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MR. BALL'S ADDRESS

This week, we reproduce from Hansard, Mr. R. J. Ball's maiden speech in the House of Commons. As it appears in its entirety, we do not think it necessary to make any comments. Interested readers may judge for themselves.

MOVING PICTURE THEATRES

We are not yet through with the moving picture show business. It may be we have hurt the feelings of a few, but we have sounded a note of warning to the council and given the people to understand what they should expect, and what the council should expect.

The business will soon be transferred to the old Mockler building and is likely to become a permanent affair. For the public safety, we urge upon the council the necessity of seeing that the law is carried out with regard to proper exits.

We have felt all along the building now used was not properly provided with means of escape, but fortunately no mishaps have occurred.

We understand that the Mockler building is properly equipped and all law requirements adhered to. If so, we have nothing more to say in regard to the theatre itself.

We have attended the show frequently, and enjoyed it. We hope to continue our patronage, and we like to see others enjoy themselves and wear away the blue spells that are sure to come to most of us.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Hon. James S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, is not pleased with the Toronto Board of Trade when they say that the farmers are partly to blame for the high cost of living.

This is well in line with an opinion expressed by The Chronicle a few weeks ago in attempting to show that the farming community should rejoice at the growth of towns and cities, rather than find fault with their rapid increase in population.

The following article from the Meaford Express has more sense than sentiment. Sorry to think that the statements made are only too true: "Some of the counties are making the boast that they are reducing the cost of feeding inmates of houses of refuge."

THE MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

The time to elect the councillors for next year will be here in a few weeks. Even now the aspirants for office have a sort of an itchy feeling. No doubt they feel that "large and influential bodies of ratepayers" lie awake at nights devising means to drag them into the municipal arena.

Councils are made up too often of transparent nonentities. There are indeed many municipal contests where such ambitious know-nothings are to be found in the field.

The election of proper men to handle the affairs of a municipality is far more serious than most people suppose. Much power and responsibility are put in the hands of the elected officers.

tions are nominated as mere jokes and the evil of such folly is not seen till the toy candidate is elected to office, with no chance of turning him down.

We may say before closing that Durham has not always been free from these municipal burlesques, and strange to say, people who should have had better sense have supported incompetent candidates.

POOL ROOM LICENSES

The price of a pool-room license in Mildmay is \$50 for one table, \$25 for the second, and \$15 for each additional table.

HITS AND MISSES

There should be honor among printers as well as among thieves. The man who lacks honor lacks everything worth having.

Wise men make good laws, but fools are always ready to break them.

If a man with brains writes an article worth clipping, the man who reproduces it should have courtesy enough to say where he got it.

Some of our readers last week received a Chronicle belonging to the week before. We didn't do it as a joke. It was a mistake.

If a weak man is hit by a newspaper item, he mustn't fancy he is going to stop the whole business by refusing to take the paper.

How many municipal aspirants seek the support of the electors by simply saying they'll do the business.

BUNESSAN.

Nice sleighing for the past few days, but at time of writing it is thawing, and we won't be surprised to see some plowing weather yet.

Miss Eliza McCormick, who has been sick for a week or so, is at present visiting her sister at Walkerton.

Mrs. Rigney, who has been visiting her many friends here for the past couple of months, returned to her home in Detroit, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCoskery, and daughter Miss Florence, Sundayed with friends in this burg.

Mr. Dan, McInnes has been fixing up his dwelling house on the old McKinnon farm, and intends moving into it in the spring.

Mrs. A. B. McArthur returned home on Friday, after attending to her mother, Mrs. Frankes, of Caledon, who was stricken with apoplexy, and lasted but a few days.

Mr. Wm. Jackson, who has been seriously ill for the past few weeks, is somewhat better, we are glad to say.

Mr. Dan, and Miss Maggie McLean, of Bentinck, visited one day last week with their cousin, Mr. Dan, McCormick.

Mrs. Kennedy visited with her daughter, Mrs. N. McQueen, of Boothville, recently.

Mr. Charlie McFarlane is visiting with his sister in Toronto, and taking in the sights of the beautiful city.

