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### Our Toronto Letter.

The Legislature has not yet got fairly  
to work. The resolutions passed at the  
Inter Provincial Conference were to have  
been introduced last week by the Attorney  
General. But Mr. Mowat had a bad cold  
which rendered his voice unfit for speak-  
ing, and so they had to stand over. Hon.  
A. M. Ross, the Provincial Treasurer will  
have made his annual statement, showing  
the position of the Ontario finances, be-  
fore this reaches the eyes of your readers.  
Among the measures already introduced  
by the Government is one that provides  
that Municipalities may upon the petition  
of seventy five per cent. of the store keep-  
ers pass a by law to compel the store keep-  
ers within their limits to close their  
places of business at a certain hour. The  
design of the bill is to prevent a few  
merchants, who will not consent to close  
at a reasonable time, from thus forcing all  
the others to keep their stores open until  
such an hour as the obstinate ones put up  
their shutters. The bill is certainly a de-  
cided move in the right direction and is  
very generally approved. Since my last  
letter Mr. Whitney, Conservative, has  
been elected to succeed Dr. Chamberlain,  
Liberal who sat for the County of Dun-  
das during the last session, whilst Mr.  
Clark, Liberal, has been chosen for East  
Northumberland in the place of Dr.  
Willoughby the former conservatives  
member. The numerical strength of the  
parties therefore remains just as it was.  
Both of the new members are said to be  
well possessed of more ability than our  
average provincial legislator.

Referring to the early closing bill re-  
minds one of the many young girls who  
are employed in our large retail stores  
and manufacturing establishments. Work-  
ing as most of them do from early in the  
morning until six and on some days until  
eleven o'clock at night, many of them on  
their feet all day, they receive but very  
slight remuneration for their labor. A  
person passing the places of employment  
as the girls leave their work at night can-  
not fail being struck with the pale and  
tired looking faces of nearly all of them.  
Many of them doubtless have exchanged  
a healthy country home for the uncertain  
pleasures of a city life. It would have  
been much better for those country girls  
had they been contented to remain where  
they were; it would have been vastly bet-  
ter for future generations.

The approach of Lent has stimulated  
the activity of Toronto society, Balls,  
fashionable "at home's" and large parties  
are the order of the day and ambitious  
mothers have their time fully occupied.  
Two society papers have entered upon an  
existence, the duration of which fate has  
not yet decreed. Altogether the present  
season has I think been of more than  
usual brilliancy.

In political circles the situation has  
changed but little. The defeat of the  
Reform candidate in Halton has added  
to the general demoralization of the Lib-  
eral party, whilst a feeling of unrest and  
of dissatisfaction with the present condi-  
tion of the country prevades even the Con-  
servative ranks. Party lines appear to  
be drawn less strongly than ever before,  
and men express themselves freely on the  
public questions of the day. The ap-  
pointment of Lord Landsdowne's success-  
or scarcely occasions street comment. We  
have come to look on the Governor-Gen-  
eral as possessed of so little real power  
that it does not concern us who is our  
nominal head. His position appears to be  
an anomalous one. Were he to endeavor  
to thwart the popular will as expressed  
by the people's representatives, or make  
an attempt to carry into effect his own  
individual wishes, we should declare that  
his usefulness was gone, but if then, as  
necessarily follows, he is of use only in  
his doing nothing, why should we main-  
tain him?

The doings of the Fisheries Commission  
are kept very secret so that no one out-  
side those engaged can say what progress  
is being made. As far, however, as we  
can judge matters are at a deadlock, the  
American Commissioners claiming a sur-  
render of the rights which the Canadians  
claim under the Treaty of 1818, whilst  
Sir Charles Tupper offers to give them up  
in return for the free admission by the  
United States of our natural products  
only. Mr. Chamberlain is said to be wil-  
ling to accede to the American demands  
but is making a show of holding out for  
awhile. We shall soon know what the  
Commissioners will or will not do.

The financial depression is being severe-  
ly felt among our merchants. Every few  
days another failure is reported, and it  
does not appear when the end will be  
reached. Debtors of the defunct Central  
Bank will soon be called upon to pay up,  
and some of them will hardly be able to  
stand the pressure. The Court has not  
yet decided whether Liquidator Campbell  
shall be removed or not. When judg-  
ment is given it is to be hoped that the  
winding up of the bank will be vigorously  
proceeded with.

The appointment of Peter Ryan, Adam  
Armstrong and J. A. Proctor, as License  
Commissioners for Toronto, has just been

announced. All are good men, and will  
discharge their duties as satisfactorily as  
men holding that position can. As the  
number of licenses to be granted has not  
been further reduced, their task will not  
be so hard as that allotted to their prede-  
cessors last year.

