New Advertisements this Week.

Xmas & New Year's Gifts—W. F. Doll, Flesherton & Dundalk.
Heifer Strayed—John W. Smith, Bentinck.
Notice—J. H. Hunter, Durham.
Ambrotypes—N. Kelsey, Durham.
$5 to $20 per day, etc.—George Stinson & Co., Portland, Maine.
Teacher Wanted, School Section No. 7, Glenelg.

☞ All papers sent to distant Post Offices must in future be paid for in advance. The difficulty of collecting subscriptions of this class is so great that we are forced to insist upon payment at the beginning of the year in all cases.

Agents for the Grey Review.

G. B. Middleton,	Dundalk.
Archibald Thom,	Maxwell.
Thos. Nichol,	Priceville.
Colin C. McFayden,	Glenelg.
Daniel Keith,	Holstein
Alexander Taylor,	Dromore.

THE REVIEW.

Durham, December 11, 1879.

—It is stated in the *Official Gazette* that application will be made to Parliament for powers to build a railway from Winnipeg to Fort Nelson at the head of Hudson's Bay. As Fort Nelson is eighty miles nearer Liverpool than New York, and as Hudson's Bay is open for about five months in the year, there is every probability that this route will be the highway for the carrying trade of the North West. Moreover it has been estimated that, by building a short Canal for the purpose of avoiding the rapids which occur on the Nelson River about the middle of its course, uninterrupted water communication could be obtained from Winnipeg by which ships of large burthen could carry the wheat of the North West to Liverpool without breaking bulk.

—The question of New Parliament buildings in the city of Toronto is being discussed in the Press. It is held that the buildings at present in use are, as the *Globe* puts it, "too limited in capacity, extremely unhealthy, totally unprovided with fire-proof chambers, and so dilapidated as to be in serious danger of tumbling suddenly" down. If these things are so,—and we have no reason to doubt the correctness of our *Contemporary's* statements, and considering the valuable Liberary now in the possession of Parliament and the thousands of valuable documents, belonging to the various department which if destroyed by fire would entail great loss to the Province as well as to individuals, most certainly, the sooner new buildings are erected the better.

—Professor Proctor, a well-known and distinguished Astronomer, has been recently lecturing in New York and Montreal on Astronomy, and the other day took as the subject of his lecture "The Great Pyramid" of Egypt which is supposed, and on good authority, to have been built during the reign of Cheops about 2123 B. C. or according to Prof. Proctor 3370 B. C. This immense structure which has a base of 762 ft. square, rises to the height of St. Paul's Cathedral Lundon, and is supposed to have required 100,000 men for fifty years in the building of it. Various opinions have been held as to the use of these structures, as that they were erected for astronomical purposes, for granaries for resisting the encroachments of the sands of the deserts or for the sepulchres of the Kings of Egypt, the last mentioned hypothesis being generally received as the correct one. However Prof. Proctor thinks that they were built by the kings for the purpose of enabling the Astrologers to make more perfect observations of the stars, which these ancient scientists professed to be able to govern, and thereby, learn something definite of their future fortunes. Prof. Smyth, of Aberdeen and others, suppose that the Great Pyramid of Cheops contains certain secret signs from which he differs that in 1882 something serious will happen in reference to the destiny of the human race, perhaps the end of the world. But Prof. Proctor has on sympathy with this theory.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

As the season for attending to the choice of Councillors is drawing near, our friends in Bentinck seem to be determined to take time by the forelock. On Tuesday evening a meeting of the ratepayers of the neighbourhood was held at the School House on the second Concession (McCallum's). The attendance was large. Mr. Campbell was appointed chairman, and after some desultory conversation, Mr. McCallum was asked to address the meeting, which he did, giving a clear and full account of the business done by the Council during the year. Mr. McCallum's speech was well received, and was considered by all present so satisfactory that no one attempted to call any of his statements in question. This is as it should be. If Mr. McCallum discharged his duties as Councillor faithfully, with an eye single to the interests of his township—and no one should know this better than his immediate constituents—then he is deserving of the hearty thanks of his fellow ratepayers for his past services, and a renewal of their confidence if he again allows himself to be brought forward as a candidate. As of Mr. McCallum so of all his fellow Councillors, for, no greater mistake can be made by the people, than to dispense with the services of faithful and tried public servants. In regard to any change in the Council of Bentinck, the meeting on Tuesday evening gave no indication. Rumour has it that our Conservative friends are once more endeavouring to introduce politics into their municipal arrangements, and are about to make a catspaw of an old and tried Reformer for the purpose of ousting the present Reeve. Charity, however, forbids our harbouring such opinions of them, and still less so of the gentleman in question. This game was tried last year, and everybody knows what a miserable fizzle became of it; and if attempted, now the result would be in nowise dissimilar. The Reformers of Bentinck are alive to their interests, and are not to be hoodwinked by such silly devices.

