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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 right to say that a man is good in high cost of living." committee, and all that sort of This is well in line with an opinsible for them all to make long speeches, and make them often. We hope to hear from Mr. Ball again. This is his second session, and we feel that he acted wisely in waiting till thoroughly initiated into the mysteries of parliamentary speech making.

MOVING PICTURE THEATRES

We are not yet through with the 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 exact. haven't one bad word to say about Mr. Damm, who owns the show. Since he came here, he has proved himself a gentleman in every sense of the word; he has given goe'l clean entertainments as far as we know, on every occasion; he has been always watchful to maintain good order, and has generally succeeded. On a few occasions, some of the rougher element were admitted, but on boisterous signs being manifested, or improper language indulged in, the offending parties were asked to leave the place, and asked in very kindly terms. As a place of innocent amusement, we have no desire to see it removed, and judging from the management of the past year, we know of no better hands into which it could be placed.

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 The time to elect the councillors ed to see some plowing weather carried out with regard to proper for next year will be here in a exits. It is necessary that every few weeks. Even now the aspirprecaution required by law should ants for office have a sort of an be rigidly enforced. Whatever the itchy feeling, No doubt they feel owners of such concerns may that "large and influential bodies say or think, the underwriters of ratepayers" lie awake at nights consider that moving picture devising means to drag them into carry with them a certain element the municipal arena. It may be of danger. The increase in the in- that one or two make very casual surance rates proves this without suggestions to an itchy aspirant. any further argument, but we may With apparent reluctance he conadd also that the Government calls sents to offer himself a sacrifice for protection and a sufficient for the good of the community. number of exits in case of danger. For the next few weeks he be-A false alarm from some foolish comes a most servile flatterer, attendant might cause a stampede and his hand goes out automaticwith much loss of human life, ally to every voter. He is too Stringent laws are made to transparent to conceal his motives. guard against such dangers, and Everybody laughs at him, and the council, let us say, will be neglectful of its duty if it fails to enforce all the requirements.

We have felt all along the building now used was not properly provided with means of escape, but fortunately no mishaps have occurred. Had fire broken out and a general stampede followed, with almost certain loss of life, we would have reason ever after to have a guilty conscience for not ponting out the danger. It would be poor satsfaction to the maimed, the injured and the dead, to say that we knew of the danger, but we ddn't want to tell about it.

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; If not, we'll keep up the agitation. What we have to say, we'll say openly and above board. All want is to satisfy the requirements safety of the public. We have no of the elected officers. It is only feeling of antipathy to the owner reasonable to assume that such want to see them removed.

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 pleased with the Toronto Board of Trade when they say that the farmers are partly to blame for the high cost of living. He says, "If the Board or anybody else is may judge for themselves. We tired of paying prices, there's lots may say that Mr. Ball is not over of land in this province that they anxious to appear on the public can go out and work. That's the platform, and as he is yet young only remedy for the high cost of in the business, his address may living. No legislation on earth can lack the oratorical flourishes of control the prices of foodstuffs, many of the older members. We and so long as there are men who think that the people's represent- would rather drive a street car in atives in Parliament should be Toronto than work on a farm, heard from occasionally. It's all they deserve to suffer from the

thing, but the public as a rule ion expressed by The Chronicle a like to see something in print to few weeks ago in attempting to show what their member is doing. show that the farming community Mr. Ball is recognized as a good should rejoice at the growth of shrewd business man, and as such towns and cities, rather than find he must have considerable execu- fault with their rapid increase intive ability. Such men are gener- population. These, as the article ally level-headed enough to give in question pointed out, form the good advice in committee, but to great body of consumers, while satisfy their supporters, it is well the farmers who remain on the they should be heard from some- land must ever be regarded as the times. With over two hundred producers of agricultural foodmembers in the House, it isn't pos- stuffs. The greater the number of consumers in comparison with the number of producers, the higher will be the prices of all such commodities. The law of supply and demand regulates the cost of farm products just the same as it regulates the cost of any other article. The more farmers the more farm products, and the more farm products the lower the price, providing the consuming population remains unaltered. No article of foodstuff in recent years has admoving picture show business. It vanced so rapidly as farm The man who lacks honor lacks products.

> 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. They should be ashamed to publish any such statement of fact. It is all right to be economical in handling public money, but when a public official is forced to hold his esteemed job by no other qualifications than his ability to feed old and destitute persons on oatmeal without milk or syrup, and stale bread without butter, it is about time that someone hit him on the head with a claw hammer. Any Tom Fool can make a living by killing people by means of a gradual process of starvation. Such individuals should not be in charge of public institutions. proper place is where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched,"

THE MUNICITAL CANDIDATES

when the ballots are counted they may well laugh again.

