorne, Reeve of Holland Landing; Matthew Lepper, Reeve of Aurora; and Thos. Nightingale, Reeve of Yorkville.

The Warden called the Council to order at ten minutes past two, and said that, in addition to the usual labours of the Council, they would have the pleasure of presenting upon the new School Act, and to make the various appointments of inspectors and examiners required under that Act.

From William Helliwell, respecting the placing of a guard on the hill at Highland Creek.

From John Ellis, relative to some land which had been appropriated by the Council, and which he alleged he had paid Government for in 1842.

From Morton & Smith, in re of a traction engine.

From the Warden of Simcoe, respecting the maintenance of the deaf and dumb.

From Blake, Kerr & Bethune, enclosing their bill of costs.

From Clerk of Peace, enclosing the presentment of the Grand Jury at their last general session.

From J. P. B. Wardell, respecting the bridge across the Hamlet at Weston.

From Wm. Field, of the Farmers' Advocate, relative to the Colorado potato bug.

From Lister Antionette, returning thanks for the grant to the House of Providence.

From Superintendent of education, a document relating to the new School Law.

From Rev. A. Wilson, respecting the appointment of one of the examiners of public schools.

From Jas. Carlisle, respecting the appointment of examiners.

From John Livingstone, asking for an inspectorship of common schools.

From D. Fotheringham, applying for an inspectorship.

From W. E. Tilley, for a similar appointment.

From J. Hodgson, applying for the offices of examiner and inspector.

From J. P. Bull, intimating his intention of taking a trip to Europe, on account of his health.

From J. E. Hughes, of Markham, applying for an inspectorship.

The Warden urged upon the members of the Equalization Committee, the necessity of getting their work done as soon as possible as the Financial Committee could not strike the County rates until their duties had been completed.

Mr. Robinson presented a petition signed by the residents of the County of York, praying that Rev. G. S. J. Hill may be appointed to the office of inspector of public schools in the County.

Several other petitions; chiefly for the granting of free pedlar's licenses to various applicants.

Mr. Jackson (Newmarket) moved, seconded by Mr. Wardlaw, of Etobicoke, that leave of absence be granted to Mr. J. P. Bull, and that Mr. Joel Phillips be placed upon the Educational Committee in his place.—Carried.

Mr. Jackson moved that the Council adjourn; but after some discussion upon the propriety of going into committee of the whole to consider the report of the Equalization Committee, Mr. Jackson withdrew his motion, and the Council went into committee; Mr. Thome, of Holland Landing, taking the chair.

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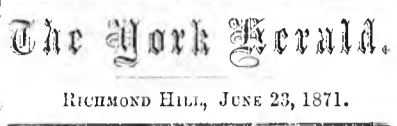
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It was moved by Mr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. A. Riddell, and resolved, that the Standing Committee on Education be and are hereby requested and instructed to prepare and report a bill for the purpose of appointing Examiners and Inspectors of public schools for this county, in accordance with the provisions of the School bill of 1871.

Wednesday June 21.—The Council resumed business this morning at ten o'clock, the Warden in the chair. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Several communications were read, among them one from William Somerville, offering to rent the vacant ground about the old jail at a rental of \$200 a year, subject to a provision to give up possession on three months' notice from the Council. A communication from the Warden of the County of Simcoe was read on the subject of the water of Lake Simcoe, and a committee composed of Messrs. Marvatt, Cane, Thorne, Munroe and Riddell were appointed to inquire into all communications received regarding the periodical rising of waters of that lake. Mr. Porter gave notice that he would, on Monday, move that a select committee be appointed to draft a petition to the Legislative Assembly, praying them to amend clause 82 of the Assessment Act, by striking out the word "two" in the fourth line, and inserting the word "one" in its place, or so to amend said clause by leaving it permissive with the Township Council to enforce one or two days' labor as they deem best for their respective townships. The Council then adjourned until two o'clock, but the committees not having their work ready, the time for meeting was postponed for an hour.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Moving Machine Knife Grinders.—Wm. Bennis. Potato Beetle Exterminator.—Hugh Miller & Co. Strayed.—Nelson Playter.



RICHMOND HILL, JUNE 23, 1871.

SAD CALAMITY.

