DUNDALK GUIDE.

Dundalk, September 1st, 1881.

To Our Readers.

We send this number of the DUNDALK GUIDE, to all who may receive it, as a specimen and free copy. It is sent by J. Townsend publisher of "THE GREY REVIEW," of the Town of Durham. We do not pretend to say that it is *printed in Dundalk*, but it is just as much so as any other paper, and the printing office itself was in the village for over twelve months, thus enabling the publisher to become thoroughly acquainted with the place and neighborhood. We do not intend to continue sending on a newspaper to all who will take it out of the Post Office, whether they want it or not, as we do not believe in *taking* a Voters List, and then *forcing* the paper weekly on all the persons whose names are given in it: but at the same time we shall have great pleasure in sending the REVIEW, a first class local paper, and on which more real labour is bestowed, than any other paper published at the same price in the County, to all who will send us their names. In order to encourage new subscribers, to order their own paper *voluntarily*, we make the exceeding LIBERAL OFFER to send the GREY REVIEW from the present time, to the end of 1882, for the low sum of $1 in advance, and we hope to send a "GUIDE" occasionally into the bargain. Do not delay, but send on your name and Post Office address, and $1 to J. Townsend, Durham, Co. Grey, at once, and you will receive in return for sixteen months, or from the time you send, to the end of next year, what is acknowledged to be the BEST LOCAL PAPER IN THE COUNTY.

BARN BURNED.—The barn of Henry Munshaw with contents was burned yesterday, (31st.) Mr. Munshaw had just finish his harvest, which was excellent, and a bush fire which was raging convenient, called the men away to it, leaving no person at the house but the women. There were three or four horses in the stable which were also burnt. Mr. Munshaw newly moved here, and bought out Wm. Edgerton, Lot 38, on 12th con., Proton. His loss will be near $1,500.

—We have received the first number of the New York *Free Trade Bulletin*. This periodical is the organ of the New York Free Trade Club, an association formed for the purpose of diffusing information on the laws of Trade and questions of political economy, and the formation of a public opinion which will compel the adoption by the Government of a policy of freedom of commercial intercourse. The *Bulletin*, as the organ of the club, is issued in the hope that a healthy opinion may be awakened on these subjects, and that the present vicious system of taxing the many for the benefit of the few may be abolished. We hope the *Bulletin* will succeed in its praiseworthy objects. It is published at the low rate of fifty cents per annum, and is thus placed within the reach of all. Communications and subscriptions to be sent to Graham McAdam, 27 West, 23rd Street, New York City.

—The exemption of certain properties from local taxation is a question of considerable importance in this Province, but in the Province of Quebec, where so much of the land is still held by churches, and therefore exempt from local taxation, it is a question of the very highest importance. The correspondent of the *Globe* has been looking into the matter, and finds that in the City of Montreal the Grey Nun Society, the Seminary of St. Sulspice, and other ecclesiastical corporations are in possession of valuable portions of land which they refuse to sell at reasonable prices, and upon which they refuse to pay any taxation for local improvements. For instance the Grey Nuns hold a large proportion of the suburb of Cote St. Antoini for part of which they paid $400 per acre, but now want thirty cents per square foot. Local improvements, are at a standstill, and the roads, bridges and sidewalks, sanitary condition, &c., &., are in a worse state than in a backwoods village. It is proposed to bring the matter before the House of Commons, as the local Legislature of Quebec refused to grant the necessary legislation.

—A very cursory view of matters in Winnipeg has shown Professor Grant that the Syndicate is the great overshadowing power in the North West. It holds the Key of the position. It can make its railways in whatever direction it pleases and is perfectly free from any appeal. It can make and unmake Towns and villages, and already it has shown a disposition to exercise the power, which it always will exercise, whenever its interests will in so doing be subserved. It is contended by some that it is to the interest of the Syndicate to sell its lands and fill up the country with settlers. If the country fills up with settlers so much the better for the Syndicate, but the Syndicate has a monopoly of the best land in the country, and it is to its interests to hold their lands until prices reach what may be considered a good figure, and this it is doing. The season is now past for immigration, and although many, but not by any means the number expected, have gone to Manitoba and the North West, many have gone out again, to Dakota and the neighboring States of the Union where they can do better. But it is not only the iron heel of the Syndicate, that has to be contended with—the Government, by its land policy, has brought to the surface a whole army of land speculators who swarm around hotels and auction rooms, and never miss an opportunity of fleecing the unwary settler in search of land.