TOWNSHIP BOARDS.

The Public School system of Ontario is admitted to combine efficiency and economy in a higher degree than that of any other country. However, experience has shown, that the system as generally in force is capable of improvement, and that it contains defects which very much hinder the progress of Education. One of these is the system of School Sections. No one who has given any attention to the working of the Schools in Rural Sections can fail to be impressed with the very little real progress made, in the cause of Education; and that this is chiefly due to the constant change of teachers. There are many Boards of Trustees who in their school arrangements, have a single eye to the interests of the pupils; but while this is the case, there are too many who are influenced by narrow prejudices and a still narrower idea of economy in their dealings with teachers. When a teacher has shown himself to be inefficient, most surely the sooner he is discharged the better for himself and for the School; but when a teacher does his work faithfully and well, he should receive a liberal remuneration for his services, and be retained in his position so long as the School is found to prosper under his charge. To remove such a teacher for the matter of a few dollars, is false economy, and suicidal to the best interests of the school. Another evil which presses very heavily upon many families, and which is unavoidable under the present system, is the fact, that the School Sections are, in many instances, so large and irregular in form, that the children who reside in the remote corners cannot attend school with any degree of regularity—in many cases only for a few months in summer, and a month or two in winter, and in some cases not at all—and consequently receive no adequate school advantages. Other evils might be enumerated, such as the employment of favourites without regard to qualifications, the employment of incompetent teachers in small sections, and the lack of school facilities generally to aid teachers in their work. When to these we add the ceaseless strife and contention, bickerings and ill-will which arise out of school matters, and so seriously disturb the harmony and good will which should prevail among the people, there is enough said to show, that some change in the present system is required. It may be reasonably doubted whether any system would meet every contingency. But experience of the Township Board System in places where it has been fairly tried, conclusively proves that it is infinitely superior to that of school sections, and much more effectually secures economy as well as efficiency in the working of the Schools. The State of Massachusetts adopted the School Section system in 1789, and after an experience of eighty years, in 1869 abolished it, and adopted the Township Board system with the most beneficial results. And Dr. Frazer, Bishop of Manchester in his review of the American system in his report of 1867, says "that the original object of the law as to School Sections was innocent and praiseworthy, but that the result has shown that it creates a most powerful impedement to the satisfactory and efficient working of the system." The Public School Law of Omario provides for the establishment of Township Boards, so soon as two thirds of the sections in any township shall at the annual meeting vote in favour of such Boards—the Township to be divided into four wards, each of which shall return two Trustees, who shall be elected and retire, one at a time, in conformity with the law at present bearing on that subject. Under the amendment to the School Act passed last session, the annual school meeting will this year be held on the last Wednesday of this month, when it is to be hoped, the ratepayers will embrace the opportunity of discussing the question of Township Boards vs. School Sections.

The Oratorio.

The Oratorio which was given in the Town Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by Mr. Tanney, under the auspices of Mechanics' Institute, turned out a grand success, both as regards the attendance and the entertainment itself. When all the amateur performers did so well it would be somewhat invidious to make reference to any in particular. But a notice of the entertainment would scarcely be complete without making special mention of the excellent rendering of the parts of Esther, Zeresh, Mordecai, Haman and the King. The little *Persians* also deserve special mention. We would suggest to the Directors of the Institute that when anything of the kind is attempted again, a better instrument be placed before the Organist, and more attention be given to the lighting of the Hall. As it was the musical portion of the entertainment was exceedingly good. Great praise is due to Mr. Tanney for the success of the Oratorio, considering the limited time he had for preparation, and his assistants being all amatures.

Latona.

On Friday last a great bear hunt was organized here and a large crowd of men, old and young went out to track bruin on the snow, but omitting to take dogs along, the bear would double on their tracks. One young man was so excited that he gave chase out to the 7th Con. of Bentinck without a hat. After hunting till they were tired, they returned to Griffin's Corner to try their luck at something that stood still (a board), and judging from most of the shooting, we concluded that his bearship would have been pretty safe at forty yards distance.

If you want cheap Groceries go to J. H. Hunter's.

The Parry Sound *North Star*—the paper which poor Fisher, who was drowned in the *Waubuno* was proprietor of—is announced for sale.

Local and other Items.

Be sure and read J. H. Hunter's advertisement.

The Rails are laid on the Credit Valley Railway to Fergus.

