ESQUESING COUNCIL.

STEWARTTOWN, May 8th, 1887.

The Council met as a Court of Revision.

All the members present.

The members of the Court having been duly sworn, on motion N. Lindsay, Esquire, was appointed Chairman of the Court.

There being no formal appeals, the Court examined the assessment roll and adjourned until the afternoon.

The Council then met. The Reeve in the chair. Members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Petitions from D. Keith and others, Wm. Moore and others, B. Wallace and others, for improvement of highways was read; also a petition from certain ratepayers of S. S. No. 4, with reference to the formation of a new school section at Whaley's Corner: also a letter from John Warren, Esq., relative to job on 27 and 28, 6 con., a copy of resolution passed by the Council of the City of Ottawa, and some accounts for the repair of roads.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Graham that the Clerk be authorized to notify the trustees of S. S. No. 4 that a petition from certain ratepayers of said Section has been presented to this Council, praying that eight hundred acres be detached from said Section, towards the formation of a union with adjoining townships at Whaley's Corner, and that the petition will be taken into consideration by the Council at its next meeting. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the Treasurer pay to John Townsend the sum of $1 for repair of culvert lot 27, con. 11. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Evans, that a Committee, consisting of the Reeve, Mr. Campbell and the mover, be appointed to examine the roads referred to in the petition of Benjamin Wallace and others, and in the petition of D. Keith and others; also to examine the 3rd con. line and make such repairs as they may deem necessary. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Dr. Webster, that the account of James Ashenhurst for building new culvert on 6th line, amounting to $8.50, be paid by the Treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Evans, that $4 be paid to Mr. Wm. Clark, being two thirds value of one sheep killed by dogs. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Graham, that Messrs. Campbell and Evans be appointed a Committee to meet a Committee of Erin Township relative to improvements on the Town Line between Esquesing and Erin; also that they are hereby authorized to order the necessary repairs to culverts on Town Line (lot 27, con. 11) also to examine and have repaired, if necessary, cross-road between 27 and 28, 8th con. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the sum of fifteen dollars be granted on the application of Wm. Snow and John F. Gillies, to assist in defraying the expenses of Gilbert McKechnie at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Toronto, as he is likely to lose his sight if not attended to. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the mover be appointed to meet a Committee of the Chinguacousy Council and that he be authorized to have such repairs made on behalf of this Township on the hill, roadway and bridges opposite lot 7 Town Line, as may be agreed upon. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase six steel road scrapers. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Joseph Kyle $3 for frequent repairs to west branch bridge. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Clerk be authorized to notify Hiram Swackhamer, that if his contract be not completed by the 1st July, the said contract will be cancelled and re-let. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Evans, that Dr. Webster and the mover be a Committee to examine the cross-road between 10 and 11, 6th con., referred to in the petition of Jas. Ashenhurst and others, and expend such sum as they deem necessary to put the same in proper repair; also that the Reeve and Mr. Campbell be a Committee to let and superintend the construction of a new bridge on the Check Line, 6 con.; that the Reeve and the mover be a Committee to let the building of bridges on the base line, 3rd con., and that Mr. Evans be a Commissioner to let contract of gravelling on 2nd line, lot 32. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that $12 be paid to Angus Keith, being ⅔ value of 3 sheep killed by dogs the owner being unknown. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that that the Treasurer be and hereby authorized to pay Mr. D. Higgins one hundred and fifty dollars, being his salary as Assessor for the present year. Carried.

The Council then adjourned until the 27th June.

The Court of Revision having assembled, pursuant to adjournment, it was moved by Dr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the following corrections be made in the Assessment Roll, viz.:

No. 581 altered from Wm. Bell to Chas. Bell. No. 232, Wm. Anderson, jr., should be owner. No. 232, Wm. Anderson, sr., should be occupant. No. 402 to be struck off—Susan and Eva to be added as joint owners with Alexander Kent. Lawrence Coyle to be inserted as tenant of part of Lot 1, Con. 9, 1-5 acr'r value, $,150. No. 298, Mary A. Carradice to be struck off, and Robt. Boyd be inserted as owner and Robt. Boyd, senior, as Tenant of the property. No. 259 to be struck off, the property to be assessed to Neil McCallum. No. 531 to be struck off and George Hilton's name inserted instead. age 35 years. Edward Smith, clerk, age 33, to be assessed for pt. 11, Con. 11, 1-5th acre, value $200, as tenant, the same to be deducted from Wm. Watson's assessment. No. 366, Mrs. Jane Henderson to be inserted as occupant of property assessed to No. 366. 239, Mrs. Ann Thompson to be inserted for property assessed to C. Alderson, the latter name to be struck off. 1494 John and William Keys to be inserted as tenants of S. ½ 31, Con. 9. 1401, 1402, 1403—the names opposite these numbers to be struck off, the property to be assessed to Robert Logan as owner.

That the Assessment Roll, as now finally revised and corrected, be passed by the Court, and the chairman is hereby authorized to initial the alterations and additions therein. Carried.

Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Evans, moved that the Court do now rise. Carried.

—*Herald.*

The Reformed Presbyterian Synod of America in session at Newburgh, N. Y., has declared that the violation of the Sabbath by the Postoffice Department is one of the greatest sins of the Government.

An Oil Country Preacher's Sermon Against Innovators of the Diamond.

From the Oil City Derrick.

Rev. Mr. Woolcock, popularly known as "the Deacon," in his sermon on the creek last Sunday, made a few remarks pertinent to baseball. Pointing out of the window at a game in progress on the adjoining Wilson flats, he said: "See that loafer with the birdcage on his head, standing like a straddle-bug behind the bat. He is not desecrating the sabbath by playing ball, because he isn't playing ball. He can't play. He imagines he can, of course, and goes through with all the painful contortions of a real ball player; but in the devil's score book he is charged ten times over for every error, and a nice record he'll have when the season is over and the time for his eternal rest should be at hand. It will be a sorry eternal rest for him."

Just then some one made a long hit, and a shout went up from the crowd.

"Yes, hooplas!" yelled the deacon, raising his voice above the din: "hoopla till the crows come home, but unless you raise your hosannas to the Lord, you'll never reach the shining home plate of everlasting life. That was a long hit to center, and I give his nibs there credit for taking it in, but the devil will take him in just as slick on the last inning of all. You may send in your curved balls, and smash the leather in the nose to the right or to the left field; you may steal from bag to bag and slide in home on your pantaloons, but finally you will get a goose egg in the kingdom come. Aye, pound on the pearly gates with your baseball bat, put if there is a shadow of a Sunday game on it, down to the eternal roast you go. St. Peter careth not whether you belong to the Snapdragons or the Whangdoodles, if you swing your festive willow and pound the bags on Sunday saltpetre will not save you. There goes another long hit to the left, and another fly will go up from the assembled multitude of idlers and loafers. Chase the ball, aye, leg it till your ungodly heels beat a tattoo on your coat-tails, but my word for it, the devil will never get away from your elbow. Old Clothic is a base runner and a ball chaser himself, and he'll stay with you until his dominations freeze over and have to be abandoned for an ice pond." The deacon made a few more remarks, exhorting his hearers to shun the seductive ball field and the trout pond on Sunday, and announced services next Sabbath morning and evening at the red school house on Sugar Creek.

All True as Gospel.

Methuselah was contemporary with Adam some 243 years, and also with Shem some 98 years; Shem also was contemporary with Isaac some 50 years, so that during this period of some 2,100 years between Adam and Isaac, Adam could have told the story of Eden to Methuselah and Methuselah to Shem and Shem to Isaac. Were the antediluvian longevity still prevalent a man might say to his grandson to-day: "I was present at the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth."—Chicago Living Church.

Prohibition Knocked Out.

The constitutional amendment was defeated in the Massachusetts Legislature last week by a vote of 139 to 74. The people of Massachusetts had a prohibitory law in force for some years, and it was a huge farce. Hence the action of the Legislature.