Dundalk.

It is a little over ten years ago since we first entered the County of Grey, and at that time we drove from Shelburne (Jelly's Corners), up the T. & S. R. to Flesherton. The impression we then formed of that section was not very favorable, the land nearly all the way appeared to be swamp, with clearances of from five to fifteen acres, and many of them deserted, and many of the buildings, poor at best, in a tumble down state. This was particularly so in the neighborhood of where the village of Dundalk now is. Of course the country had been receiving settlers for twenty years before that, but from its long distance from market, and other drawbacks, the progress made by the settlers was very slow. It was at this time that the Owen Sound branch of the T. G. & B. Railway was being surveyed, and the line crossed 230 side road, Proton, about three quarters of a mile from May's old tavern, and two small clearances were being made near this section. The road was built, and a Station placed in what is now a thriving village. In 1872, Mr. James Reid erected a building for himself—the first in the village, and which has since been much improved, and is now kept as an hotel by his son James. Mr J. J. Middleton, and Mrs Stinson. Mr. H. Graham, Mr. D. Davidson, and others followed in quick succession, and also Messrs. S. McCullough, Thomas and Geo. Hanbury, George Nixon, Samuel Haney, Charles and Alex. McConnell, Isaac Traynor, Peter Whittle, F. F. Teeple, T. G. Grady, A. G. Hunter, Robert Gordon, James Hanna, John Colgan, Richard Clare, John Nichol, John Norval, "of the Gore," T. Lasins, Wm. Baxter, Wm. Chittick, Thomas Jackman, Wm, Nelson, G. R. Phillips, Wm. J. Taggart, E. Wilson and others, so that by January 1877 when we again visited that section, and decided in establishing a newspaper in the place, we found quite a thriving Village, and which, if not making so much show as some other places in the County, yet from its age, being entirely built up since the railway was opened, which no doubt has been of immense benefit to the Country through which it runs, more so probably than to the Company who took stock and built it, and now that the railway is being changed to the national gauge, greater progress will still be made, and Dundalk may fairly claim to be the newest and most vigorous village in Grey, considering that it is only a place of nine years growth and containing a population of about 700 people.

We will now notice some of the improvements that have taken place since the first number of the DUNDALK GUIDE was issued, February 2nd, 1877. Mr. John McDowell, who had a farm in what is now a portion of the village, erected a saw mill, and in the summer following the advent of the GUIDE erected a Flour Mill, this being a second one in the village, Mr. J. J. Middleton having erected the first one, which is now owned by Mr. Thomas Cloughley, who, as noted elsewhere, is adding an oatmeal mill to it. Mr. Peter McGregor, moved into the village about this time and erected a sawmill, and is now putting in a planing mill, he has also erected several dwelling houses.

Mr. James Deans, also came to Dundalk in the summer of 1877, and erected a commodious Hardware Store and opened the following winter as was noticed in the GUIDE, and since then he has added to his stock and premises until, as will be seen elsewhere, he has one of the finest stocks of Hardware, etc., to be found in the Province, and no one can scarcely ask for any article in his line without being at once supplied, and we would be afraid to ask him for "a full rigged schooner," for fear he might have one conveniently at hand. He has also made additions to his premises from time to time, his last being the purchase of the lot next to him from Mr. Hunter, of Durham, and on which he intends soon to build.

