

Sydenham be not granted.
The Council went into committee on By-Laws 270 to levy County rate, 271 to assess municipalities for equivalent to Legislative grants to schools, and 272 to appoint Board of County Examiners. The by-laws were afterwards read a third time and passed.
Mr. Middleton moved for a grant of \$90 to Union Agricultural Society of Proton, Artemesia, Osprey and Melancton, which was lost.

Mr. McKee moved for grants of \$25 to Teachers' Associations of South and East Grey, which was lost.
Mr. MacRae moved, seconded by Mr. McNeil, That hereafter opinions of the County Solicitors be given in writing, and engrossed in the minutes.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, seconded by Dr. Christie, the Council went into committee on the report of Road and Bridge Committee.

Messrs. Howe and Cameron urged the construction of the bridge on the town line of Holland and Sydenham, but this was lost, and the report passed without amendment.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The Warden read statement from the Treasurer of balances due by defaulting municipalities as follows:—

Beutick	11872.63
Collingwood	2911.02
Euphrasia	2612.90
Holland	8908.42
Keppel	9424.78
Melancton	2823.74
Owen Sound	4344.14
Saravak	245.60
Sullivan	1695.00
Sydenham	4509.62

\$38,707.75

The arrears on the County rate were \$5,592.55; on Gravel Road By-Law 27, \$4,013.75; on Gravel Road By-Law 107, \$1,594.29; and on Railway By-Law 174, \$22,607.16.

A By-Law (No. 278) was introduced, to establish a quarterly fair in the village of Rocklyn; also a By-Law (No. 274) to levy rate for current year under By-Law 174.

Moved by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Read, That the County Treasurer place to the credit of Owen Sound for the current year \$100 as equivalent for rate levied on property not liable to assessment.—Carried.

Dr. Christie presented Report No. 2 of Finance Committee, recommending payment of several accounts, which was adopted.

By-Laws Nos. 273 and 274 were read a second time.

Mr. Knott presented report of County Property Committee, recommending some repairs in the gaol and County buildings; also that parties who have tapped the water pipe to County buildings be notified to discontinue the same. Report passed.

Moved by Mr. MacRae, seconded by Mr. Davis, That the Warden be instructed to memorialize the Government praying for an Act amending the Municipal Law to the effect that the representation of municipalities in County Councils be reduced to one member for each municipality, and that such representatives shall be composed of the Reeves of the respective municipalities.

Mr. Read said if he wished a little cheap popularity he would vote for the motion, because he believed that the Government would not entertain it. He pointed out the great inequality in assessment of municipalities, yet this motion would give Shelburne, which only paid one-twentieth, as great a representation as St. Vincent. If the motion were altered to give plurality of votes to the Reeves in proportion to the assessment they represent, he would go for it willingly.

Mr. MacRae said his motion was simply to call the attention of the Government to the point, and it was not necessary to change it to suit the idea of Mr. Read.

Mr. Middleton objected to the motion on the ground that it violated the principle of representation by population. The people of the county were not asking for any such change, and he did not believe in pressing for change in the law which was better if the Province could get a rest from the continual changing of the municipal law.

Mr. Davis, as seconder of the motion, said this was made a test question at the last nomination in Glenelg, and it was the wish of the ratepayers by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Airth said if economy was what was wanted, reduce the pay to \$2 per day, and confine long-winded speakers to five minutes each.

Mr. Stephens thought there was a good deal of fallacy in the talk about the present representation of townships, or the largest had only one representative ahead of the small ones. He thought no evil would result from having only one representative for each.

Mr. McMahon thought the Council ought to petition Mr. Mowat to reduce the representation in the Legislature to one for each county.

Dr. Christie was opposed to the motion because it struck at representation by population. Men who had stock in bank or companies had representation in accordance with the stock they held, and he thought the same principle should apply to our municipal institutions.

Mr. Cameron said he had voted for a motion similar to this last year, but on reconsidering it he believed he was wrong, and would not vote against it.

Mr. Sparrow would vote for the motion on grounds of economy, though he would prefer to see it amended to give plurality of votes as suggested by Mr. Read.

Mr. Myles said we were commencing at the wrong end to remodel the institutions of the county. He thought if the Legislature did not see fit to apply this principle to themselves, the financial relief to be got by applying it to County Councils would be small. He was opposed also to the idea of Mr. Read, because the man who was sent with three votes could be

bought, and thus rings would be formed. The motion was lost on the following vote:—

Yeas—MacRae, Davis, Gurney, Stephens, Lang, Sparrow, Vasey, McNaught—8.
Nays—Christie, Elliott, McNeil, Laidlaw, McCallum, McColman, Hewgill, Lien, Brien, Murdoch, Lawrence, Myles, Knott, Howe, Cameron, Brown, Airth, Cleland, Konig, Schenck, McMahon, McIntyre, Middleton, Fleming, Read, Gardner, Jolly—27.

