

COUNTY COUNCIL.

First Session of the Second Term Since Reduction of the Body.

From O. S. Advertiser.

The County Commissioners assembled on Tuesday afternoon to transact the County business. Five new members took their seats. They are Messrs. Thom Pringle for Div. 2, in place of James Angus; H. Brigham for No. 3, in place of Geo. Bunn; J. W. Frost for Div. 1, in place of W. A. Bishop; Willicroft for Div. No. 8, in place of F. Quance; Thos. Gilray for Div. No. 7, in place of C. R. Sing. Messrs Binnie and Quance were defeated at the polls, and the defeat of the former was a great surprise to those who knew his worth and the place he held in the esteem of his fellow members for his keen business ability and sound judgment on all matters which came before the Council. Many expressions of surprise at his defeat have been uttered, and it is looked for that his successor, Mr. Brigham will be an able man. The other members are Messrs. Gordon, Totten, McKinnon, Allan, Schenk, Richardson, Watson, McCollman, Preston, Brown and McDonald.

Four nominations were made for Warden, namely: John McDonald, Chatsworth; George Brown, Meaford; D. K. Preston, Oprey; and Clara Gordon, Owen Sound. Two ballots were taken, the first giving McDonald 3 votes, Brown 2, Gordon 4, and Totten 7. The second and deciding ballot gave McDonald 4, Brown 1, Preston 3 and Gordon 8, which last being a majority of the Council. Mr. Gordon was declared elected and took the Warden's chair.

A deputation from Hanover were heard with reference to its incorporation as a village. The wish of the Hanover people was that the village should be returned to the County of Grey, and that the whole of the village should be incorporated in this county. A committee was appointed with Mr. Richardson as chairman, to report on the matter. A committee to strike the standing committees for the present year was also appointed, of which Mr. McDonald was chairman. The Council adjourned till Wednesday at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

All the members present—the Warden in the chair. A number of communications and accounts were read, among which were the following:—From Col. Telford, asking for a grant of \$500 to supplement the pay of the volunteer and make it \$1.50 per day; and also for a grant of \$200 to purchase instruments for the Regimental Band to be established in Owen Sound. H. Postlman's account for taking the census of Hanover, \$15; J. H. Little \$14.07; Sam Pringle Co., \$3; and J. H. Rutherford \$5.76 for advertising; and A. M. Rutherford's account for printing in connection with taking the Plebiscite vote, \$88.45, were referred to the Finance Committee. The following gentlemen were applicants for the office of County Auditor: Messrs. C. A. Fleming and Thos. Hanbury, for re-election and Messrs. Swanston, R. Agnew, J. S. Black, John Thompson and H. W. Jenkins. The Owen Sound Sugar Beet Co. wished the Councils aid to secure Government help; R. Henry thanked the Council for a free pedlar's license which had been granted him last year, and asked for a renewal of the same; A. M. Rosiugh, Secretary of the Prisoner's Aid Society, supplied some information as to the work done by the Society; the County Council of Huron asked co-operation in memorializing the Legislature to pass a measure making municipal clerks the local custodians of voters lists, with the privilege of keeping a supply of certified copies for sale; a resolution from Kippie County pointing out the desirability of municipalities passing by-law requiring the registration of every sale made in the town-ship; a more complete description of road allowance in Bentinck, the by-law for which had been referred back at last session in order that further information might be obtained; from "The Municipal World," St. Thomas soliciting subscriptions; from Ontario Rifle Association, asking for a grant of \$100; from S. S. No. 3 Ephraim, for a grant of \$12.50 for continuation classes; report of County Clerk regarding distribution of ballots and other forms required for taking the House of Refuge Plebiscite, and attached to the report was the account of A. M. Rutherford for printing, \$88.45. The clerk reported that he had received several applications from township clerks for compensation for work they had performed in distributing this printed matter; a copy of resolution passed by Sullivan Council was read, asking that the deputy returning officers be compensated for their work in connection with the plebiscite.

Warden Gordon thought a special committee should be appointed to deal with these applications for compensation, but on the suggestion of Mr. Richardson they were referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. McDonald presented report with the state of the standing committees to 1899. They are as follows:

Finance.—All the members of Council—D. K. Preston, chairman.

Road, Bridges and Harbor.—Messrs. Frost, Pringle, Watson, Brown, Schenk, Willicroft, McKinnon, McCollman—McKinnon, chairman.

County Property.—Richardson, Gilray, McDonald, Allan, Frost, Totten, McCollman, McKinnon, McDonald, chairman.