On Friday morning, the 16th instant, about ten o'clock, the inhabitants of our village were painfully excited by a rumour that spread with great rapidity from one end of the town to the other, that Andrew MacBeth, carriage builder, had taken a dose of medicine, which, by mistake proved to be strychnine, one of the most deadly poisons known to science. It appears by the evidence given at the inquest as to the cause of the mournful visitation, that he had gone to the house and had taken what we presume he had considered to be the last remaining of six powders prepared for him by Dr. Hostetter; and, in his usual off-handed manner, had taken the medicine without examining the wrapper, and had hurried back to his workshop. In a very few minutes he was seized with the most violent spasms which poor humanity could be subject to, and in about twenty minutes death put an end to his sufferings. Eye-witnesses affirm that the spectacle was the saddest and most mournful possible to behold. We refer our readers to the evidence of Dr. Hostetter, who has given a very concise account of his connection with this heart-rending occurrence. Mr. MacBeth was a prosperous and energetic business man in his prime, being thirty-eight years of age. His remains were consigned to their last resting place in the Presbyterian burying ground here, on Monday last, by the brethren of the Mystic Tie of Richmond Lodge, with which he had been connected for about ten years, and for two consecutive of which he had been W.M. The procession was headed by the Patterson Brass Band, playing their beautiful and solemn funeral dirge. Deputations were also present from Aurora, Vaughan, Kleinburg and Markham Lodges. The funeral cortege was accompanied by a very large assembly of the inhabitants of the town and surrounding neighborhood. Rev. Messrs. Dick and Fish of this place, assisted at the funeral service in the Presbyterian Church, on a subject suitable for the occasion. Mrs. MacBeth, her young family and the friends have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

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Corner Stone.—The Corner Stone of a Wesleyan Methodist Church will be laid (D.V.) in the village of Teston on Friday June 23, 1871, at half-past 10 A.M., by John Macdonald, Esq., of Toronto. The Rev. Dr. Wood of Toronto has kindly consented to conduct the services. Addresses on the occasion will be delivered by the Rev. E. H. Dewart, Editor of the Guardian, and the Revs. W. S. Griffin and A. Sutherland, of Toronto, and it is also expected that Nawiskung, Chief of the Iktawa Band of the Ojibway Indians will be present to deliver an address. Refreshments will be served under the auspices of the Ladies' Committee, at 12 o'clock noon. James McGee, Esq., will occupy the chair. The Richmond Hill W.M. choir will enliven the proceedings with choice selections of music. Tickets, adults, 50 cents, children under 12 years of age, half price.

A Bazaar for the sale of useful and ornamental articles will be held in the Masonic Hall, Richmond Hill, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 28th and 29th June. Valuable articles have been forwarded from all quarters, which, together with the contributions of the neighborhood, will be sold at reasonable rates according to their value. Refreshments will be furnished at all hours on both days. The Patterson Brass Band will be in attendance to enliven the proceedings with choice selections of music. The Hall will open each day at 10 A.M. and close at 10 P.M. Admission to the hall, ten cents. Proceeds to be applied towards the erection of a church at Richmond Hill.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The semi-annual examination of the High School and Public schools of Richmond Hill, will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 28th, 29th, and 30th inst. The High School examination on Wednesday, the senior department of Public school on Thursday, and the Junior department of Public school on Friday. Patrons and visitors are requested to attend without further notice.

Intending emigrants to Manitoba, as well as all others interested in this new territory, should read a pamphlet just published by A. S. Irving, Toronto. It gives a correct account of the extent of the north west territories; the soil, national resources, and the routes to travel—with their history down to the present time. There is also a reliable map attached. Price 25 cents.

THE VOLUNTEERS.—The Oak Ridges Cavalry Troop, under command of Lt. Col. McLeod, arrived at Richmond Hill (their headquarters), at two P.M., yesterday, from the camp at Niagara. They all seemed in good spirits, and, although considerably sunburnt, we understand that they put in a good time at the front.

POTATO BUG.—Hugh Miller & Co., Druggists, Toronto, advertise this week a preparation that they warrant to exterminate the potato bug. Give it a trial.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Immediately after the facts of the late sad affair becoming known, John N. Reid, Esq., M.D., one of Her Majesty's Coroners for the County of York, was notified. On the afternoon of Friday he empanelled a jury at Raymond's Hotel, to enquire into the cause of death of Andrew MacBeth, composed of the following gentlemen: Parker Crosby, John Hart, Matthew McNair, Liverseege Brandon, Wm. Atkinson, A. L. Skeele, James M. Lawrence, William Munshaw, Wm. Harrison, Robert French, William S. Warren, William Pogue, and Andrew M. Hood. Mr. Crosby was chosen foreman. The jury adjourned and proceeded to the house of the deceased to view the body. On returning to the hotel the following evidence was submitted:

