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## THE REVIEW.

Durham, January 27, 1881.

—Dr. Christie has been elected Warden of the County. We have to congratulate the Doctor on the distinguished honor thus conferred upon him, knowing that the dignity of the office will be well sustained in his hands.

The state of Ireland can scarcely be said to have improved. Agrarian outrages are not so common nor so brutal as they have been, but the peasantry are still in a state of chronic agitation and discontent. To add to the misery of the situation, want of food and clothing and fuel is beginning to be felt in many districts. In the Imperial Parliament Mr. Forster, Secretary for Ireland, in accordance with Mr. Gladstone's policy, that order must precede any reform of the law lands, he introduced a coercion act—the forty-ninth of the kind within the last thirty years. Whether this will be more successful than former bills of the same kind it is impossible to say. The majority of the Home rulers have resolved to oppose it, and urge that nothing will satisfy Ireland, and restore peace but a liberal Land Reform Act, embodying the three F's—fair rents, free sale of land, and fixity of tenure, with expropriation of the landlords, or purchase of the land of Ireland by the Government and a sale of it to the peasantry on reasonable terms. To most of these, the landlords entirely object, so, as the spirit of compromise is entirely wanting on both sides, it is idle to speculate as to result.

In another column we make room for a communication on unequal assessments in this Town, and we do so, because of the importance of the subject. Complaints of this sort are not of recent origin, but on the contrary, like other complaints, they are of old standing. Indeed ever since the incorporation of the Town, complaints have been quite rife as to unfair assessments and many of our readers who are quite conversant with the facts will at once perceive whether they are well or ill-founded. It is possible that there may be no reasonable grounds for such complaints, but as our local contemporary, whom we must admit to be an authority on municipal matters, admits the justice of the complaint in the present instance, we can come to no other conclusion, than that the allegations of our correspondent are true. If so, who is to blame? Possibly the assessor in the first place, but it is the Town Council who must be held responsible for such irregularities. The assessor is simply the officer of the Council, and if he fails to do his work as it ought to be done, then the people should call their representatives at the Council board to account for any errors that may appear on the assessment roll.

The bargain entered into by Sir John with the St. Paul Syndicate will no doubt be forced through Parliament. The interests of the country have never been allowed to stand in the way of a party victory by the Conservative party, but never before has such a gross outrage been perpetrated by a weak-kneed majority as in the present instance. It was of no consequence to Sir John and subservient following that a purely Canadian Company, composed of men of the highest character and of unlimited financial ability, had offered to build the Pacific railway at a much reduced cost, and without claiming any of the enormous conditions exacted by the American Syndicate. The Government had agreed to the terms of the old Syndicate and would not listen to the offers of any others. However, a day of reckoning will come. The electors are now thoroughly alive to the character of the men who have been entrusted with the reins of power, men who for party purposes never hesitate to sacrifice the interests of the country. They have enacted a retrograde fiscal system, yet a National Policy, which has failed to develop the industrial resources of the country, but has succeeded in increasing the cost of living to the great body of the people, and now, they have erected in the North West a huge land and railway monopoly which for centuries will stultify the growth of the country and hinder the prosperity of its people. As we go to press we learn that Mr. Blake's amendment has been defeated—victoriously carrying the bargain with the American Syndicate—by a majority of over 80. Thus the last straw has been added to the burdens of a long suffering people.

## THE REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We have received the Educational Report for 1879, just laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario by the Minister of Education. A very cursory examination of this report will show the high degree of perfection attained by the system of Education pursued in the Public and High Schools of the Province. Year by year the standard of proficiency of teachers in literary subjects has been raised so that now, a long course of study is required to pass a First or Second class examination or even a Third, nor has the professional qualifications of teachers been overlooked. Normal Schools are provided for First and Second class teachers, and the County Model Schools as at present organized on our better Public Schools, are doing excellent work in training Third class teachers, at a minimum of cost and as efficiently as could be expected. On this point the report says, that after three years experience it is admitted on all hands that these County Model Schools have been a decided success. Certain suggestions are made for their further improvement, such as—the lengthening of the term from two to six months; the making of all Public grants compulsory; and the appointment of an assistant during the Model School

