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FALL ASSIZES.

His Honor Justice Ferguson opened the assizes at the court house on Monday afternoon. The following grand jurors answered to their names: Messrs. Robert Morice, Normanby, farmer; Mathias Suetzinger, fruit dealer of Thornbury; William Ramage, farmer, Egremont; Jeffry Artley, pumpmaker of Markdale; George M. Read, farmer, St. Vincent; D. R. Duncan, merchant, Owen Sound; James Murray, farmer, Normanby; Donald McLeod, jr., farmer, Artemesia; Richard Shute, farmer, Holland; John Gardiner, merchant, Dundalk; George Hair, sr., grocer, Meaford; Henry Atkey, farmer, Keppel. The first named gentleman was unanimously selected as foreman. Turning to the grand jury Justice Ferguson said: "I apprehend that you are aware that the chief reason for addressing a grand jury is that you may be given information concerning the criminal charges which are up for trial, and where there is a large number of these the address would necessarily be long On the present occasion the sheriff has handed me in compliance with the time honored custom, a pair of white gloves. How the idea originated, or what its real meaning was, I am not prepared to say, but I suppose it is symbolical of purity, and as far as the sheriff is concerned a sign that his county is free from crime. I for one favor the maintenance of these customs which attach themselves to the history of British law. Under the British flag every man is presumed to be innocent and of good character until he is proven guilty. In some other countries that is not the case, and they do not adopt the course which seems to us the logical one. I am informed that there are no criminal cases to come before you, therefore your duties will be routine. They are called routine not because they are unimportant, however. You have been selected—not elected—as a part of the machinery of the law, and as well to represent the various corporations of the county, being summoned from all its parts. It is your duty to visit the public and charitable institutions, and if any defect is discovered to make it public in your presentment. It is but justice to the people that they be informed of the institutions in which they have placed their money. Your views will be accepted as coming from neighbors, and your opinions will be published in the local press so that your opinions will be known to all." In conclusion His Honor Justice Ferguson paid a high compliment to the grand jury by stating that they were the most independent body of men known to British law. They were a corporation in themselves, and responsible to no one for their movements. Yester day the Grand Jury returned the following presentment:

Grand Jury Room, Owen Sound.
October 2nd, 1901.

To the Honorable Mr. Justice Fergason,

Hon. Sir:—The grand jurors in attendance at the fall assizes for the county of Grey beg leave to make the following presentment:

1—We are gratified to be in a position to congratulate your Lordship on receiving the white gloves as an emblem of the purity of our county at the present time.

2—We have visited the Owen Sound general and marine hospital, inspected the various wards and found everything in a cleanly and very satisfactory condition, and all inmates apparently receiving the best of attention. There were at the time of our visit but eleven patients in the hospital. We would strongly recommend the above institution to any chronically diseased persons, as in our opinion it is well worthy of consideration.

3—We also visited and carefully inspected the gaol, and found everything under Governor Mitchell's charge in a satisfactory condition. Although on many grounds we deplore the desirability of erecting a house of refuge or some other home for the aged and infirm who are from time to time committed to gaol, not because of any crime they have committed, but because they are poor. We found that there were in all [illegible] prisoners in the gaol, [illegible] male and two female. There are [illegible] prisoners, three under sentence to be hanged, one of [illegible] for life, [illegible] of [illegible] years, one of [illegible] years, one of [illegible] years, one