Erin Village is to incorporated, and contains 789 inhabitants.

If you want cheap Dry Goods, at and below old prices go to J. H. Hunter's

The Weather—we are afraid to say more, about it because it is changing all the time, snowing at present.

The Art Union Exhibition in Mount Forest closed on Thursday evening last, and netted $150. The entries numbered over 600, and were obtained from the village with a few exceptions.

Neck-tie Social.—On Friday night last a Neck-Tie Social was held in Middle Station Presbyterian Church, Normanby. It was quite a success, and a merry time for the young people at the ludicrous assortment of couples. $15 was realized.

We understand that the ladies of Trinity Church purpose holding a Bazaar in the Town Hall, on the 24th inst., where a variety of useful and ornamental articles will be offered for sale. In the evening (Christmas Eve) a select musical entertainment will be given. Admission ten cents.

Fire in Artemesia.—On the 20th ult the residence of Mr. Alex. McLean South Line, Artemesia, about 2 miles from Priceville, was destroyed by fire. Mr. McLean losing all his furniture, wheat and provisions, and he being in poor health makes the hardship all the worse. He is being helped by the charitably disposed.

Fire in Normanby.—On Wednesday night the barn of Mr. Jones, Normanby, about five miles from Mount Forest, caught fire and was burnt to the ground. A reaper and waggon with all the hay and straw were burned. The grain was saved, being in another building. The flames could be seen quite plain in Durham about 8 o'clock.

Good Threshing.—Malcolm and D. McMullan, threshed out 95 bushels of wheat, of the "Lost Nation" variety, in forty minutes, on the 4th inst., at Mr. Angus McMullan's, Glenelg, with a Threshing Machine, made at the Durham Foundry. This speaks well both for the operators and the machine. If any one can beat this we would like to hear of *it*.

Dundalk.—Mrs. Sweeny has sold lot 231 4th Con, Proton to Mr. Mc Kee, of the Township of Smith, Peterboro for $2.200 cash. Mr. Peter Sauder has sold lot 231 3rd Con. Melanchton, to Mr. M. Nethercut, for $2,600. Mr. Wm. Allan, of Dundalk, had his leg broken by being caught on a shaft in John McDowell's saw mill, a short time since.

Honor Roll, Dundalk Public School.—Marks obtainable in each class, 200. Fifth class—Amelia Graham, 198; John McGregor, 197; Lucinda Graham, 195; Maggie Ferrier, 190. Fourth class—Mary Galloway, 173; Wm. Graham, 164; Kate McArthur, 160. Third class—Annie Ferrier, 179; Jennie Middleton, 173; Stella Morrow, 160. R. McDougall, Teacher. Dundalk, Dec. 8, 1879.

The Sullivan By-law.—It will be remembered that the By-law granting a bonus of $30,000 by the Township of Sullivan to the Georgian Bay & Wellington Railway was carried by a small majority. Some parties held that the By-Law was carried by unfair means, and an application was accordingly made to the court Queen's Bench to have it quashed. On Friday last the case came up for hearing, when the application was dismissed and the By-law sustained. —*O. S. Advertiser.*

New Presbyterian Church.—The first Service was held in the new Presbyterian Church, Bunessan, on Sabbath last. The Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Priceville, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon, from the 4th chapter of Galations. Messrs. Wm. J. Young, and George Binnie led the singing. The new edifice is a very commodious building, and will afford ample accommodation for some time to come to the congregation worshiping there. There was no formal opening, but Mr. McLeod's discourse was a continuation of a series from the Epistle to the Galations. The Church is only seated with boards and cedar blocks in the meantime, but it is expected to put in new seats in a short time. The Soiree on Friday evening next week will be attended by a large number it is expected.

Last week the survey was completed for the construction of a branch railway from Flesherton Station to the village of Flesherton, a distance of a mile and a half. The gradients are much easier than the aspect of the ground would lead one to suppose. The villagers have subscribed handsomely toward the construction of the work, and it is almost certain sectional bonuses will be received from Artemesia and Osprey, sufficient to complete the work. The square timber business is being pushed forward with vigor by Messrs. R. Hannah and O. F. Wright, and produces quite a stir.

The Walkerton *Telescope* says: A number of influential gentlemen on Tuesday visited Harriston to consult with some of the directors of the Stratford and Huron Railway, in reference to building a branch of that road to Walkerton from some point between Neustadt and Hanover. The proposal was very favorably received, and we understand the company will take immediate steps to obtain a charter not only for the construction of a branch to Walkerton, but for its extension through this town to Inverhuron. The distance of the branch to Walkerton would only be from six to eight miles, while the whole distance to Inverhuron would be from 28 to 30 miles. The company asks a bonus of about $6,500 per mile, if it undertakes to build the road.