THE Canada Medical and Surgical Journal for June contains the following original communications:—"Localized Uræmic Convulsions," Dr. J. F. Williams; "Notes on Urinalysis," Dr. T. Reed; "Cases in Practice," Dr. J. A. Hutchinson; "Removal of a Foreign Body from the Nose," Dr. G. W. Major; "Quarterly Retrospect of Obstetrics and Gnaecology," Dr. Wm. Gardner; and "Quarterly Retrospect of Surgery," Dr. F. J. Shepherd. The correspondence department is of unusual interest, and there are numerous reviews by eminent physicians. There are reports of the proceedings of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal and the Toronto Medical Society and the editorial department is as able as usual. Published by the Gazette Printing Co., Montreal, at $3 per annum in advance.

NEWS ITEMS.

The Ameer's position is reported to be growing worse.

Ex-Vice President Wheeler died on Saturday.

Winter wheat harvest has commenced in the Southern States.

The Swiss Government Spirit Monopoly Bill has become law.

People are leaving the Philadelphia oil country for the Canadian Northwest.

The yellow fever outbreak at Key West is regarded with much apprehension.

Rich finds of gold are reported in the neighborhood of Golden City, Arkansas.

The Novae Vremya warns England against interfering with Bolbaran affairs.

A cyclone passed through Western Georgia Thursday night doing much damage.

The London Times has produced another instalment of the "Parnellism and Crime" series.

There was a great demonstration in honor of Mr. Gladstone at Swansea, Wales, on Saturday.

The agreement between the Governments regarding the fisheries has been very nearly reached.

Pleuro-pneumonia in Westchester and surrounding counties, in New York State, has become alarmingly prevalent.

A police court case in London has disclosed the fact that immoral traffic in girls has not yet been stopped.

The baggage of a German officer lost in the La Champagne collision was found to contain accurate plans of French forts.

The National Line steamer Greece was somewhat injured by a collision on her way to London.

Michael Davitt is inciting the Bodyke tenants to offer the most strenuous opposition to eviction.

Fire and panic in a circus at Neschin, in Germany, on Sunday evening, caused the loss of many lives.

It is estimated that the decrease of the United States public debt during May was $10,000,000.

The license inspector at Kingston is prosecuting the keeper of a militia canteen for selling liquor on Sunday.

Thomas Clarridge, a Wallace farmer, has become insane by attending Salvation Army meetings at Listowel.

Russia has forbidden that Chinese shall acquire land in towns on the Pacific coast. They will only be allowed to lease estate outside of towns.

Sir John Macdonald in the House Tuesday said that the prorogation would probably take place on the 18th inst.

Thirty-nine widows and 106 children, the families of the miners who lost their lives in the disaster at Nanaimo, are destitute.

The Dublin Freeman's Journal contradicts the statement that one of the tenants on Mr. Parnell's Avondale estate had been ill-used.

Wm. Duff of Lancaster, Pa., a captain of the Salvation Army, was convicted of conspiracy in alluring away from home Lizzie Engle, a young girl of Manheim. Sentence deferred.

The Emerson International, a Conservative organ, edited by Mr. Douglas, M. P. P., charges Mr. Royal with a gross breach of faith in the disallowence matter, saying he made solemn pledges at his nomination convention and throughout the campaign to vote want of confidence in the Government on the disallowence question.

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The oldest resident of Philadelphia is Mrs. Rebecka Applegate, who is 104 years of age. She has her beer and whiskey at regularly as ever, and has always chewed tobacco.

John Preston died recently at Brownstown, N. J., aged 105 years. When he was 103 years of age he walked eight miles a day and cut cord wood. He never retired without his glass of applejack.

It has just come to light that Charles M. Sterling, a tramp, who was hanged at Youngstown, O., on April 21, 1887, for the murder of Miss Lizzie Grombacher, was judicially murdered.

Minister Foster's report on the seizure of Canadian sealing schooners in Behring's Sea is contradicted in some important points by a Washington correspondent.

Last month was the warmest May noted in the records of the Toronto Meteorological Observatory (extending over 47 years), and the driest May in the same period, except in 1850.

They had what they called a "crazy sociable" down in Lambton county the other evening. The butter was brought in handcuffed to a small dog, the cheese chloroformed to prevent escape, coffee was served with a straw, the meat came in in imitation of boot and shoe soles, and the biscuits were loaded and unloaded from plate to plate by means of a derrick.