Word has been received from Ottawa  
that the sentence of Neil, the Central  
Prison murderer, will not be commuted.  
He will, therefore, hang at the end of the  
present month.

SENEY.

**GOOD NEWS.**—It isn't generally under-  
stood that the electric light may some  
day or other line the farmers' path-way  
up Yonge Street to Richmond Hill.  
Won't that be grand! In the meantime,  
I would advise every farmer along the  
route and every concession to use the  
great Rock Spring Coal Oil. The price  
is so low that you will hold your breath  
when you hear it pronounced by Dilworth  
The Druggist, between the Clyde and  
Nipissing Hotels, Toronto

### Vaughan Council

The Municipal Council of the Town-  
ship of Vaughan met in the Town Hall,  
Tuesday, the 14th day of February, 1888.

Members present: Messrs. A. Malloy,  
Reeve; A. Russell, 1st Deputy Reeve; I.  
Reaman, 2nd Deputy Reeve; G. High,  
3rd Deputy Reeve, and P. Devins, Coun-  
cillor.

The Reeve in the chair. Minutes of  
last meeting read and adopted.

The following accounts were presented  
and ordered to be paid:—

R. B. Orr, for Jenn Wiles, clean-  
ing tanks at Thornhill ..... \$6 37½  
T. F. McMahon, printing, &c..... 7 00  
J. J. Cameron, broom for Town  
Hall ..... 25

The following petitions were presented:

From Mr. Geo. Elliott and 78 others  
asking the Council to take such legal ac-  
tion which they as a Council are possessed  
of, to close up as a public road that por-  
tion of road running through lots Nos.  
11, 12 and part of 13, in the 8th con-  
cession, and to dispose of that portion which  
runs through lot No. 11. Mr. Elliott  
addressed the Council and gave reasons  
in support of his petition.

From Mr. High, in behalf of Mr. John  
Parkins and 23 others, re: cutting hills  
on 4th Con. and on sideroad between lots  
30 and 31.

From Mr. High, in behalf of Mr. W.  
A. McCutcheon and 42 others, re: open-  
ing townline between the 8th and 9th  
concessions.

From Mr. Russell, in behalf of Mr.  
Alex. Cameron and 40 others, re: opening  
up town line.

From Mr. Reaman, on behalf of Mr.  
John Langstaff and 45 others, re: gravel-  
ling sideroad between lots 5 and 6, lead-  
ing from Thornhill to Thornhill station.

From Mr. Reaman, on behalf of Mr.  
John Witty and 28 others, re: graveling  
sideline between lots 10 and 11 from  
Yonge St. to 4th Con. of Vaughan.

Mr. Geo. Cooper presented a claim for  
sheep killed by dogs.

Moved by Mr. High, seconded by Mr.  
Devins that the Treasurer be and is here-  
by authorized to pay Geo. Cooper the  
sum of \$12.58, being ⅓ the value of sheep  
killed by dogs.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Reaman, seconded by  
Mr. Devins, that with reference to the  
petition of Mr. Geo. Elliott and 78 others  
to close up an established road, known as  
the Shaver Road, the Clerk is hereby in-  
structed to have the necessary notices and  
advertising for closing said road posted  
and published as required by law.—  
Carried.

Moved by Mr. High, seconded by Mr.  
Devins, that the petition of Mr. John  
Parkins and 23 others be referred to the  
commissioners for districts Nos. 1 and 3.

Moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by  
Mr. Reaman, that the petitions of Messrs.  
W. A. McCutcheon, Alex. Cameron, and  
82 others be referred to the commissioners  
for district No. 3, to meet a committee  
from King Council re opening town line.—  
Carried.

Moved by Mr. High, seconded by Mr.  
Devins, that the petition of Mr. John  
Langstaff and 45 others be referred to the  
commissioners of District No. 1.—  
Carried.

Moved by Mr. High, seconded by Mr.  
Devins, that the petition of Mr. John  
Witty and 28 others be referred to the  
commissioners of Dist. No. 1.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. High, seconded by Mr.  
Devins, that the Treasurer be and is here-  
by authorized to pay the following ac-  
counts:—

Wm. Knight, for coffin and attend-  
ance at funeral of Wm. Bogardis \$9 00  
Alfred Bishop, digging grave..... 2 00  
Wm. Powers, digging grave for W.  
Fagan's child..... 1 00

—Carried.  
Moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by  
Mr. Reaman, that the Treasurer be and  
is hereby authorized to pay the following  
road accounts:—

District No. 1.—

Geo. Weldrick, for 16 days draw-

ing gravel, at \$1.50 ..... \$24 00  
D. Boyle, 7 days drawing gravel... 10 50  
W. Pearson, 4½ days drawing gravel 6 75  
John Mulock, filling gravel, 16 dys 16 00  
Geo. Weldrick, 174 loads gravel... 17 40  
Samuel Clift, bolts for bridge ..... 1 82  
District No. 2 —  
G. Brown, 11 days drawing gravel  
at \$1.50 ..... 16 50  
District No. 3 —  
Michael Powers, graveling between  
lots 20 and 21, 4th Con.... 50 75  
Robert Rumble, 102 loads gravel  
at 10 cents ..... 10 20

Carried.