Mr. Henry Graham last summer erected two places of business next his store, one of which he occupies as a millinery shop, the other one being occupied by Mr. J. C. Atkinson, as a Tailor shop, in which he is doing a good business. Mr. Graham owns considerable property in the village and is one of the most prosperous business men of the place, and, as will be seen elsewhere, is not afraid to use printer's ink.

Mr. Geo. R. Middleton, who keeps the Post Office Store, has had to enlarge his borders from time to time, and is just now engaged in making further additions to his buildings, and keeps up his stock to the requirements of the times.

Mr. D. Davidson, one of the most pushing business men of Dundalk, who erected a large grainery and general store, sold out about two months ago, to Mr. Hewitson, late of London, England, who is doing an excellent business, and will help to keep up the reputation of the place.

Additional buildings have been added to the village by Messrs. Hicks—two stores, one occupied by Mr. Taylor, and the other by Mr. Farrell; Mr. Humphries, William Marshall, T. Hanbury; Isaac Traynor—the Drug Store; John Gardiner, new store; Mr. Jesse Ketchum, new Tannery; and Mr. S. McCullough has greatly enlarged his premises, being one of the most popular Hotel keepers in the County. So that the village now contains two grist mills, three saw mills, bakery, three tailor shops, shoe store, Drug store, two waggon shops, three blacksmiths, Tannery, Woollen Factory; branch jewellry, W. F. Doll, and who will no doubt further improve his stock as he is just returning from Europe; tinshop, Hardware, Flour and Feed, several carpenter shops, bank, general agency, Law offices, doctor, Furniture, two confectionery shops, three hotels, butcher shop, six general stores, three fine churches, public hall, etc. The outlay in new buildings has been about $10,000 per year. It has good sidewalks and streets, and the farms in the neighbourhood have also improved vastly in appearance, and the people generally are hopeful.

Last Sunday evening a young man named Joseph Beckett, of Wingham, apprentice to W. Holmes, black-smith, was accidentally drowned while bathing in the river.

Obituary.

On the 21st of August was laid to rest in the family burying ground, Priceville, Mr. Archibald McDonald at the ripe age of 74 years. The deceased was born in the Island of Mull, Argyleshire, Scotland, in the year 1807, and sailed to America in 1834. In those days it took a long time to cross the Atlantic. What now can be done in nine or ten days, then required seven weeks. Mr. McDonald experienced all the hardships incident to a voyage that length of time on the way to Canada. He settled in the Township of Vaughan, Co. York, where he remained until 1851, when he removed to the Township of Glenelg, Co. Grey, being one of the pioneers in that part of the Township where he settled, viz. on the Durham Road. He had to contend with many of the hard difficulties common to the earliest settlers, but being an energetic and a hard working man he soon hewed out a home for himself and family, where he remained till his death. He was a man that was ever ready, to support every good cause, honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow-men. He died at peace with man and with his God, leaving others to learn from his consistent character the lesson of a good life. He leaves a widow, six sons, and four daughters and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral procession was one of the largest ever seen in this part. His sons acted as pall-bearers, the last token of respect, due to the remains of an honered parent. The Rev. Mr. McLeod, of whose congregation the deceased was for many years an elder, preached an effective funeral sermon on the occasion.

Dromore and Bobtown.

Mr. Editor, not having seen any correspondence from this part lately, in your paper, and thinking that your usual correspondents time is taken up with harvest, or singing schools, I take the liberty of filling his position, and hope he will not be offended.

Harvest around here is nearly finished. Fall wheat is above the average, though thin in some spots, the quality is good, spring wheat (mostly lost nation variety) is badly rusted, and will not turn out as was expected a few weeks ago. Oats, Peas and Barley are good, so is wages $1.50 per day being freely given. On the farm of Mr. Robt. Henry, lot 6, con. 19, Egremont one Thursday, a heavy crop of wheat 3¼ acres in size, was cut by one of J. Watson's Lion reapers, and bound in the space of 2 hours, the farmers who were present to witness the feat, expressed themselves very favorably, in regard to the time and manner in which it was done. Mr. Jas. Hastie, jr., Dromore who is agent for the "Lion" and the "Watson Hay-rake," which also gives good satisfaction, has sold this season in the neighborhood $2,000 some odds. The Manse and Mr. Hastie's house adjoining are being concreted, and promise well to be fine buildings. Walter Smail has raised a handsome brick residence this summer. After it is finished, it will be the best structure in the vicinity.