Moved by Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Middleton, That the Warden be instructed to memorialize the Government to amend the Division Court Act by increasing the jurisdiction of that Court up to \$200.

Mr. Cleland thought it was not wise to bring up this subject so late in the session, as there would not be a chance to discuss it.

Mr. Stephens thought there were other matters in connection with the constitution of that Court which ought to be dealt with, and he would suggest the reference of the matter to a committee.

Mr. Middleton also agreed that it would be better to go to a committee.

Dr. Christie thought it could be settled by the Council—the question was whether the principle was right or wrong.

Mr. Cleland thought the subject was a large one, and could not be discussed in the short time at the disposal of the Council. He thought it was the County Councils, rather than the Division Courts, that required remodelling.

After some further discussion, Mr. Knott withdrew his motion to make alteration in it.

Mr. Cleland presented the report of the Printing Committee, which was adopted.

Mr. Col. Brodie thanked the Council for the grant made to the Battalion, but expressed a regret that he had not been permitted to expend a certain portion of it in the purchase of helmets.

The Council adjourned till 9 o'clock, Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Warden read report of Dr. McGregor, County Director of the T. G. & B. R.

Moved by Mr. Murdoch, seconded by Mr. Knott, That the County Treasurer be instructed to notify defaulting municipalities that unless reasonable efforts are made to reduce the indebtedness, steps will be taken to force collection; and in case there is no response, that this resolution be an instruction to the Treasurer to take legal steps for collection.

Mr. MacRae spoke of the great loss in interest to the County by the amounts in default, being \$1,680 annually.

Mr. Myles claimed that Mr. MacRae was wrong in the amount of interest being lost.

Mr. Lien said he would vote for the motion, as it was not intended to be harsh with municipalities, but simply to ask them to do their duty.

Mr. McColman did not think Collingwood would be sold out by the Sheriff yet, but it was, the interest would be enough to buy out the whole township of Glenelg, whose Reeves were making so much fuss about it.

Dr. Christie thought Mr. MacRae's figures were correct.

Mr. Myles still contended that he was wrong.

The motion was carried on the following vote:—

Yeas—Christie, Elliott, McCallum, McColman, Hewgill, Lien, Brien, Murdoch, Lawrence, Myles, MacRae, Davis, Cameron, Cleland, Konig, Schenck, McMahon, Gurney, McIntyre, Middleton, Fleming, Lang, McNaught, Jolly—24.
Nays—Knott, Howe, Brown, Flarity, Airth, Stephens, Read, Gardner, Sparrow, Vasey—10.

Moved by Mr. Howe, seconded by Mr. Middleton, That the expenses of all medicines, by whatever name they may be called, be paid by the Gaol Physician.

Mr. Howe referred to the furnishing of liquors to prisoners. He read the rule that no liquors be furnished except on the prescription of his physician. He furnished on this prescription it was as a medicine, and by the agreement with the Gaol Physician he was to pay for all medicines.

Messrs. Middleton, Read, and Christie, suggested that it should be referred to a committee.—Carried.

Moved in amendment by Dr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Elliott, That the Reeves of Keppel, Holland, and Derby, be a committee to report on this matter at the December session.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Middleton, That the Warden be instructed to memorialize the Government to amend the Act respecting the jurisdiction of Division Courts generally, to the effect that claims amounting to \$200 and under may be tried at the said Division Courts.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Middleton, That \$20 be granted for improving the approaches to bridge on Toronto and Sydenham road.—Carried.

Mr. Knott presented report of County Property Committee recommending beautifying of ground in front of Court House, which was adopted.

Moved by Mr. Fleming, That \$22 being fees paid to County Treasurer, be repaid to the Township of Proton.—Carried.

Council adjourned till 7 p. m., on the third Monday in December.

Agents for the Grey Review.

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THE REVIEW.

Durham, July 10, 1879.

—Great indignation is felt in England at the cowardly way in which the Prince Imperial was deserted by his comrades. Lieutenant Carey, the officer in command of the pikeet to which the Prince was attached and which was sent to reconnoitre the position of the Zulus, has been court-martialed and expelled the service.

—The Letellier matter has been adjudicated upon in so far as that the Privy Council has refused to decide the question, although adverse to M. Letellier's dismissal from office. What the action of Sir John A. Macdonald and his Cabinet may be in the circumstances it is not difficult to foresee.