Fire.—About one a. m. on Sunday the Lorne steam grist and flour mill at Teeswater, owned by the Merchants' Bank at Walkerton, and recently rented by Mr. G. Brooks, of Exeter, was discovered to be on fire. The saw mill and offices in connection were saved with great trouble. Loss estimated at about $10,000. Insured in the Royal. It is expected that the Insurance will cover most of the damages.

Flesherton.

Death.—The grim monster has been at work in Flesherton. Mr. Alex. Thompson, Baker, departed this life on Sunday morning, the 7th inst. He died happy, trusting in Jesus. His remains were carried to the cemetary on Monday, the 8th inst., a great number of friends being present. A funeral sermon is to be preached next Sunday evening in the C. M. Church. While the funeral procession was passing our hotel, we noticed some persons who live a short distance from our village, too drunk to stand straight. We say shame to the man who drinks, and the man who sells the drink.

Anniversary.—The Presbyterian Sabbath School will give their Anniversary in the Town Hall, on Christmas evening. The Methodist Sabbath School, on New Years evening as usual. Come to both and see which is best.

Anniversary. — The Annual Sabbath School Anniversary and Tea meeting in connection with the Presbyterian congregation of Knox Church, Toronto Line, Artemesia, was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. the 2nd inst., in the church. After due attention had been given to the eatables which were well up to the mark as regards quantity and quality. Mr. Wm. Brown, of Markdale, was called to the chair, and gave a few remarks. He called on the scholars for singing, which was well rendered under the able leadership of Mr. Anderson. Miss Annie Anderson presided at the organ. Short speeches were given by the following persons:—Rev. James Anderson, of Markdale; Rev. Wm. Smyth, of Flesherton; Dr. Christoe and M. E. Merriam, of the latter place, also a reading by a little girl, which was well rendered; a dialogue by two small girls, which was very good; a song by Mr. Anderson, a duet by Mr. Anderson and daughter. All seemed to enjoy themselves. Net proceeds about nineteen dollars. May the Sabbath School in Knox Church ever prosper.

Wetting.—One evening, last week, as one of our young men was coming out of a neighbors, he received a shower-bath at the gate, not from the father, mother, or brother of the young lady residing there, but from a large boy who threw the water fair on his head. Both young man and boy are thought more about, and less of. We hope better of them in the future.

Monthly Fair.—Not many buyers present. Quite a number of cattle out. Some changed hands at reasonable prices.

County Court.

The County Court was opened in Owen Sound, on Tuesday last, before his Honor Judge Macpherson.

The following is the Docket. No undefended Issues. The Defended Issues are 15 in number as follows:—

Boyle vs. Boyle—J. Masson for Piff. D. A. Creasor, for Deft.

Nolan vs. Barton—J, Masson for Piff. J. McFadyen for Deft.

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Hayward vs. Burns—C. B. Jackes for Piff. C. McFayden for Deft.

Bothwell vs. Swan—C. B. Jackes for Piff. W. H. Kingstone for Deft.

Crawford vs. McGillvary — Creasor & Morrison for Piff. J. Masson for Deft.

Wolfe vs. McKay—Creasor & Morrison for Piff. C. McFayden for Deft.

Crawford vs. Cooke—Creasor & Morrison for Piff. J. J. Robertson for Deft.

Frost vs. Cooke—Creasor & Morrison for Piff. J. J. Robertson for Deft.

Layton vs. Scott—J. J. Robertson for Piff. Lane & Rowe for Deft.

Street vs. Siegrest *et al*—J. J. Robertson for Piff. Frost & Frost for Deft.

Woolrich vs. Price—Frost & Frost for Piff. D. A. Creasor for Deft.

Hogg vs. Best—Pollard & Evans for Piff. J. Masson for Deft.

McAnally vs. Woodland—Frost & Frost for Piff. G. R. Howard, Q. C., for Deft.

G. B. T. Co. vs. Sutherland—Moberly & Gammon for Piff. Mowat, McLellan and Downey for Deft.

CRIMINAL MATTERS.

Richard Hoy was arraigned on a charge of having had criminal connection with a young girl about 11 years of age. Mr. Frost, the County Attorney explained to the Jury that in consequence of the parents of the girl, who formerly lived in Normanby, having removed to Parry Sound, and the great expense necessary to bring them to Owen Sound, he had decided to bring no evidence for the Crime, and the Judge directed the Jury to bring in a verdict of Not Guilty, and the prisoner was discharged.