term to relieve the Principal. We would suggest in addition that there be only one session in any one year. Considering the time, labour and expense now required of teachers in preparing for their work, it is a matter of regret that they are not better paid. We learn from the Report that the average annual salary paid to male teachers in counties in 1879 was \$393, being an increase of \$8 per teacher; and to female teachers the average salary paid amounted only to \$249. The total number of schools reported was 5,123, which have been taught by 6,596 teachers, of whom 3,151 were males and 3,445 females, and which have been attended by 497,012 pupils, of whom 259,056 were boys and 237,956 girls. The total receipts for all Public School purposes for the year amounted to \$3,226,730, being a decrease of \$20,691 on the preceding year, this large decrease being chiefly in the matter of school sites and school houses. The expenditure on account of supernumerary teachers steadily increases as it necessarily must do. The amount paid in 1879 was \$43,619. The number of teachers on the superannuation fund in 1879 was 260, of the average age of 70½ years, and receiving an average allowance of \$134.91. The highest allowance paid to any teacher was \$248 while the lowest was \$8.

## Local and Other Items.

This place to buy watches. See Dally's adv't this week.

Call at H. W. Mockler's and buy a pair of Blankets at cost.

A new stock Ladies' Clouds at 75cts and a \$1 extra value, at H. W. Mockler's.

We would notice several local matters, but want of space prevents us this week.

H. W. Mockler is selling Indian Mantles and Coats at cost, also men's Over-Coats and Caps at cost.

The Soiree at Prievelle on Tuesday evening last was quite a success, the attendance being very good. The receipts amounted to \$85.

Mr. Robert Laidlaw, of the firm of Messrs Laidlaw, Patullo, & Co., Publishers of the Woodstock *Sentinel-Review*, has retired from the firm.

TENDERS are advertised for by the Presbyterians of Northam for the erection of a new Brick Church on Lot 20, Con. 17, of that Township.

The mails coming to Durham from Toronto have been often delayed of late, the people very often not getting their mail matter until next morning.

On the night of Jan. 1st while skating on the Prievelle Bank, Mr. George Simpson slipped and broke his leg, which was attended to by Dr. Ghent. He was able to walk unaided in two weeks. The very successful issue of this cure reflects great credit on the surgeon in attendance.

The Masonic Assembly held in the Town Hall, on the evening of the 21st, was a decided success, though it is a matter of regret that so few of our townspersons were present. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present from Mount Forest, Walkerton and Prievelle. The Hall was tastefully decorated. The music was excellent, and the dancing was kept up to a late hour. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves to the full.

A PROMISED TREAT.—On Friday evening, Feb. 4th, a Grand Concert will be held in the Town Hall, Durham. The services of Miss Whaley, of Orangeville, a singer of half-year report. Mr. Vert was referred to when he said "that it had not reached him"—a very important matter. Mr. Cavanagh, the Treasurer, was present at the council meeting and was asked if he had made the necessary statement last June as required by law. He stated most emphatically that he had done so at the last meeting of the council in Cedarville. Several of the old council were present and remembered. The old man had to "eat the leek."

I believe an action has been instituted to sustain the present Reeve. The charges are pretty numerous, but it is one thing to accuse a man, and another to prove it in Court. People here have got so much used to wind storms, they don't frightened world a cent. There is one thing sure, if the electors have been guilty of breaking the law, some of his opponents have more so. I have it on the best of authority that the T. G. & B. R. Co. intend to proceed at once to widen the gauge without asking any further aid from the municipality. The work is to be completed by next fall. We hope they may succeed, as the success of the road means prosperity to the entire country.

The Skating Rink here is well patronized; every evening it is crowded to overflowing. Everything is carried on in gentlemanly style. No roughness of any kind is allowed by the genteel proprietor, Mr. John Hanbury.

Dundalk, Jan. 25th, 1881. Yours, etc.

PROGRESS.

## Hornings Mills.

I am sorry to report the death of William Fewster, Esq., one of our oldest and most respected settlers, his death was very unexpected, and his family have the sympathy of all that know him. The Reformers of our county have lost a staunch supporter. I have heard that he was to be one of the new magistrates about being appointed for the new county of Dufferin.