The Hon. gentleman if famous for anything is noted for a clinging to office, and in this present difficulty, judging of the future by the past, he will swallow the leek and retain his seat on the Treasury benches.

—A very "dishonest piece" of journalism has been lately perpetrated by the Toronto Mail. For the purpose of having a fling at the Liberals of Ontario as well as Quebec it announced that the Quebec Legislative Assembly sat over Sunday, when the fact is that the House closed on Saturday afternoon after a session of twenty-five consecutive hours. The attention of the leader of the Government, Mr. Joly, being called to this gross mis-statement, considered it necessary to announce in the House that he would have refused in the most positive manner to allow the House to sit on Sunday. As is usual in such cases the odium sought to be cast upon Mr. Joly and his friends has recoiled upon the heads of the Mail and its admirers.

—A late number of the Commercial Review is entirely occupied with a description of the rising town of St. Thomas. And among the various industries referred to, we are happy to observe that the Agricultural Implement Works conducted by our late townsmen, Mr. Adam Cochrane, comes in for a very flattering notice. Haggart & Cochrane at present employ from 75 to 80 men, as confidently predicted by every rational minded person who was honest enough to state his convictions, the very opposite has come to pass. Instead of low prices for goods and high prices for produce, the Canadian farmer pays higher prices for nearly everything with which he has to buy, and receives less for his wheat now than he did twelve months ago, as stated by the Ottawa correspondent of the Globe. And he is as yet only on the threshold of the disastrous state of affairs inaugurated by the National Policy. The fact is the truth of this is becoming more and more evident, that the folly of last September is coming home to every elector with constantly increasing force, and as a consequence Tory organs are lacking down from the untenable positions they lately occupied, and seizing every opportunity of denying that they have ever said anything about low prices for cottons and woollens and high prices for wheat and wool. Our Cotem., in its frantic efforts to justify its advocacy of mediocrity of trade, makes the following extraordinary statement in its last issue:—"How any man professing to collect and dispense information can have the audacity to affirm that the Canadian National Policy can affect or regulate the price of wheat is surprising." Truly, but it is more surprising still that any man could make such a statement in 1879 and attempt to deny it in 1879. Canadian National Policy regulate the price of wheat! Why, this was the refrain of the Tory election cry from Vancouver to Gaspé. It was by means of this piece of clap-trap that dishonest politicians were able to impose upon a too credulous public, and that Sir John Macdonald is able to command so large a following in the House of Commons. Regulate the price of wheat forsooth! Why, the National Policy was not only to regulate the price of wheat but of everything else. It introduces the "Cotem" state of affairs so often demanded by advanced Socialists, when every body would be rich, and hunger and misery would be nowhere. And it will not be forgotten that the Chronicle specially urged that it would raise the price of wheat. It is now found that so far as the National Policy has regulated prices, it has done so in the interests of half-a-dozen millionaires. It has at one and the same time increased the wealth of the rich and the poverty of the poor, increased the cost of living and at the same time lessened the means of obtaining a living. The factories have not yet risen on our streams and lakes, and the swarms of mechanics and citizens who were to provide a home market for our surplus produce have not yet reached our shores, and the millennium promised by the N. P. is no nearer. All this is foretold. The hollow pretensions of the Conservative press were again and again exposed—although unfortunately to very little purpose at the time—and in these columns, we have always maintained that the so-called National Policy could not affect the price of wheat to the Canadian farmer in ordinary circumstances—that it was a veritable *lance naturae*. But the tide has turned at last, and although too late to repair the injury which has been inflicted upon the prosperity of the country, it is satisfactory to know that the great mass of the people now realize the sad mistake committed at the polls last September, and wait for the opportunity to give the National Policy its quietus.

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and culpable mismanagement, it is to be found in the first pages of that uncomprising blue book. Total receipts, \$3,926,324.19; total expenditure, exclusive of payments to railways, \$2,711,637.48; sum total, a falling off the revenue of nearly half a million, an increase in the expenditure of over a fifth of a million, and a balance sheet showing nearly three quarters of a million on the wrong side. This sad tale explains more clearly than anything yet has, why Mr. Angers and his colleagues had grown so desperate, they knew that the Province was face to face with bankruptcy. It is the record plain, true and unimpeachable of the last year of the De-Boucherville mismanagement, and will furnish grave subject of thought to some of the most rabid of the Lieutenant-Governor's assailants. It will be remembered that His Honor, Mr. Letellier warned the Hon. Mr. DeBoucherville at the time that the expenditure was assuming serious proportions, and it was to that warning that the Premier made his celebrated reply about being forced by the "railway rings." The account, as now furnished, will tend to show whether there was or not good cause and pressing need for interference and advice from the Crown.