Councils are made up too often of transparent nonentities. There are indeed many municipal contests where such ambitious knownothings are to be found in the field. Many an election expense might be saved if the incapables had the good sense to stay at home. But no, they can't see things in that light. The honors and emoluments of office are right kerton, is visiting her old home in their path. All they have to do here at present. is to reach out and gather in the plums. It's a case of now or never, and they won't be convinced will soon be all right again. till the voice of the people tells them through the ballor box that their services are not wanted. Many of them are sadder and

wiser men the day after the battle. some talk of having a rural mail The election of proper men to handle the affairs of a municipality is far more serious than most laid up for a day last week, but, quest granted. people suppose. Much power and pleased to know he is at his post of the law in providing for the responsibility are put in the hands again. of the show, nor the owner of the bodies of men should have ability building, but the fight is on, and to discharge properly the duties brother Frank, who is from if dangers to human life exist, we placed at their command. Too of- same place, is remaining for while. ten candidates for municipal posi-

We have attended the show fre- tions are nominated as mere jokes quently, and enjoyed it. We hope and the evil of such folly is, not to continue our patronage, and we seen till the toy candidate is like to see others enjoy themselves | elected to office, with no chance of turning him down. The best available should be selected, and ir no case should support be given to candidates who give no evidence of making good.

We may say before closing that Durham has not always been free Agriculture for Ontario, is not from these municipal burlesques, and strange to say, people who should have had better sense have supported incompetent candidates. It's high time to turn over a new leaf and nominate and support only such candidates as give reasonable evidence of ability to handle the affairs of the municipality.

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. Walkerton is more generous, and charges only \$10 for the first and \$5 for each additional table. Durham charges \$200 for the first, and \$100 for each additional table. There are three tables used and the revenue from the pool-room is \$400 a year. If Durham had been as liberal as Walkerton, the same revenue would furnish enough amusement for all the pool players in Durham vicinity. Let us see. At Walker- Donald McFarlane's, last week. ton's rate of \$10 for the first and \$5 for each additional table, we could death of an old neighbor boy in have 79 tables all in one line. There the person of Mr. Thos. Ryan, who would be no lost time then in west. waiting for your turn. We believe, however that the present license is better all round. At a dollar license there might be too much opposition, and the business would soon die a natural death.

HITS AND MISSES

There should be honor among from the west last week. printers as well as among thieves. everything worth having. can't be trusted in anything.

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

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 haven't.

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

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 We have known things like that to happen, with no serious results.

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

BUNESSAN.

Nice sleighing for the past few days, but at time of writing it is day night in regular session, thawing, and we won't be surpris- mayor Black in the chair. Reeve

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

Mrs. Rigney, who has been visiting her many friends here for the 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 Mc-Lean, 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 Wal-

Miss Annie McGillivray returned

from Toronto a couple of weeks ago, feeling unwell. Hope she The telephone men have been busy the past week installing poles for local use. It will be quite a convenience for farmers who live report at the next meeting. a long piece from town. There is delivery in this vicinity, which

will be helpful also. Our teacher, Mr. McDonald, was

Mr. John Jackson, M. P. P., British Columbia, who paid a short factory. He claims that in the and receiving bodily injuries. Tallo visit to his sick father recently, verbal agreement leading to the some weeks ago. Mr. Wilson has Lard returned home last week.

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mont, visited at her uncle's, Mr.

We were sorry to hear of the died last week at his sister's in the

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

Mr. Richard Nichol, from West, is visiting his brother, Mr. He 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. a week | Toronto, are spending with Mrs. Wm. Ritchie, sr., other friends and relatives.

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

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 coun il met on Mon-Caider and all members of the council were in attendance, with the exception of Dr. D. B. Jamie-

After disposing of the minutes of the last regular and special past couple of months, returned to 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 pecd 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 wise move, and building could be done later. Discussion followed should stand fixed at five hundregarding the Continuation and red dollars. There seems to Model schools, but the opinion of have been no written agreement, the majority of the council ap- and the question remains in peared averse to losing either or dispute. It was pointed out, howany of their present educational ever, that the taxes paid in 1910 institutions. A motion was carried \$11.20, covered all the general appointing a committee, consist- and school tax for that year on a ing of the mayor, and councillors \$500 assessment. No action was Saunders and Young, to confer taken, and it seems improbable with a committee from the school that, in the absence of a written Boards to examine the matter and contract, the point in dispute will

Mr. N. Harvey, on behalf of the of both sides. Poultry Association asked for the A general open discussion was use of the lower hall for the Win- conducted regarding the suit enter Poultry Show, and had his re- tered against the town for alleged Chor

council regarding taxes on his ment at the Lambton street bridge, Woo purchase, he was to have tax ex- sued the town for unstated damemption, except for school pur- ages, and the case will be heard Miss Jennie Marshall, of Egre- years, and that the assessment of this month.

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