Our school is well attended, from 110 to 120 attending. Mr. C. Graham, from Danforth, is employed as teacher, for our supplementary school. And Mr. August is again elected as trustee having filled that office for the last eighteen years.

I find for the last fortnight wheat has been selling at Stayner Creemore at 4 to 5cts more per bushel than in Shelburne and Dundalk. Is it owing to the facility of the Broad Gauge or what?

Mrs. Hale was found lying on the road only a few rods from her home in a dying condition. I have not heard the verdict of the Jury.

I am informed the proclamation was issued on Saturday declaring Dufferin a County.

ANSWER.

Three of Sitting Bull's chief, with fifty lodges, are reported on the way to Fort Buford to surrender. Sitting Bull himself, with forty lodges, is stated to have re-crossed the line into Dominion territory.

ANSWER.

The New York Post says that the continental Railway Company of that city has arranged to construct a new trunk line from New York to Chicago and Omaha, making the distance to Chicago 786 miles, against 980 by the Central and Lake Shore lines.

## Dromore Doings.

Quite a successful Missionary Meeting was held at Bobtown Methodist Church on the evening of Monday last. There was a fair attendance, but would have been better had the nature of the meeting been more fully known. After the meeting had been opened with praise and prayer, Mr. Kerr, of Dromore was voted unanimously to the chair amid loud applause. After his opening address of some length, Messrs. Sharp and Bell gave each a short and interesting speech, relating to mission work, when the Rev. Mr. Barkwell, of Prievelle, and which have been attended by 497,012 pupils, of whom 259,056 were boys and 237,956 girls. The total receipts for all Public School purposes for the year amounted to \$3,226,730, being a decrease of \$20,691 on the preceding year, this large decrease being chiefly in the matter of school sites and school houses. The expenditure on account of supernumerary teachers steadily increases as it necessarily must do. The amount paid in 1879 was \$43,619. The number of teachers on the superannuation fund in 1879 was 260, of the average age of 70½ years, and receiving an average allowance of \$134.91. The highest allowance paid to any teacher was \$248 while the lowest was \$8.

## The Organ Question before the Synod.

To the editor of the Grey Review.

SM.—In the proceedings of the Town Council on Monday night last, there was a resolution moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Hall, that Widow Smith, s. p. lot 30, con. 3, E.G.R., and Mrs. Price, lot 1, con. 15, be exempt from taxes for 1880.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Neil, That the expenses of the Municipal Elections be paid as follows: for each polling place \$1; Deputy-Returning Officer, \$4 each; Door-keepers, \$1.50 each.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Neil, That Ward No. 1, Ward No. 3, and Glenora for Ward No. 5.—Carried.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Glencross, That Mr. Hall be Commissioner for Ward No. 3.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Hall, That the Commissioner for Ward No. 3 be authorized to repair the bridge at lot 20, con. 11.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Neil, That N. McIntyre be paid \$4 for delivering ballot boxes.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Neil, That Widow McCormick be exempted to the extent of \$8.50 taxes on lot 21, con. 5, for the year 1880.—Carried.

Council adjourned to meet at the same place on 14th Feb. next.

## Ontario Legislature.

TORONTO, Jan. 17.

Hon. Mr. Morris resumed the debate on the Address. He complained of the carelessness of the Dominion Government in connection with the boundary award and particularly on behalf of the Conservative party the clause that they were in favor of abolishing the Local Legislature.

Mr. Young devoted most of his speech to the discussion of the "feeler" in the Speech about legislation in alternate sessions.

Mr. Launder not merely deprecated the expressions in the Speech on the boundary question, but characterized the region in dispute as one of little importance to the Province. He dwelt at some length on the cost of the Public and High School systems, and on the dissatisfaction felt with the changes in text books, the interference of inspectors, the number of subjects on the programme, and other features of school administration.

Mr. Hay pointed out that the control of education burdens was largely—much more largely than is generally supposed—in the hands of the people themselves. He approved of granting aid to the Ontario Pacific Junction Railway, especially as a colonization road, but believed that other roads which had expanded their municipal boundaries should be assisted out of the Provincial exchequer, coming with a brief reference to the Agricultural commission and drainage.

Mr. Calvin wired at some length his favorite subject of municipal assessment, and after brief speeches from Meekins, Merrick, Mowat, Sinclair, and Baskerville, the debate was adjourned.