—The Ottawa correspondent of the Globe a few days ago said:—"In April, 1878, the average price per bushel paid for wheat was \$1.13, while the average price in the corresponding period of this year was only 98 cents, a decrease of 15 cents per bushel. The first under the old tariff, and the second under the National Policy. In May, 1878, the average price paid was \$1.12, in May, 1879, only 98 cents, a decrease under the National Policy of fourteen cents per bushel.—These practical facts are learned by the farmers every time they go to the Mills, and are more impressive than a bushel of logic." Our local contemporary, commenting upon this, waxes wrath, and in his agony of vexation cries out "dishonest journalism." But the Globe is right. It gives to the world a few very important facts as to the price of wheat, and reminds its readers of the buncombe promises made by Conservative politicians twelve months ago. What was the stock argument of Sir John and his followers last September? Was it not Canada for the Canadians, cheap goods manufactured by Canadian manufacturers, who were to establish all sorts of industries on every stream and pond in the Dominion, provide thereby a home market for every kind of produce and increase the price of wheat and everything else which the farmer had to sell? Have these promises, so freely made in the slightest degree fulfilled? Not at all, but as confidently predicted by every rational minded person who was honest enough to state his convictions, the very opposite has come to pass. Instead of low prices for goods and high prices for produce, the Canadian farmer pays higher prices for nearly everything with which he has to buy, and receives less for his wheat now than he did twelve months ago, as stated by the Ottawa correspondent of the Globe. And he is as yet only on the threshold of the disastrous state of affairs inaugurated by the National Policy. The fact is the truth of this is becoming more and more evident, that the folly of last September is coming home to every elector with constantly increasing force, and as a consequence Tory organs are lacking down from the untenable positions they lately occupied, and seizing every opportunity of denying that they have ever said anything about low prices for cottons and woollens and high prices for wheat and wool. Our Cotem., in its frantic efforts to justify its advocacy of mediocrity of trade, makes the following extraordinary statement in its last issue:—"How any man professing to collect and dispense information can have the audacity to affirm that the Canadian National Policy can affect or regulate the price of wheat is surprising." Truly, but it is more surprising still that any man could make such a statement in 1879 and attempt to deny it in 1879. Canadian National Policy regulate the price of wheat! Why, this was the refrain of the Tory election cry from Vancouver to Gaspé. It was by means of this piece of clap-trap that dishonest politicians were able to impose upon a too credulous public, and that Sir John Macdonald is able to command so large a following in the House of Commons. Regulate the price of wheat forsooth! Why, the National Policy was not only to regulate the price of wheat but of everything else. It introduces the "Cotem" state of affairs so often demanded by advanced Socialists, when every body would be rich, and hunger and misery would be nowhere. And it will not be forgotten that the Chronicle specially urged that it would raise the price of wheat. It is now found that so far as the National Policy has regulated prices, it has done so in the interests of half-a-dozen millionaires. It has at one and the same time increased the wealth of the rich and the poverty of the poor, increased the cost of living and at the same time lessened the means of obtaining a living. The factories have not yet risen on our streams and lakes, and the swarms of mechanics and citizens who were to provide a home market for our surplus produce have not yet reached our shores, and the millennium promised by the N. P. is no nearer. All this is foretold. The hollow pretensions of the Conservative press were again and again exposed—although unfortunately to very little purpose at the time—and in these columns, we have always maintained that the so-called National Policy could not affect the price of wheat to the Canadian farmer in ordinary circumstances—that it was a veritable *lance naturae*. But the tide has turned at last, and although too late to repair the injury which has been inflicted upon the prosperity of the country, it is satisfactory to know that the great mass of the people now realize the sad mistake committed at the polls last September, and wait for the opportunity to give the National Policy its quietus.

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TO OUR FRIENDS.

Some few weeks ago we sent out a number of circulars to subscribers in arrears, and although the amount in most cases was small, yet in the aggregate it was large. Some few responded, but from a large number of those notified we have received no answer whatever. Now as the times with us are very pressing we hope that parties indebted to us will forward the amount of their account at once. As several payments to be made by us are pressing heavily at the present time, if our friends who are receiving the paper would exert themselves in getting their neighbors to subscribe for the Review, and toward us the subscriptions, they will be doing us a kindness that will not only help us through a difficulty, but will be a lasting benefit to the success of THE REVIEW. We have spared no pains or labor to give the people of South Grey a good, liberal local paper. The "Agent" has been here, I believe, and engaged Mr. Crombie. Success, old boy!