JOHN HOSTETTER sworn and said: Am a Doctor of Medicine, and Master of Surgery; have known deceased for the last nine years; have occasionally attended deceased professionally. He was generally a healthy man; was called to see deceased on the morning of June 16th, 1871, on the floor of the workshop; he was then conscious, but was in a dying state. The whole muscular system seemed to be in a state of spasm; the lips, face and hands were quite livid; the symptoms were those of a person poisoned or suffering from the poison of strychnine. I cannot swear that deceased came to his death from strychnine. I attempted to administer an emetic of mustard but did not succeed; I did not try anything else, as the man died about five minutes after I saw him. To a juror—I have examined deceased previously and never detected any heart symptoms. Tetanus will produce similar symptoms.

ROBERT A. GRAY sworn and said: I saw the deceased about five minutes before he complained of being ill, at about twenty-five minutes to ten A.M.; was not then in conversation with him. I was talking to Mr. Thomas Cook directly opposite the workshop of deceased and where deceased was working, and looking across the road I saw deceased working at a wheel; in about three minutes after I looked over again and saw some person lifting deceased into the shop; I crossed over and found deceased on the floor; he was then conscious, and I noticed the arms and legs were the subject of frequent jerking. Mr. Armstrong, Dr. Langstaff's pupil, was sent for; when Armstrong arrived he asked deceased what he had taken; deceased replied that he had taken something from a paper or box that he thought was morphine. Armstrong gave the deceased an emetic. It did not operate or take effect; he died in about twenty minutes after. I do not know anything as to the cause of his death; was present when Dr. Hostetter was called. The deceased died for an emetic when Armstrong came; Armstrong went for one, and found when he returned that it was almost impossible to give him an emetic. Deceased was under the impression that he had taken morphine.

FRANCIS R. ARMSTRONG sworn and said: Am a pupil of Dr. Langstaff; was sent for to see deceased about ten o'clock this morning. I then went to deceased and found him lying inside the door of the shop—lying partly on his face—there was violent twitching and jerking of the limbs, and of the whole body. I asked deceased what was the matter, and what he had taken; he replied, give me an emetic, I have taken something out of a box. I enquired for the box but he was not then so sensible; he answered, he did not know. I then went to procure about 30 grains of Ipecac, and when I got back the countenance was livid, the jaws locked or nearly so, and he was the subject of violent spasms. I gave deceased some of the emetic, but not much; he lived about fifteen minutes after this. In the meantime Dr. Hostetter was sent for, who, when he arrived, tried to give him a mustard emetic, but did not succeed. I do deceased during the period of sensibility that I thought he had taken strychnine; he did not reply. After death of deceased, I with Dr. Hostetter examined a box purporting to be the box which contained the paper. Mr. T. MacBeth placed the box on the table. On examining the contents of box, found it containing loose papers and money; it appeared to have been used as a money box. The papers appeared to be business papers. The paper now presented and labelled "strychnine poison" is the paper shown to me as having been found in the box. The paper was opened before me by Dr. Hostetter and it was found empty. I believe deceased came to his death from strychnine. One grain of strychnine would be sufficient to produce death or to cause death in the human subject. To a juror—when I first saw deceased knowing that he had been well before, it struck me from my knowledge of the action of strychnine that deceased must have taken it. Other poisons will produce similar results, but not in such a marked manner. I do not think deceased had taken strychnine more than five minutes when I saw him; the fact of deceased having taken breakfast might lengthen the period in which violent symptoms as spasms might supervene. When I first saw deceased, his eyes were closed, later they were starting from their sockets, pupils still natural.

At this stage of proceedings the coroner thought it necessary to order a post mortem examination of the body, and analysis of the stomach. He therefore, appointed Dr. Hostetter, and the jury, Dr. Langstaff. The Coroner, in order to give the necessary time to the medical gentlemen to follow up their investigations, adjourned the inquest until

the following Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Coroner opened the court at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening last.