TORONTO, Jan. 18.

After the presentation of petitions Mr. Watson resumed the debate on the Address. After entering his protest about the boundary dispute, and declaiming his amendment to the Agricultural Commission, and declaring himself in favor of new Parliament buildings, he turned his attention to school matters. He pointed out that Mr. Launder was entirely wrong in his statements, and quoted from the regulations of the Education Department to show that the people had no good cause for a variance with respect to either school-books or inspectors.

Mr. Hay continued his protest about the boundary dispute, and declared himself in favor of the new Parliament buildings, in favor of the Agricultural Commission, and in opposition to the new school commission.

A petition was presented from J. Hastic, praying to get lots 20, 21, and 22, con. 24, back into School Section No. 14, said lots being at present part of S.S. No. 10 of Glendale.

Moved by McCormick, seconded by Paul, That the petition be laid away for further information.—Carried.

Moved by Paul, seconded by Lawrence, That the Reeve, Deputy-Reeve, and Mr. Allen be a committee to examine Treasurer's bond.—Carried.

Committee rose and reported that the Treasurer's securities were perfectly responsible.

Moved by McCormick, seconded by Paul, That the report be adopted.—Carried.

A petition from R. Gardner and sixteen others was presented asking the council to exempt Mr. D. McPhee from land tax for 1880, she being left in straitened circumstances with a large family.

Moved by Paul, seconded by Lawrence, That the Reeve, Deputy-Reeve, and Mr. Allen be a committee to examine Treasurer's bond.—Carried.

Moved by McCormick, seconded by Paul, That the prayer of the petition be granted.—Carried.

Resolved that this Council do now adjourn and meet again at Holstein on Monday, 14th of February next at 10 a.m., to appoint an assessor and other business.

Council adjourned.

The amounts actually levied on the several school sections for 1880 were as follows:

No. 1 \$325.12 No. 8 \$315.20  
2, 331.43 9, 405.83  
3, 454.00 10, 341.00  
4, 281.00 11, 316.00  
5, 378.50 12, 280.90  
6, 355.00 13, 309.16  
7, 321.60 14, 254.63  
8, 315.20 Union, 11.90 with Glendale.

Total, \$4,721.60.

R. LEGATE, Clerk.

## Sydney Council.

The first meeting of the twenty ninth Council took place at Maxwell, 17th Jan., 1881. The members elected for the year met, filed oath of office and qualification, and declared him in favor of the Agricultural Commission, and declining his election to new Parliament buildings, he turned his attention to school matters. He pointed out that Mr. Launder was entirely wrong in his statements, and quoted from the regulations of the Education Department to show that the people had no good cause for a variance with respect to either school-books or inspectors.

I then showed that lot No. 6, Garafraza street, a vacant, unenclosed lot is assessed for \$150—and compared it with the following lots: lot No. 3, Garafraza street, enclosed and a house on lot, assessed at \$100; 10 Albert street W. \$90; No. 11, Albert street, W. \$40; Corner of Elgin and Lambton street, No. 12, \$40; Corner of Kincardine and Lambton streets, No. 18, \$40; d. No. 12, \$15. I also told them that I counted 24 lots at \$5 each, but did not look up the owners or saturation. Several views from the council said they knew them but it would not be another year.

I then referred to lots Nos. 12, 13, 14, and 15, north of South Street, assessed at over \$20 per acre, and compared them with the adjoining lands north and west, all assessed at \$10 per acre, with the exception of one lot north, reduced at Revision Court to something over \$7 per acre.

The Public will now see whether the cause was for complaint or not, and also if the Council has followed the statutes and struck off the extra taxes as directed.

I have given a fair statement and refrain from comment. Let the Public judge their actions.

Yours respectfully

JAMES McGREGOR.

## Glenelg Council.

The newly elected Council met at the Town Hall, on 17th inst, pursuant to statute. All the members present. Each member made and subscribed the declarations of qualification and office.

The Reeve appointed Charles Moffat an auditor.

Moved by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Glencross, That John Lyons be appointed auditor for 1881 at a salary of \$5.50.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Glencross, That John Lyons be appointed auditor for 1881 at