Mr. Silas Edwards is engaged with Mr. T. H. Binnie for a month. Miss Kate McCormick, of Walkerton, is visiting her old home here at present.

Miss Annie McGillivray returned from Toronto a couple of weeks ago, feeling unwell. Hope she will soon be all right again.

The telephone men have been busy the past week installing poles for local use. It will be quite a convenience for farmers who live a long piece from town.

There is some talk of having a rural mail delivery in this vicinity, which will be helpful also.

Our teacher, Mr. McDonald, was laid up for a day last week, but, pleased to know he is at his post again.

Mr. John Jackson, M.P.P., of British Columbia, who paid a short visit to his sick father recently, returned home last week. His brother Frank, who is from the same place, is remaining for a while.

Miss Jennie Marshall, of Egremont, visited at her uncle's, Mr. Donald McFarlane's, last week.

We were sorry to hear of the death of an old neighbor boy in the person of Mr. Thos. Ryan, who died last week at his sister's in the west.

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Miss Mary Edwards left for Hamilton last week, and expects to remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beaton, of Waudby, Sundayed with the former's father, Mr. John G. Beaton.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Lorne Allan arrived home from the west last week.

Mr. Richard Nichol, from the West, is visiting his brother, Mr. Thos. Nichol.

Miss Kate McLean, of Priceville, visited with Mrs. Frank Irwin last week.

Mrs. Harris, and daughter, Miss Harris, left Saturday to spend the winter at Fort William.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Batty, of Toronto, are spending a week with Mrs. Wm. Ritchie, sr., and other friends and relatives.

Mrs. James Heughan, of Hanover, is spending a week with her son, Mr. and Mrs. W. Heughan, here.

Mrs. Halpenny, of Dromore, accompanied by her son and daughter, visited the home of her aunt, the late Mrs. Burns-Lauder.

JEWELRY FOUND

Some valuable articles of jewelry have been left at this office. The owner may have same by fully describing property and paying expenses. The young girl who found them is entitled, we think, to some reward for her trouble and honesty.

THE TOWN COUNCIL

The town council met on Monday night in regular session, mayor Black in the chair. Reeve Calder and all members of the council were in attendance, with the exception of Dr. D. B. Jamieson.

After disposing of the minutes of the last regular and special meetings for November, a big grist of accounts were examined by the Finance Committee, and payment recommended.

Mr. J. P. Telford, Dr. Farquharson and Inspector Campbell appeared as a deputation from the United School Boards to explain the need of further school accommodation in the near future, and to secure the assent of the council to purchase additional school property.

It was intimated that the Boards did not intend to press for the immediate building of a new school, but that ere long such accommodation would be absolutely imperative. To secure land while it was yet available, the Board regarded as a wise move, and building could be done later.

Discussion followed regarding the Continuation and Model schools, but the opinion of the majority of the council appeared averse to losing either or any of their present educational institutions.

A motion was carried appointing a committee, consisting of the mayor, and councillors Saunders and Young, to confer with a committee from the school Boards to examine the matter and report at the next meeting.

Mr. N. Harvey, on behalf of the Poultry Association asked for the use of the lower hall for the Winter Poultry Show, and had his request granted.

Mr. Zenus Clark addressed the council regarding taxes on his factory. He claims that in the verbal agreement leading to the purchase, he was to have tax exemption, except for school purposes, for a period of ten years, and that the assessment

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should stand fixed at five hundred dollars. There seems to have been no written agreement, and the question remains in dispute. It was pointed out, however, that the taxes paid in 1910 \$11.20, covered all the general and school tax for that year on a \$500 assessment. No action was taken, and it seems improbable that, in the absence of a written contract, the point in dispute will ever be settled to the satisfaction of both sides.

A general open discussion was conducted regarding the suit entered against the town for alleged carelessness which led to Mr. J. G. Wilson falling down the embankment at the Lambton street bridge, and receiving bodily injuries, some weeks ago. Mr. Wilson has sued the town for unstated damages, and the case will be heard in Owen Sound about the middle of this month.

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MARKET REPORT

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Table with market prices for various goods like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Flour, etc.