William Boyle has arraigned on a charge of burgulary. The evidence was, that he broke into a tavern of an Edward Hames, by kicking in the door, and after demanding liquor, and on its being refused, seized a bottle of liquor from the bar and carried it off. Verdict Not Guilty. The prisoner was ably defended by Mr. Masson.

True Bills were found against Alfred Wright and Samuel Mishap, Riot & Tumult, and against Samuel Mishap, shooting with intent to do gacvious bodily harm.

CIVIL CASES DECIDED.

Boyle vs. Boyle—action on note—Verdict for Piff., $206.30.

Nolan vs. Barton—an Interpleader Issue—Verdict for Piff.

Crawford vs. McGillvary—action on note—Verdict for Piff. for $185.64.

Wolfe vs. McKay—action on note—Verdict for Piff. for $233.42.

Layton vs. Scott—action on account—Verdict for Piff. $150.83.

Hogg vs. Best—action on note—Verdict for Piff. $131.00.

Nolan vs. Barton—another Interpleader Issue tried by Judge without a Jury—Verdict for Deft.

Hayward vs. Burns—action on breach of Contract to build house and barn and on Common Court—Verdict for Piff., $102.00.

Bothwell vs. Swan—action of Trover and Trespass to goods arising out of a seizure of the Plaintiff's buggy, under an execution against one John Dowyer—Verdict for Piff for $66.75.

The Court adjourned about 7 p. m.

West Garafraxa will not be pushed by the County Council to pay at once the defalcations of Wm. Cassidy, the ex-Treasurer. The township is quite good for the amount, and the Councillors have taken a wise view of the situation in not pushing the matter before the insolvent estate of the ex-Treasurer is adjudicated upon.

Normanby Council.

The Council of the township of Normanby met on the 25th day of November, 1879 from adjournment of last meeting at the township hall.

Present—John Koenig, Reeve; George H. Schenk, 1st Deputy-Reeve; Henry A. McMahon, 2nd Deputy-Reeve, and Jno. Blyth and Andrew O'Farrell, Councillors.

Minutes of last meeting read and assented to.

Moved by Mr. Schenk, seconded by Mr. O'Farrell, that insurance charges on township hall be paid, amounting to $10,50.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blyth, seconded by Mr. Schenk, that as soon as collected, the monies coming to each school section be paid to township treasurer.—Carried.

Treasurer will be at at Reckin's hotel on the 18th day of December, 1879, to pay said monies.

Moved by Mr. Schenk, seconded by Mr. Blyth, that clerk write county treasurer to erase arrears of taxes from lot west half 22. on the 4th concession of Normanby.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. O'Farrell, seconded by Mr. McMahon, that in answer to complaint of Mr. Cooper the pathmaster of beat notify party to remove fence from road allowance, and that clerk instruct said pathmaster to attend at once to same, and in default of such removal that proceedings be taken to enforce removal of said fence.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blyth, seconded by Mr. Schenk, that expense of treasurer to Owen Sound on township business in end of October last be paid to amount of $10.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Schenk, seconded by Mr. O'Farrell, that commission to bank on checks sent township treasurer to date, and telegrams connected therewith be paid, amounting to $2.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blythe, seconded by Mr. O'Farrell, that interest on monies borrowed for township purposes, amounting to $30 be paid.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blyth, seconded by Mr. O'Farrell, that Reeve inform Attorney-General of public opinion of township being against any change for new county formation at present.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Schenk, seconded by Mr. O'Farrell, that Reeve and Clerk be paid $4 each for time and expenses attending meeting at Harriston in reference to township railway debentures.—Carried.

Application was made on behalf of Mr. Francis Eden, whose house and portion of his effects were destroyed by fire to exempt him from taxes of 1879. Consideration of same delayed until next meeting, that further information may be obtained.

By-laws were passed for holding nomination in township hall, on Monday, the 29th day of December, 1879, at noon, and in case of more candidates than one for each office of holding election on first Monday in January, 1880, as follows; No. 1 division, school house of section No. 11, George Hopf deputy returning officer. No. 2 division, township hall, W. H. Ryan deputy returning officer. No. 3 division, school of section No. four, Victor Lang deputy returning officer. No. 4 division, school house of section No. 8, James Pall deputy returning officer. No 5 division, school house section No 14. Thos. Duignan deputy returning officer. No. 6 division, school house of section No. 3, Malcolm McPhee, deputy returning officer.

Moved by Mr. Blyth, seconded by Mr. O'Farrell, that the Reeve be instructed to communicat with township's trustee, who holds debentures inquiring whether any of our debentures given by this township, in aid of railway, have been delivered to or sold to company, and the dates thereof; also having due regard to the different by-laws under which aid granted.—Carried.

