

## THE CHRONICLE.

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Premier Hardy's timber policy was so rotten that he had to crawl into the Opposition boat to save his sinking crew.

Mr. Gamey, M. P. P., for Centre Grey, has decided to retire from political life. The Patrons talk of choosing another candidate. We think J. M. Davis would be a good man to slaughter. The field is so thoroughly canvassed by Messrs. Lucas and Boland that a Patron would have a poor chance.

The prorogation of the Ontario parliament took place on Monday afternoon last and the elections will soon be on though the date is not yet fixed. The result of the session has not strengthened the Hardy-Ross combination. The time-for-a-change cry is as potent as ever. Twenty five years in power, however, has given the government party a strong pull. Their three thousand officers all acting as agents for the party who gave them their positions, will have an influence, but the people want a new government and a new policy. The death bed repentance of Mr. Hardy on the Timber Policy will hardly save the party from defeat.

An Educational Policy to remodel the Public school course so as to bring it in touch with the educational needs of the people; To create an advisory council, composed of representatives of all the teaching bodies; to reduce the price of school books, are some of the planks in the educational platform of the Conservative party. As they are at variance with Mr. Ross' policy and practice at all points, the Ministerialists voted solidly against the resolution embodying them. But efficient schools, restraints upon an autocratically disposed Minister, and cheaper text books, are reforms that it is vain for the Government to resist. The time is ripe for them, and the people want them.

The very last act of the Ontario Legislature, prior to prorogation, was to rectify some serious blunders that had been incorporated in the Pharmacy Bill which was passed last week. Had the bill gone through it would have caused considerable trouble and annoyance to those engaged in the drug trade over the use of alcohol in preparing tinctures, etc. The Lieutenant-Governor was called upon to disallow the bill. The necessary amendments were made and the bill, still in a somewhat bungled state, passed through at a single sitting. We don't exactly see the need of such a rush, as the government have generally been slow enough in making needed amendments.

The elections certainly can not be far off. The Assembly is now closed and the session of the House of Commons is called for Feb 3rd. Things in Ottawa are in a horrible state of unrest. Revelations of incapacity, duplicity and bungling will be exposed there as soon as the business begins. The Hardy government has been weakening, and the exposure of Federal weakness in Ottawa will further destroy the chances of success in Ontario. Premier Hardy knows that delays are dangerous to the political life of his party and the elections will come on before the dominion government is rightly under way. Though Mr. Hardy refuses to acknowledge the Globe's announcement that the elections will come on during the latter part of February, we may feel safe in assuming that that organ has had some authority for its utterances. Besides, the predictions of the Opposition press have made fairly good guesses all along the line, and these too, give warning to get ready for the battle.

The Lord's Day Bill introduced by the Ontario Government "in the dying hours of a dying parliament" was withdrawn last week. While Conservatives may give Mr. Hardy credit for the moral courage necessary to back down, it will be hard to believe that the feasibility of the Bill was duly considered, or if considered whether the government was conscientious in introducing it. A seeming sympathy with the Sabbatharians might catch the Sabbatharian vote, while the overthrow of the measure would satisfy the non-Sabbatarians, and catch some of them. But "the best laid schemes of mice and men oft gang aglee" and the political dodge has brought odium on the Government by the Conservatives for introducing the measure so late in the session while the extreme Sabbatharians censure it for having withdrawn the bill. The having pro-

tests had greater weight with the Government than their conscientious scruples regarding the sanctity of the Sabbath.

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A few days ago an incident occurred which set us thinking as to the righteousness of certain actions tolerated and sanctioned by our churches of all denominations. A couple of fine young men called on us to sell tickets for a church tea meeting to take place during the present year not over a hundred miles from Durham. Our general practice has been not to buy tickets and the plan has worked so well that up to this 19th day of January, 1898, we have never been refused admittance when we appeared on the scene and planked down the money. Lotteries are condemned by churches, by moralists and by the law of our country. The purchase of a ticket under such circumstances is a kind of chance game of which the churches and ticket vendors are fully cognizant. Is it right?

## CHRONICLES.

It came to pass in the second year of the reign of King Arthur Sturgis that there was a great commotion among the people because it became noised abroad that the King's servants had committed a sore evil in regard to swine's flesh. The King had purchased great fields in that part of the country beyond the river Humber and built many houses and barns in which there were kept many swine, and prayed that he might make great riches therby. The King called it a swinefold but all the uncircumcised in the land, and the Gentiles would call it a piggery.

And behold! after many days it came to pass that satan entered into them and they became exceeding mad, foamed at the mouth and lay on the ground very sick insomuch that they would not eat, no not so much as a cup of the King's corn. Then those servants became greatly afraid, not knowing what had happened to the herd of swine, and called in all the doctors of the King's household and his chief officers and they consulted together. They knew not at first that it was satan that had entered into the swine but thought it was a sickness that had happened to them. Then they enquired of the keepers of the herd from whence they had got their food and of what sort it was. When they learned that the food had been taken from the almshouses, the place where the lunatics were kept, and the prisoners they feared exceedingly, and asked if the food then could be good. Then they held another great council and examined many of the swine again very carefully. Some of the wisest of the doctors shook their heads and said they thought it must be demons that had gone into the swine, but others said it seemed like a disease the Egyptians called Hog Cholera. Then when the others who thought it was demons heard this saying, all rose up greatly agitated and said if this be so we must order that the whole herd be destroyed quickly lest it spread to other herds, the people be made sick who eat the flesh, and the country lose many shekels. They gave this advice, not that they cared so much for the Gentiles who ate the swine's flesh, as for their countrymen who had great herds fattening hard by. When they made this thing known to the king and to his counsellors there was commotion and great consternation in the king's household for many days. After the King had consulted with his wise men he commanded the physicians for their wisdom and although he himself believed that it was satan that had entered into the herd, yet nevertheless, he commanded that all the barns should be destroyed, the ground ploughed up and sown with salt lest the contagion spread. Then those servants went forth immediately and did all that the King commanded them, but when they knew that it was only cholera and not satan that possessed the herd, they took council together and said: Why should all this waste of swine's flesh be made? Do not the Gentiles all use this flesh and is there not a mighty city on the other side of the Humber in which there are not only Samaritans, but men from Italy and all other countries, and lo! will they not buy it? Besides there is a great prison therein in which are many great sinners, at the King's expense and lo! will not this swine's flesh do for them? So they slaughtered all those swine as the King commanded, but there went out a report among the people that the best of the flesh was sold for four hundred pieces of silver, and so there was joy among all those servants, and the King's officers.