Dr. Hostetter read the following evidence with regard to the post mortem examination and analysis:

I, John Hostetter, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng., resident of the Township of Markham, maketh oath and saith, that on the evening of the 16th inst., I proceeded to the house of the late Andrew MacBeth, Richmond Hill; by the order of Dr. Reid, one of Her Majesty's Coroners, and with the assistance of Dr. Langstaff, made a post mortem examination of the body of the late Andrew MacBeth. I made an external examination of the body before proceeding to open it, but found no marks of violence; I noticed an unusual stiffness and rigidity of all the muscles of the body, so much so that it was impossible for me to bend the limbs. The rigidity was far greater than occurs after death by ordinary diseases. Examined the internal parts: the heart was as rigid as the muscles elsewhere, but did not present any organic disease; the right ventricle contained some liquid blood, which was of an exceeding dark color. The lungs and liver were congested, but otherwise they appeared healthy. A portion of the mucous membrane of the stomach near the termination of the oesophagus was congested; the remainder was healthy. The stomach contained five ounces of semi liquid chyme, in which I observed oil globules and a few particles of potatoes and bread floating. I have since carefully analyzed a portion of the contents of the stomach. Having been present when deceased died, and believing it was from spasms from the peculiar symptoms, from which he suffered; and, connecting the symptoms before death with the unusual rigidity of body noticed at the time I made the post mortem, induced me to believe that deceased came to his death from strychnine, for which poison I have more particularly tested than any other. I first experimented upon some of the more liquid portions of the stomach, without concentrating it, which I divided into three portions; to the first I added sulphuric acid and black oxide of manganese; to the second I added sulphuric acid and ferricyanide of potassium, and to the third sulphuric acid and bicarbonate of potash; in each a series of beautiful purple and violet colors were produced, which soon passed to a light red tint. This process is considered by Found, Stas, and other authors on poison, to be reliable, as the chemicals mentioned will not produce the same series of colors obtained, on any drug but strychnine. I continued my investigation still further, and succeeded in obtaining crystals of strychnine. To a fourth portion of the chyme I added rectified spirits and acetic acid. I then concentrated it in a water bath, after which I neutralized it with ammonia; to this I added chloroform and ether, and distilled it in a glass tube, which dissolved the strychnine set free by the ammonia; I then allowed the liquid to evaporate spontaneously; the residuum in which were traces of crystals, I submitted to the same tests that I first described, which produced the same series of colors already mentioned. I have no hesitation in stating that deceased came to his death by taking strychnine.

JOHN HOSTETTER saith in addition: There are none of the other poisons that will produce such excessive rigidity of body as I found present in the deceased. It is not usual to find a highly congested condition of the stomach after poisoning by strychnine. Strychnine acts on the spinal nerves through the nerves of voluntary as well as involuntary action. Persons taking poisonous doses of strychnine usually die of asphyxia. Deceased had been under my care about the 19th March last, suffering from lumbago, and then gave deceased an emetic of ipecac and opium, and then gave deceased six powders of one-eighth grain of morphine and two grains of sulphate of quinine, each one to be taken every fourth hour. This prescription was given in the presence of Dr. Hilary of Aurora. To a juror—I had no medicine from me since. I visited deceased on the 2nd March last; he was suffering from lumbago; cannot tell whether he got any powders from me then; never gave the deceased or any of the family any strychnine. I would judge that deceased had taken five or six grains of strychnine; half a grain has been known to produce death. After taking five grains of strychnine spasms set in from five to twenty minutes; death usually supervenes from a half an hour to an hour.

JANE MACBETH sworn and said: Have been married to deceased 16 years; have lived comfortably together all that period. Deceased was generally temperate in his habits; he complained of pain in his back and limbs for something less than 1 year before his death; this pain was so severe at times as to force him to go to bed; I remember the circumstance of deceased getting six powders from Dr. Hostetter, on the 19th of March last; I gave these powders at different times to deceased, all but one. I kept the powders in the cupboard on the mantelshelf, and on the bureau in his bedroom. The last powder is in the house yet. I remember the morning of the death of deceased; deceased did not speak of taking medicine on the morning of his death; I am not aware that deceased took any medicine on that morning. Have had strychnine in the house for about six months for the purpose of killing rats and mice; I have always kept it in the cash box, and was not aware that deceased ever carried strychnine himself about his person. Deceased came into the house about ten o'clock A.M., and brought me a fish. He then left me, but I do not know which way he went. The paper shown to me in court I believe to be the one I kept the strychnine in; when I last put the paper away there was but a

small quantity of strychnine left—about what would lie on a five-cent piece of money. The box in which the strychnine was kept was not locked at this time. I think the deceased took a powder once himself, all other times I prepared them for him to take. I saw deceased just before he died in the shop; he asked me if that was strychnine in his box. I replied yes, and he answered, if it was he was a gone man. Either deceased or his brother, Thomas MacBeth, procured the strychnine from R. E. Law's drug store, although I am not certain in this matter. Deceased did not take care of his powders; I took care of these powders; he told me to put the strychnine in the cash box; he must have known of it being there.