On motion made and seconded, council adjourned until the 29th day of December, 1879, to meet at lownship hall Ayton village.

W. H. Ryan, Tp. Clerk.

Fire in Arthur.—A fire broke out in Peter Cosgrove's hotel stable, Arthur Village, on Sunday night, and the building, together with a stallion, a young horse, a cow and a quantity of hay were consumed. The fire spread to Draper's stable and M. Halley's stable, both of which fell a prey to the devouring element. Cosgrove's loss is between $1,000 and $1,300. That of the others is much less. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.—*Fergus News-Record.*

Burglary in Lucknow.—Between 12 and 4 o'clock Friday morning the shop of Mr. Charles Secord, of Lucknow, was entered, the safe blown open, and about three hundred dollars stolen. Two men were arrested at the Listowel station on on the arrival of the train from Kincardine the same day, supposed to be the parties who burglarized a store in Lucknow. Upon being searched $220, two revolvers and a complete set of burglars' tools were found in their possession. They were brought before the Mayor and each fined $50 for carrying firearms. They were then taken back to Lucknow to be dealt with by the authorities there for burglary, and committed.

Still Captured. — Our indefatigable Collector of Inland Revenue started out by daylight on Thursday morning to make a raid on a still supposed to be in the possession of Mr. Donald Campbell, Lot 13, 10 con., Sydenham. When Mr. Graham arrived, Mr. Campbell at once suspected what he had come for, and frankly stated that the still was in the barn, but not being in use he did not think he was violating the law. The still, which was taken possession of by Mr. Graham and brought to his office, was a valuable copper one, and had evidently seen a good deal of service. This makes the ninth still which Mr. Graham has captured since he has been Collector here.—*Owen Sound Times.*

A sad drowning accident occurred on the southern coast of Nova Scotia on Sunday. Michael Wrayton of Emerald Isle, near Barrington, his daughter Cassie, his son Lovell, and a man named Jacob Sears, of Woods Harbor, Shelburne Co., left Shang Harbor Sunday morning in a small shallop for Pubnico, Yarmouth County, to attend church service. The vessell foundered while entering Argyle Sound, and all four were drowned. The bodies of Mr. Wrayton and his daughter have been recovered. The Wrayton family were in most comfortable circumstances, owning the whole island on which they lived. Being Roman Catholics, the nearest church for them was in Pubnico, to which they were going when drowned.

The County of Middlesex has let contracts for building a House of Refuge for $15,500.

Artemesia Council.

Met in the Town Hall, Flesherton, Dec. 1st 1879. Present the Reeve, Messrs. Elliott, Wright and Pedlar. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Treasurers monthly statement presented and read, communications as follows presented and read, from Thos. H. Johnson, re-W. Hogg, R. Mc L. Purdy re-Thos. Crowe. Petitions presented and read as follows, Alex. McMillen, re-remission of taxes to Alex. McLean, his property having been destroyed by fire; Charlotte Diggs, re-remission of taxes; Christina Stewart, re-remission of taxes. Report of Messrs. Elliott, Wright and Pedlar as road commissioners for 1879 presented and read; bond of John Hazard, as Sec.-Treas. S. S. No. 6, filed. By-Law No. 304 appointing Returning Officers, and Deputy Returning Officers, introduced and put through the usual course signed and sealed and passed. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Pedlar, that the Reeve issue his order in favor of Ferguson Wright, for $2 being error in statute labor returned.—Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the Reeve issue his order in favor of George Walker, for $1.50 on charge to ward No. 2.—Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the Reeve issue his order in favor of the following parties, R. Mc L. Purdy error in Lots having been assessed in 1876 $15.21, Wm. Hogg, error in Lots having been assessed in 1876 $76.66, the above taxes having accrued while the property was vested in the crown.—Carried. Mr. Pedlar moved, Mr. Wright seconded, that orders be issued to the following Sec.-Treas. of school sections as soon as orders be produced from trustees of the respective sections requesting the same for the following amounts namely:—John Lyons, Sect. 1, $392.57; Samuel Cunningham, Sec. 2, $381.62; Jno. Wright, Sect. 3, $571.50; A. Nelson, Sect. 4, $255.00; R. Brown, Sect. 5, $562,95; John Hazard, Sect. 6, $237.60; Matthias Williamson, Sect. 7, $237.30; John McKee, Sect. 8, $289.50; Wm. Hooper, Sect. 9, $297.00; R. Buchannan, Sect. 11, $421.85; Francis Wait, Sect. 12, 402.15; Jas. Sullivan, seperate school, $276.51; less debenture and interest in full.—Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the sum of eighty dollars be granted to S. S. No. 13 being for accumulated interest on deposits on debentures, which debentures will be due, and payable in January; this amt. to be charged to debenture acct.—Carried. Mr. Pedlar moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the Reeve issue his order in favor of T. Crowe, for $16 being a refund of statute labor the same being considered an over charge and that two days extra be charged to Crowe next year.—Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Pedlar, that the Reeve issue his order for $3 in favor of Thomas Read, being error in statute labor.—Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the petition of Alexander McMillan and A. McLean be granted, and that the Reeve issue his order for $4.95, being refund of taxes to Alex. McLean, he having lost his crop and buildings recently by fire.—Carried. Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. Pedlar, that the sum of $12 be refunded Mr. Leslie, excess in statute labor, and that he be charged two days extra next year.—Carried. Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the sum of $3 be refunded to Malcolm Kennedy, for statute labor performed at Station, also $1.50 paid to indigent emigrant.—Carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the Reeve issue his order in favor of the following parties:— Wm. Brown and C. C. James, auditors, $28; J. W. Henderson, clerk and registrar, $48. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Pedlar, that the treasurer be instructed to pay what is due to county treasurer, in full, if possible before the first of January, 1880, and that the council deem it advisable to continue the deposit of money in bank in name of the corporation, to be drawn only by order of council.—Carried. Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. Pedlar, that the Reeve issue orders for monthly allowances to indigents.—Carried.