Education.—Gilray, Preston, Richardson, Willicroft, Frost, Totten, Watson, Allan—Watson, chairman.

Printing.—Totten, McKinnon, Brigham, Schenk, Gilray, Watson—Schenk, chairman.

Communications and Memorials.—McDonald, Brigham, Brown, McCollman, Preston, Allan, Pringle, McCollman—chairman.

Warden's Committee.—McDonald and Richardson.

No objection was made to the forma-

tion of any of the committees, the chairman being appointed during the momentary withdrawal of the members to the Judge's chamber as their names were read out, and announced on their return to the Council room.

Mr. Richardson presented report of his committee, recommending that the Council act on their first resolution with regard to the incorporation of Hanover village, and that a by-law be passed to this effect. This report was adopted though Mr. Mitchell of the Hanover Post and Mr. H. H. Miller, who were permitted to address the Council on this question, endeavored to influence the Council to a contrary course by intimating that this action was unnecessary, as the Hanover people were nominally in favor of being attached to Grey County.

By-laws for the appointment of the Judicial Board of Audit, and for the incorporation of that portion of the village of Hanover which lies in the County of Grey, were introduced and read a first time.

Rev. W. E. Norton, on behalf of the Ministerial Association of Owen Sound, requested the Council to appoint a time when they could give audience to a deputation from the Association with reference to the House of Refuge, in connection with the Plebiscite for which the Association had been greatly interested. The hour fixed was two o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Council adjourned until 1.45 p. m.

HAMPDEN.

Miss Mary Cameron of Artemesia, is the guest of Miss M. Whiteford.

Miss M. McGilivray of Durham, visited friends here this week.

Mr. H. Byers is very busy hauling brick this week.

Mrs. F. Bradley left Monday for her home in Montreal.

Mrs. Jas. Watt, Sr. is very ill at present but we are pleased to hear recovering.

The Annual tea-meeting was held on the 25th inst., and was a decided success. Some of the speakers invited were unable to be present, but those who were atones for this loss. After tea was served, the following program was rendered: Rev. Craigie, pastor, filed the duties of chairman in his usual happy style. Rev. Kitching of Durham was called on to give a short but very interesting address. Mr. Kitching was with us last year and in fact is becoming a favorite here. He was followed by Dr. Jamieson M. P. P. This was the Dr.'s first appearance at a meeting of this kind in Hampden, but we trust will not be his last. Mr. Irwin of Durham, though unprepared gave a neat little off hand address and was heartily applauded. Mr. D. Gilmour, a local favorite recited "The Inventor's Wife," in his usual pleasing manner and as an encore "John Maynard." This was interspersed with splendid music by the Durham choir who fully sustained their reputation, also a song by Mr. A. D. Galbraith and a marionette and guitar instrumental by Messrs. Jones and Galbraith were well received. Mr. Jones also gave a reading and received an encore. Miss McFarlane and Mr. Galbraith and Misses McFarlane and Burnett rendered duets in a most pleasing manner and received hearty applause. Mr. A. E. Ferris, of Hanover, gave a bass solo entitled "Anchored." As a lot of provisions was left over, a social was held on Friday evening, and a good program was rendered by local talent. Mr. Jas. Whyte was appointed chairman, readings were given by Messrs. R. and D. Whiteford, recitation, "The motto," by Mr. D. Gilmour followed as an encore by a few able remarks on "character" which all would have liked to have heard at much greater length. This interspersed by music by Miss Gilmour and Mr. Geo. Young, accompanied by Miss Little, who were heartily applauded. Mr. Jas. Whyte recited his "Canada National Song," which fully sustains his reputation as a writer. The meeting closed with music by quartette. Total proceeds \$45, which is to be applied to roofing the church.

PRICEVILLE.

On account of not being out much this week, we don't intend to occupy so much space as on previous occasions, however we will try and collect all the news we possibly can.

As was previously announced Rev. Mr. Jones delivered his Lecture on "Holland and the Hollander," on Monday the 23rd inst. to a respectable audience. We expected a good lecture from Mr. Janson and we can safely say that it exceeded our expectation.

The Highland Hill a little west of the village is again blockaded and probably will remain so until nature opens it for traffic. It would be a wise act for the municipal officers of Glenelg to spend a little in cutting down the hill on the old road, which is used as a substitute the most of this winter, on account of the deviation on the gravel road being so often blockaded, both roads could be used to advantage, straight down the old D. road to winter and the G. road for summer. It would not take much to cut the hill to make it passable.