A by-law was passed accepting Mr. W.  
Cook's resignation as auditor for the town-  
ship. The blank was filled with the  
name of Geo. F. Wallace.

The Council then adjourned to meet  
on Tuesday, March 13th.

Great excitement throughout the neigh-  
borhood of Richmond Hill over a very  
startling letter received from Wm. Turn-  
er, of Whitechurch, speaking in the high-  
est terms of "Japanese Catarrh Cure."  
He says, "I have used one box, and I  
think one more will cure me. Mine was  
a very bad case of catarrh." Cures stuff-  
ing of the nose so troublesome to child-  
ren, cold in the head, nose or throat.  
Sample box, 25 cents; large size, 50 cents.  
Joseph Dilworth, Chemist, 170 King St.  
East, next door to Nipissing Hotel, To-  
ronto.

### Village Council.

The Village Council met on Monday  
evening, Feb. 13th, at 8.30 o'clock.

Members present: Messrs. Pugsley  
(Reeve), Sanderson, Savage and Atkinson.  
The Reeve in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting, held on Jan.  
16th, read and confirmed.

Mr. H. C. Clubine, of the firm of  
Clubine & Co., of Stouffville, addressed  
the Council in reference to the laying of  
asphalt sidewalks, for which he is agent.  
He mentioned Barrie, Stouffville, Mark-  
ham and other places where he had done  
a good deal of the work, and said he was  
prepared to state it had given good sat-  
isfaction. The sidewalk complete would  
cost 45 cents a square yard, and he would  
give a guarantee for five years.

The Council looked upon the scheme  
with favor, and said they would consider  
the matter before the time of building  
sidewalks.

The following bills were presented and  
ordered to be paid:—M.H. Keefer, print-  
ing bills, ballot papers, &c., for Muni-  
cipal and School Trustee Elections, \$6.25;  
Village Inspector, keeping traps, 80cts.

Mr. H. Miller addressed the Council  
in reference to their securing a car load  
of lumber from an Orillia firm. He  
thought the hemlock would be better  
than what could be purchased in this part  
of the country.

The Council agreed to let Mr. Miller  
know in due time.

The Reeve introduced the question of  
building a lock-up for the village, giving  
good reasons why he considered such was  
necessary. He thought the cost would  
be in the neighborhood of \$100 or \$125.

All the members present spoke in favor  
of building such a place.

Mr. Sanderson considered one could be  
built on the Park, 16 ft long, 10 ft wide  
and 8 ft high for \$88 not including the  
work.

It was finally moved by Mr. Savage,  
seconded by Mr. Atkinson that a com-  
mittee composed of the Reeve and Coun-  
cillors Sanderson and Atkinson be ap-  
pointed to draw up a plan, with the prob-  
able cost of a lock-up, and present the  
same at next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sanderson, seconded  
by Mr. Atkinson, that Mr. Savage, as  
chairman of Fire and Water committee,  
be instructed to procure for the Fire  
Brigade half a dozen of hose keys.—Car-  
ried.

Mr. Savage, Dr. Wilson and the Clerk  
were appointed a committee to make in-  
quiries in reference to the asphalt side-  
walk material.

A long discussion took place as to whether  
Mr. W. Trench should have been  
charged anything for the use of the water  
tank and wagon for the past year. In  
answer to a question by the Reeve, the  
clerk stated that the bill (\$3.00) had not  
been presented.

It was finally moved by Mr. Atkinson,  
seconded by Mr. Savage, that in future  
the water tank and wagon be lent to Mr.  
Trench free of charge, on condition that  
he keep it in proper repair.—Carried.

The Council adjourned to meet on  
Monday, March 5th, at 8 p. m.

**DISASTROUS.**—The most intense excite-  
ment is felt in the flourishing village  
of Richmond Hill and its surroundings,  
as facts are revealed, of numerous families  
who are dying, in the most beautiful  
colors; in fact all the colors of the rain-  
bow, by using the popular Sun Set Dyes,  
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