But when certain other princes of the people heard thereof they were very wroth and created no small stir among the people. One of them whose surname was Whitney, being a lawyer and an eloquent man waxed very wroth and with great vehemence condemned the King and his servants for this abomination which they had wrought among the people. And another of the princes, a good man, who was called Saint John, also became greatly incensed because the King's servants had denied the land with a swine pen and wasted much land thereon and also because of the report that the King's servants had sold the flesh of the swine possessed by evil spirits to certain of the people.

When the great council met in the parliament chambers these two princes, and many others stood up in the council and with great power told all they knew about this great wickedness. They also examined those servants and many other witnesses and made them tell many wonderful things about the swine herd insomuch that King Sturgis became very wroth, both he and all his servants being filled with fear lest the people should become angry also and refuse to let them rule over them any more. For the time was nigh at hand when all the people were to be numbered even from the smallest to the greatest as was the custom among this people about every fourth year when they also declared who should rule over them. Therefore this King tarred exceedingly insomuch that his knees smote one against the other and he tried to hush up this thing that the people should not hear in such thereof, but the more a great deal did these two princes tell it abroad and publish it everywhere so that there is now great commotion among the people and no man knoweth the end thereof.

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## VANDELEUR.

The annual meeting of the Artemesia Agricultural Society was held in Priceville on Wednesday, the 12th, with a fair attendance of the members. The auditors' report made a good showing of the finances of the society. It was decided to erect a hall 60 x 30 ft. this coming summer and to have it ready for the fall exhibition. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year, viz: President, D. McCormick; 1st Vice-President, J. Nichol; 2nd Vice-Pres., A. Muir; Secy-Treas., J. Brodie; Directors, J. McInnes, P. Watson, J. Geddes, J. Patton, D. McMillan, W. Meads, J. Brodie, D. McLean and A. McLeod; Auditors—Dr. Hutton and J. Hemstock.

The annual meeting of the Artemesia District Orange Lodge was held in the Orange Hall, Eugenia, on Tuesday, the 11th. There was a goodly number present, all the primary lodges composing the district being represented. The officers for 1898 are: D. M., S. Sheardown; D. D. M., N. Lawrence; Chap., F. T. Carr; R. S., D. Mathewson; F. S., S. Bowles; Treas., I. B. Lucas; D. of C., R. Purvis; Lecturers, S. J. Halbert and J. Brodie.

## ORCHARDVILLE.

Mr. Robt. Tinck, Court Deputy High Chief Ranger, of Barrie, has been the guest of Mr. John McEwen for the past few weeks while around building up the Foresters. Quite a number joined the Court here.

Miss Ena Paterson, of Durham, was the guest of Mrs. H. Caldwell last Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Sirs and his sister Miss Aggie were guests of Mrs. Queen last Friday.

Mrs. James Calvert, of Duluth, after an absence of several years is visiting her parents.

There will be a tea-meeting in the Baptist Church here on January 20th. Tea from 6 to 8 o'clock. All are invited.

Miss Victoria Carmont has been ill for the past week or so. We hope she will soon be better.

Mrs. Gammie, of Normanby, has been very sick of late.

Mr. Adam Douglas' of Ayr, has been the guest of Mrs. Schram for a few days.

## SKATING CARNIVAL.

The attendance at the Carnival on Thursday evening last was not large but the interest was good. The 31st Battalion Band discoursed sweet music, to which the skaters kept excellent time. The masqued characters were:

Bert. Mockler, Negro Coachman; Launder Buchan, Klondyker; F. C. Ryan, Colored sport; Thomas Saunders, Negro Swell; Willie Brown, Indian; Bay; Willie Laidlaw, Umbrella Tinker; Edwin Allan, Joan of Arc; J. D. Munro, Fancy Dress; Mabel Swallow, News Girl; Emma Swallow, Night; Maud Saunders, May Queen; May Saunders, Starlight; Ella Laidlaw, 20th Century Girl; Kate Cameron, Nurse.

All were well togged out; some were neat skaters and some not quite so neat, but all did their best to make the time pass pleasantly and in this they succeeded well.

The Judges were Mr. W. J. Howard; Manager of the Markdale rink, and Messrs. Moore and McIntyre, of this town. Their decisions, we believe were, satisfactory.

The prizes were awarded as follows:—Comic Gentleman, F. Ryan; Fancy Dressed Lady, Miss E. Laidlaw, 20th Century Girl; Fancy Dressed Gentleman, Mr. D. Munro, a dule; Fancy Dressed Girl, Miss M. Saunders May Queen; Fancy Dressed Boy, W. B. Brown, Indian C. stum.

Notwithstanding the soft weather in the early part of the week the cold wave on Wednesday enabled Mr. Whelan to furnish first class ice.

At a recent meeting of Court Durham No. 111 I. O. F., the following officers were duly elected and installed for the current term:

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