Neil McLeod who now lives one half a mile west of the village decended the big hill, west of the town on the old Durham road some forty years ago with 1000 ft. of green hemlock on an old wagon drawn by a pair of oxen. To-day the brave t teamster would look to the north and south trying to escape the descent with an empty wagon and a pair of horses.

A large quantity of logs are coming into our sawmill, the mill is running the most of the time with Don, Campbell as head sawyer.

The annual meeting which was held on the 18th inst in the Pre-byterian church was fairly attended. Mr. Neil McKinnon tendered his resignation as treasurer, but was not accepted, and is again elected to that important position for 1899, and Dr. H. H. H. secretary. The church financially compares favorably to any other in the Presbytery of Orangeville. A large number of new members were added to the church during 1898. Another congregational meeting was held on Monday

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30th Jan. to consider some important matter that was overlooked at the last meeting.

John McDonald and daughter, and sister Mrs. Campbell visited at Mr. Hector Campbell's, Yeoville, on Thursday of last week. They inform us that they had quite an experience returning on account of the blizzard in the evening. They did not accept of Hector's good advice to remain under his comfortable roof until the storm was over, as his doors are all ways open to shelter the needed. Hector set the Review and Globe and no further information is necessary as to his political standing.

Mr. John McIntyre of Tiverton is spending a while of his term with his aunt Mrs. McIntyre of the south line, Glenelg.

Miss Hogarth who was laid up with L. G. tippe for the last few weeks is getting better and will soon be able to attend to her duties again.

We were pleased to see Mr. John Campbell of the North Line out to church on Sunday last after being unwell for some time.

The thermometer went down on Sunday morning to 15 below zero.

Mr. Arch Butters was installed as master in Priceville lodge 140, A. O. U. W. at its regular meeting. Dr. Boyle Treas. and John A. McLeod Recorder, and Joseph Anssum receiver.

We are sorry to hear that Johnny Cockburn is not improving in health.

Neil McDonald is also in a low state with very little hope of a change for the better.

Angus McKechnie, Roger's, is at present visiting friends at Owen Sound.

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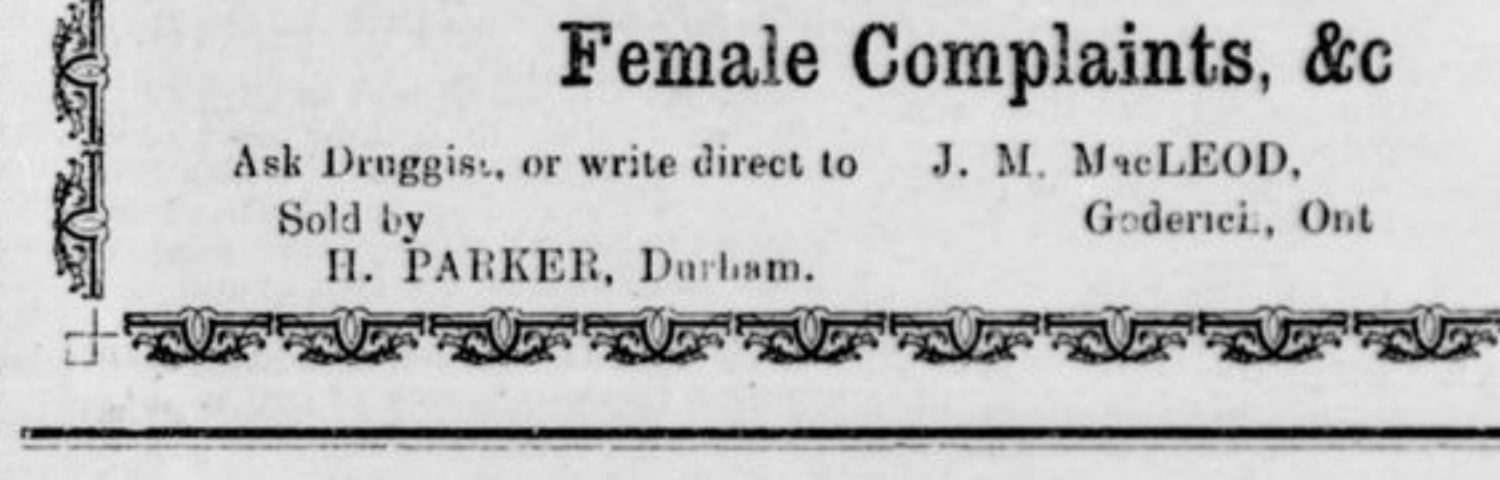
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