ROBERT E. LAW sworn and said: Have known deceased ten years; am a Druggist by profession; remember of deceased having procured ten cents worth of strychnine from me about last Christmas, for the purpose of killing rats; he did not bring any order from a physician. Deceased did not procure any strychnine from me since; he got some strychnine from me once before, which he gave to Mr. French. To a juror—my retail price is two cents per grain; none of the family of deceased ever procured strychnine from me. The paper shown me in court is the one I gave deceased the strychnine in, as well as I can remember.

ISAAC FRENCH sworn and said: Knew nothing touching the death of deceased, Andrew MacBeth; deceased gave me a small paper containing strychnine last winter; he recommended it to me for killing rats, and said he had used it for that purpose. I have been intimate with deceased for over two years; I asked deceased if it was not dangerous to carry strychnine about in his pocket; he replied that it was safer there than lying about the house. The package was carefully tied up in six or seven papers.

JOHN STREET sworn and said: I remember the 16th of June; have lived and worked as a journeyman with deceased for the last eight months; did not hear deceased complain on the morning of June 16th; he went into the house about half-past nine o'clock; he came out and bought a fish. He went in again and came out in about ten or fifteen minutes; after going to work at a wheel for the space of about fifteen minutes, he called me to come there; he said he was sick, and had his hand under his head, his legs drawn up behind him, and lying under the wagon; he told me to go for the Doctor, and I went at once; on looking back I saw deceased crawling on his hands and knees towards the shop. I brought Mr. Armstrong, Dr. Langstaff not being at home; he died at about twenty minutes to eleven A.M., of that day. When Mrs. MacBeth came out, she asked deceased what he had taken; he replied that that was strychnine in the box; Mrs. MacBeth also asked what was the matter when she came out; deceased was lively and cheerful that morning.

THOMAS MACBETH sworn and said: Am a brother of deceased; boarded with deceased last fourteen years. He complained in the month of March last of lumbago; I believe he got some medicine for it from Dr. Hostetter, but never saw him take any; saw some powders in the house; understood from both his wife and self that these powders were kept in the cash box. I remember the morning of the 16th June; did not hear him complain that morning. Mr. Street called me down from the loft above as he was going for the doctor; I came down and found deceased trying to reach the door step; assisted him into the shop and asked him what was the matter; he said he had taken a powder that morning; I asked him if he knew what kind of powder; he replied it was morphine. After this he was seized with convulsions; Mr. Armstrong arrived just then and advised sending for another doctor; I brought Dr. Hostetter; about five minutes after he was dead. After death of deceased I went to examine the cash box; found it with the key in the lock, unlocked; on lifting up the book in which he kept his bank bills, I found under it the paper shown me in court, which was labelled strychnine; examined box carefully but it did not contain any other package; the strychnine was kept in a pocket book in cash box; did not know that the strychnine was taken out the night before for any purpose; the deceased and wife lived happily together.

JAS. LANGSTAFF M.D., sworn and said: Have heard the post mortem examination of body deceased, Andrew MacBeth, and fully corroborate the statements of Dr. Hostetter. The left cavity of the heart was exceedingly rigid; there was not two teaspoonfuls of blood in the left cavity. A person usually dies of suffocation after taking strychnine; I believe deceased came to his death by strychnine. One half grain of strychnine might produce death; it has no tendency to irritate the membrane of stomach; I have not attended Mr. MacBeth lately; the deceased did not get any medicine from me.

This closed the evidence, and after the coroner summed up, the jury returned the following verdict: "That this jury are of the opinion according to the evidence that the deceased, Andrew MacBeth, came to his death by strychnine, administered by his own hand in a mistake, supposing it to be a morphine powder."

We have an interesting letter from Manitoba this week but for want of space we are compelled to lay it over until next week.

Yorkville Public School Board.