SCOTT ACT COMMISSIONERS.—The West Wellington License Commissioners met in Drayton on the 25th ult. The chief business was the preparation of estimates for the current year. The estimated cost for the ensuing year is $1,625; deficiency over from last year $1,057.90, making a total of $2,682.90 less amount for licenses of $90. The amount required from the county will be $1,728.60.—Mercury.

Among the petitions presented to the House of Commons on Tuesday was one by Mr. Waldie, signed by a large number of the electors of Halton County, against Sunday railway and steamboat traffic, one by Mr. Stevenson from the municipal corporation of Ashburnham, praying for the repeal of the Scott Act, and one by Dr. Wilson from the municipal council of St. Thomas to the same effect.

The prohibitory law of Maine has received a set back. Michael Burns, a well-known liquor dealer of Augusta, has brought to Augusta from Liverpool a large invoice of foreign distilled spirits, which he is selling to all who wish to purchase. The United States protects all persons importing liquors from foreign countries from prosecution under any State prohibitory law for selling such goods in the original unbroken packages.

A letter from Santiago de Cuba, dated May 27, says: "Two hundred and eighty cases of smallpox are known by the authorities to exist here, and it is estimated that one hundred more are being treated by charlatans. Deaths in this city from May 1 to 27 from smallpox numbered forty, not one of the victims having been vaccinated. The disease has appeared at Guantanamo, and doubtless will spread to all Cuban ports. The masses are ignorant, superstitious, and inclined to prayers rather than vaccination."

It will interest Canadian volunteers to know that in view of the statement made by the Duke of Cambridge a few weeks since, that the time is approaching when the meeting of the National Rifle Association will have to be moved from Wimbledon. It is understood that the Council has in consideration several propositions for the meetings subsequent to that to be held at Wimbledon next July. One suggestion is to hold the meeting at a spot which has been found in the neighborhood of Brighton.

An idea of the excitement in Texas over the prohibition campaign may be got from the following incident:—Some of the Texas preachers have been very active as prohibitionist campaigners, and at a recent speech at Crockett Mr. R. Q. Mills declared that he "loved the minister in the performance of his Christian duty, but he had no use for those shams that were preaching politics from the pulpit. He said he had been a member of the Methodist Church twenty years, but had recently withdrawn from it because the preachers and the Church had been comparing him with Bob Ingersoll, calling him a hypocrite, etc., and that out of respect for his manhood he had to quit the Church."

OWEN SOUND COUNCIL AND ITS P. M.—The Owen Sound Council have prepared a memorial to be laid before the Local Government in which a series of charges are brought against the Police Magistrate, Mr. George Spencer. There have been rather strained relations between the P. M. and the town council for some time, and there appears to be a very mad council on one side and a very indignant magistrate on the other. The exact nature of the charges is not definitely known but an investigation of the case by the Government is demanded, when all the facts will be brought to light.

A Chicago Times special from Winnipeg says the Canadian road has reduced freight rates from this point west forty per cent. The concession, however, comes too late, as the local government has prepared plans and specifications for building a road to the boundary, and tenders will be advertised for at once. To prevent any miscarriage, the Lieutenant-Governor was summoned to the House to-day to give assent to the bill authorizing the government to construct the road. The government has also repealed the act permitting injunctions, so that the Dominion Government could not stop the work if it dared.

Particulars have arrived of the murders committed by a Sepoy soldier at Kurrachee on the 26th ult., of which a brief announcement by telegraph was sent at the time. It appears a Sepoy of the 26th Native Infantry having got possession of 40 rounds of ammunition ran amuck through the lines at 1 o'clock in the morning. He first shot two Sepoys, who were asleep in the barrack verandah. The alarm was immediately sounded, and the regiment turned out, but nothing could be done till daylight, when detachments were sent in various directions to search for him. Meanwhile the soldiers' bazaar and had shot four store-keepers who were sleeping outside their houses. He then went to the plain behind the infantry lines and shot five cartmen. When he found that the regiment had turned out, he took refuge in a stone enclosure, whence he fired many rounds. When they got within six yards of him he shot himself through the heart. The eleven men whom he had shot were killed on the spot or died in a few hours.

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