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At a meeting of the Directors of the G. B. & Wellington Railway held on Tuesday last, Mr. J. F. Field, Manager of the Ontario Bank, Mount Forest, was appointed Trustee for disposing of the municipal debentures in the room of Mr. Wm. Jackson, of this place, who had resigned on account of ill health.

The By-Law for two thousand dollars to aid the Stratford & Huron Railway was voted on last Friday and carried unanimously at Hanover. The By-Law for an additional \$8,000 in aid of the same Railway, for the West portion of Henkle, including Hanover, was voted on on Saturday and carried by a majority of 144.

STRIKE BY LIGHTNING.—On Thursday last, during a thunderstorm, the lightning struck the Montreal Telegraph line near the residence of Mr. James M. Hunter, and running into the office of Kierman & Hughes' store, damaged the operating instrument and disappeared in the cellar. The instrument was taken to Walkerton next day and repaired.

THE TWELFTH.—The Orangemen of Durham District will commemorate the Battle of the Boyne by a picnic on the 12th of July in Bryan's Grove at Varney, the better known as Emilkiss. Addresses will be delivered by several ministers and the prominent Brass Band will escort the Orangemen from Durham to the picnic ground.

STONS OF IMPROVEMENT.—We notice that six or seven new houses have been built or are in course of erection, in this Town since the snow went away. Among those who have built are Messrs. Wm. Laidlaw, Ed. Ferrier. The stables in connection with the residence of Thomas Leander, Esq., has been enlarged and improved. Mr. R. Horne is building a stable in which to keep Livery vehicles.

PANEL POST.—Persons having small articles to send by mail will be glad to know that the parcel post rates have been reduced to six cents for four ounces and under, and six cents for every additional four ounces. Parcels must not weigh more than five pounds and must be marked "By Parcel Post."

Dundalk Items.

It is reported that "Zero" is dead. If so I suppose it must have been that mighty article in the Durham Chronicle headed "The N. P. at Dundalk." Slush away, Mr. Chronicle; you will have to use stronger language than that to kill "Zero." You will blow your penny whistle a long time before you make people believe we have good times now, or that the N. P. has improved the times any either. We assert, and we defy you to contradict it, that the markets are lower now (at this time of the year) than they have been for ten years. Where is your N. P., then? Is this higher prices, more work and better pay?—Nonsense!

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At a meeting of the Directors of the G. B. & Wellington Railway held on Tuesday last, Mr. J. F. Field, Manager of the Ontario Bank, Mount Forest, was appointed Trustee for disposing of the municipal debentures in the room of Mr. Wm. Jackson, of this place, who had resigned on account of ill health.

The By-Law for two thousand dollars to aid the Stratford & Huron Railway was voted on last Friday and carried unanimously at Hanover. The By-Law for an additional \$8,000 in aid of the same Railway, for the West portion of Henkle, including Hanover, was voted on on Saturday and carried by a majority of 144.

STRIKE BY LIGHTNING.—On Thursday last, during a thunderstorm, the lightning struck the Montreal Telegraph line near the residence of Mr. James M. Hunter, and running into the office of Kierman & Hughes' store, damaged the operating instrument and disappeared in the cellar. The instrument was taken to Walkerton next day and repaired.

THE TWELFTH.—The Orangemen of Durham District will commemorate the Battle of the Boyne by a picnic on the 12th of July in Bryan's Grove at Varney, the better known as Emilkiss. Addresses will be delivered by several ministers and the prominent Brass Band will escort the Orangemen from Durham to the picnic ground.

STONS OF IMPROVEMENT.—We notice that six or seven new houses have been built or are in course of erection, in this Town since the snow went away. Among those who have built are Messrs. Wm. Laidlaw, Ed. Ferrier. The stables in connection with the residence of Thomas Leander, Esq., has been enlarged and improved. Mr. R. Horne is building a stable in which to keep Livery vehicles.

PANEL POST.—Persons having small articles to send by mail will be glad to know that the parcel post rates have been reduced to six cents for four ounces and under, and six cents for every additional four ounces. Parcels must not weigh more than five pounds and must be marked "By Parcel Post."

Pic-Nic.

The annual picnic of the Presbyterian Church in North Normanby was held in Mrs. Derby's Grove, on the 1st inst. The weather being favorable, there was a large gathering of both old and young. Though there were several other picnics in this vicinity, they did not however captivate any of those who were wont to be present on former occasions. The picnics held here are always got up in good style, no pains are