After all business having been transacted for 1879, the Reeve left the chair, and the following resolution was put and carried. Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, that the thanks of this council are due and are hereby tendered to the Reeve, Dr. Christoe, for the very gentlemanly and impartial manner in which he has presided over this council during the past year.—Carried unanimously. Council adjourned.

J. W. Henderson, Clerk.

Flesherton, Dec. 1, 1879.

The Garafraxa Treasurer's Sureties' Suit.

(*From the Fergus News-Record.*)

This case was argued before Mr. Justice Armour on Friday last, at Toronto, and a judgment given in favour of the sureties: Jas. Lindsay, Cyrus Sargent, Duncan McDonald and Wm. Robinson on all the points brought before the Court.

The proceedings taken in the suit upon which the above decision was given were shortly as follows:—

The Township claimed $15,000 against the sureties on their bond for the Treasurer from the 24th day of Feb'y, 1876, to the 1st day of July, 1879.

In answer to this claim the sureties pleaded, in substance, that they were not liable, because—

First.—The by-law for 1876 specifically appointed Mr. Cassidy Treasurer for that year only;

And Secondly, the by-law for 1877, besides reappointing Cassidy, contained a clause repealing all previous by-laws appointing Township officers, and thereby released the sureties even if they could have been held liable under the first by-law.

To this the Township replied; first, by setting out both the above by-laws; and secondly, by alleging that the Township, during the whole of the Treasurer's continuance in office, held the bond in question as security, with the knowledge and consent of the sureties.

The sureties replied to this, that the by-laws as set forth were no answer to their pleas; but on the contrary supported them; and that the knowledge and consent of the sureties, even if proved, could not continue a liability which the Township had by their own act, surrendered.

By the judgment above given it would appear that the whole matter has been virtually decided and that bringing the suit to a trial now would only be adding costs against the Township.

Wm. Cassidy, who was also sued with the sureties, having allowed judgment to go by default, will of course still be liable.

Great Fire at Bow Park Farm.

HEAVY LOSS IN STOCK, BUILDINGS, FODDER, &c.

Brantford, Dec. 3.—About 11 o'clock last night, a light suddenly flashed up apparently in the south-eastern part of the city. The fire bells rang, the engines turned out and the citizens rushed forth. It was soon ascertained that the fire was outside of the city limits and was very large. Soon the news arrived that the fire was out at Bow Park, the great stock-farm of the Hon. George Brown, Toronto. This proved to be correct, and the firemen returned to the stations, as the distance was too great to think of going out.

There were ten long stables which were full of cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, grain of all kinds, roots, farming implements, etc. Out of these ten, seven are burnt to the ground.

The remaining three contained nearly all the valuable cows and bulls. These were all got out safely by the great exertions of the men. The next building to the three saved was the one in which the fire originated, and the wind being from the east was the only thing that saved the whole lot from destruction. All the buildings west and opposite to where the fire began are gone—burnt to the ground. Two very valuable imported mares, ten farm horses, and six valuable pigs were burnt.