The usual monthly meeting of the Board was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Friday evening. Present: Mr. S. Wickson, chairman, presiding, and Messrs G. Scott, D. Crown, J. Severn, J. Gibson and W. S. Robinson. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Reports: A report from the Principal, Mr. A. Muir, B. A. was received, showing an average attendance in the month of May, in the senior department of boys, of 63; in the junior department of boys, 72; in senior department of girls, 60; in the junior department of girls, 68; making a total average attendance of 263, of which number 49 are non-resident pupils. A report from Mr. Andrew Smiley who had been appointed to take the census of the village for school purposes, was received, showing the total population of the village to be 2,120, and between the ages of 5 and 16, 586. Mr. J. Gibson, chairman of the Committee on Finance and School Property, presented a report from that committee, submitting the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Board for the current year as follows:

Table with financial data: Estimated receipts, Non-resident pupils \$100.00, Government grant 175.00, Clergy reserve fund 100.00, Interest, stock mortgage 30.00, 405.00. Deficiency of 1870 \$111.67, Teacher's Salaries 1,220.00, Fuel 200.00, Insurance 30.00, Election Expenses 7.00, Census 4.00, Leprosy 75.00, Prize Books 25.00, School apparatus and stationery 10.00, Contingent expenses 10.00, Total \$1,692.67.

Mr. Crown moved, seconded by Mr. Scott. That a cheque be drawn on the village treasurer for the sum of \$89.30 which with the sum of \$12.28 received from non-resident pupils will pay the teachers' salaries for the month of May, and a cheque in favour of A. Smiley for the sum of \$5 for taking census for school purposes. Carried.

Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Crown. That the secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the estimates for the current year to the Municipal Council. Carried.

Mr. Gibson moved, seconded by Mr. Crown. That the secretary be requested to notify Mrs. Bailey, at present in charge of the school house, that it is the design of the Board to place the Principal in charge of the school buildings at an early day. Carried.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Severn the meeting adjourned.

MR. JAMES I. FELLOWS, ST. JOHN, N. B.—Sir: Having, while at your establishment, carefully examined your prescription, and the method of preparing your Compound Syrup, I felt anxious to give it a fair trial in my practice. For the last twelve months I have done so, and I find that in Incipient Consumption, and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, it has done wonders. In restoring persons suffering from the effects of Diphtheria, and the cough following Typhoid Fever, prevalent in this region, it is the best remedial agent I have ever used. But for persons suffering from exhaustion of the powers of the brain and nervous system, from long continued study or teaching, or in those cases of exhaustion from which so many young men suffer, I know of no better medicine for restoration to health than your Compound Syrup.

If you think this letter of any service, you are at liberty to use it as you see fit. I remain, yours, &c. EDWIN CLAY, M.D. Pugwash, N. S., January 11, 1868.

A Town wife threw a bottle of hair-reviver at her husband's head, at which he said, "We must part—the dye is cast."

TORONTO MARKETS. Toronto, June 22, 1871. Flour, 70 barrels \$5.00 @ 5.90, Wheat, 1 bush 1.20 @ 1.26, Spring Wheat, 1 bush 1.25 @ 1.26, Barley, 1 bush 0.55 @ 0.62, Pease, do 0.75 @ 0.80, Oats, do 0.48 @ 0.52, Hay, (ton) 11.00 @ 15.00, Straw, (ton) 8.00 @ 12.00, Butter, 1 lb rolls 0.13 @ 0.18, Pork, per 10 lbs 6.50 @ 6.75, Wool, 1 lb 0.28 @ 0.37, Apples, per bush 3.75 @ 5.00, Potatoes, per bag 0.80 @ 1.20.

New Advertisements. JEWELRY! JEWELRY! For Sale cheap, at the HERALD Office.

NORTHERN RAILWAY OF CANADA Richmond Hill Station. Change of time (taking effect April 24, 1871): Going North 8:04 A.M., 5:04 P.M., Going South 9:34 A.M., 8:09 P.M.

MAILS MADE UP AT THE RICHMOND HILL Post Office. Until further notice, the mails will be closed at this office as follows: MORNING, Northern Mail 6:30 A.M., Southern Mail 6:30 A.M., Mail for Alberta 11:30 A.M., Cashier 11:30 A.M., Gornley 10:00 A.M., Headford 10:00 A.M., Victoria Square 10:00 A.M. EVENING MAIL, Southern mail 6:30 P.M.

N.B. REGISTERED LETTERS will require to be handed in 15 minutes before the time of closing. BRITISH MAILS. Are closed at Toronto as follows: By Canada Line, every Monday, 10:30 A.M. By Canadian Line, every Thursday 10:00 P.M. N.B. Letters for Despatch by those lines of Steamers should be so marked. The rate on Letters for the United Kingdom (via Quebec in summer, and Portland in winter), is now reduced to 6 cents per 1/2 oz weight. If sent via New York, it will be 8 cents per 1/2 oz. These rates apply only to prepaid letters; if sent unpaid, or insufficiently prepaid, there will be a fine of double the amount of deficient postage. M. TEEFF, Postmaster. Richmond Hill, April 19, 1871.