The buildings destroyed are:—The great barn, 220 ft. long by 48 wide, and 45 high, filled from floor to ceiling with unthreshed oats, rye, and hay, with its vast cellar below piled up with mangolds, and with its twenty horse-power engine, boiler, cutting and grinding machines, and steaming vats, is entirely gone. The model stable, 180 ft. long, with its 24 stalls and every modern convenience, has gone with it. The first Shorthorn box house, 270 ft. by 34, in which stood 52 grand cows, with grander calves at their feet, is a pile of embers. The sheep houses, 250 by 24; the implement house, 200 by 20, are all gone. Nothing remains but the second Shorthorn box house 270 by 28; the third Shorthorn stall house, 270 by 30; the bull house, 270 by 24; Mr. Brown's cottage, the manager's cottage, and the two boarding houses for the men.

The origin of the fire is unknown. There had been no light in the barn that night, nor is any one known to have been in it after dark, and there had not been fire in it for many weeks, as the engine had not been brought into use for the winter.

The value of the buildings and contents destroyed cannot be yet accurately ascertained, but it must be very large. The total insurance is $65,000, distributed among a number of the best offices.

Mr. George Brown arrived at Brantford by the first train that left Toronto after the occurrence was known there, and left immediately for Bow Park. It is understood that as the result of consultation held plans for the re-erection of the buildings have been formed, and the work of restoration will go on forthwith. Arrangements have already been made for the housing of all the animals until the new buildings are run up, and in a few days it is hoped comfort and order will be restored. The numerous detached buildings over the farm and the kind offers of accommodation from many quarters have greatly contributed to this end.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

A Poultry Association has been formed at Clinton.

Woodstock in 1879 has spent $150,000 in buildings.

A rich find of gold has been struck this week in Madoc.

Messrs. J. & R. Hunter, of the Township of Pilkington, had a pure bred Booth bull, Sir Edmund, die a few days ago. The loss will reach $1,000.

On Thursday morning about six o'clock, Samuel Bechtel, eldest son of Mr. Solomon Bechtel, who lives about a mile south of Hespeler, committed suicide in his father's barn by cutting his throat.

A. C. Johnston, a farmer of London township, lost a horse one evening in a very peculiar way. The animal placed its head under the manger, and in endeavouring to raise itself broke its neck.

At the trial of the Dufferin election petition on Tuesday Dr. Barr, the member-elect, was unseated for bribery by agents, and the personal charges were not pressed. The seat has been declared vacant, and Dr. Barr is still eligible for re-election.

On the 1st of December there were two hundred and thirty-two pupils in the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Belleville, an increase of seventeen over the number in residence on the 1st of December, 1878.

A Canada Southern brakesman named Michael Donly was stabbed by a navvy named Lewis in a Waterford hotel last Tuesday night, and died within ten minutes. Donly was a resident of St. Thomas. Lewis was arrested.

It is expected that the work of Miss Rye will be considerably extended next year. Nearly fifty per cent. of this year's children have been taken up by the same families who took children from Miss Rye ten years ago—a suggestive fact.

On Monday night, while Geo. Selby and Frank Miller, both colored were going home from the village of Lakelet, Miller stabbed Selby seven times with a knife, cutting him up very badly. He is not expected to live. Miller was arrested.

The Orillia *Times* says:—McKay Bros.' woollen factory was destroyed by fire last Saturday. It caught while the workmen were away at dinner, and burned so fiercely and rapidly that nothing was saved, not even the books which were lying on a table in the front office.

The Bishop of Niagara has been collecting, and intends to publish, in a short time, racy anecdotes current about the late Bishop Strachan. A good many of these are floating round, illustrative of the worthy Bishop's dry humor, strong common sense, indomitable energy, commanding will, and, at the same time, genuine kind-heartedness.

Small-pox is again alarmingly on the increase in Montreal, particulary in the East End. The average weekly number of deaths in Wolfe street alone is stated to be four, and yet last year, when a total of 144 deaths from the loathsome scourge took place, only thirty-four of the residents on the street could be induced to submit to vaccination.

The Kashgar Revolt.—It is reported that the Kashgar revolt has ended in the complete defeat of Hakim Khan, of Hakim Khan besieged Tashkourgan with 5,000 men, the Chinese garrison numbering only 2,000; but all of Hakim Khan's Kirghiz force deserted, leaving only the Sarts. Hakim retired with those into the country of the Kirghiz, which he ravaged and then started for Russia laden with booty. The Chinese from Tashkourgan overtook Hakim on the 21st of September in the Kizalart defile, and slew a third of his men.

During a recent heavy cyclone in the Bay of Bengal the storm wave swept over Manksshall Island, drowning several hundred persons.

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