A bell has been purchased by Mr. Jas. Leask, Sec. Treas. of the board of S. Trustees, of S. S. No. 13, at an expense of $5.85, it weighs 65 lbs. and is 16 inches in diameter, at its widest part, and reputed to be heard 4 miles. This with the other equipments of the School, places it second to no country school in the South Riding of Grey, of course this had nothing to do with the marriage of its Teacher, Mr. W. J. Sharpe, to Miss Cameron of Holstein. The comet might have had, we always thought there would be something heard tell of it, all who are similarily inclined, had better hold themselves in readiness for the coming event. We tender them our hearty congratulations, and hope that happiness and prosperity may reign supreme. The Orange Hall at Bobtown, has been greatly improved in appearance lately, by a coat of paint outside and an imitation oak-stained wainscoting within (or inside.) On the wall behind the platform is an arch surmounted by an imitation crown, but which, as one of the 'boys' remarked, looked more like a rooster, (we suppose he meant St. Peters) owing to the fact, of what was intended as a lustrous gem, being taken as a cross, and wiped out by one of the order, accordingly the general appearance is pretty good.

The Singing Club that has held their meeting here lately, conducted by Wm. Ramage, was abruptly brought to a close by a member of the Lodge, not relishing their use of the hall, by attempting to take out the drum, but who was quietly and quickly stopped by Mr. Legate, sr., till others coming in to their vanquished brothers aid, they carried the drum outside, after a great deal of high talk on both sides when the meeting quietly resolved itself into "a moonlight procession of two and two a gentleman with his lady in pink and blue," to the music of the band, as it was found to be as difficult for the band to follow the 2 branches of the procession, as it was for the circus Clown to ride on two horses going in opposite directions, they concluded to stop till the procession had walked about 40 rods, when not relishing a lonely walk home, they quietly dried their whistle, no one being the worse of the incident.

Our friend, Mr. Charles Ramage, of this neighborhood, who has been attending the Collegiate Institute, Collingwood, since new years, was fortunate enough to secure a second class A at the recent examination.

RUSTIC.

Personals.

Hon. Edward Blake will return to Toronto on the 15th of September.

DR. LANDERKIN of Hanover, leaves for a trip to the North-West early this month.

Geo. J. Duncan, Esq., of Drummondville has been appointed Sheriff of the County of Welland.

MR. J. M. HUNTER, of Durham, intends leaving next week for Manitoba and the North-West, and if satisfied with the country to locate. We wish him prosperity wherever his lot may be cast.

MR. JOHN PARROTT, who left Durham about five years ago returned home on a visit to his father, Mr. John Parrott, sr. from the United States, and had improved so much in appearence in the meantime that his mother scarcely knew him.

MISS MCKECHNIE, Miss Flora McKenzie, Mr. Alex. Robertson and wife, Mr. Joshua Woodland, jr., and wife, Mr. A. C. McKenzie and wife, left Owen Sound on Wednesday night last week, on the steamer "Manitoulin" for a six days trip to Sault Ste Marie and Mackinaw, and arrived back in Durham on Tuesday night.

Elmwood.

The past week has been rather an exciting and eventful one for this village. The locomotive was at no great distance from us all week, but only got fairly into and past the village on Saturday. It was, however fully expected on Friday, and some of our villagers, out of their overflowing generosity took up a subscription, and raised some $15, which was duly invested in nine or ten kegs of beer and displayed on the station platform, with a view of "treating" the railway laborers. But as the old proverb says "there is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip" and so it proved in this case; for, from some reason or other, the foreman of the "iron gang" took offence at the manner in which the "beer business" was conducted, and positively forbade any of his men to taste a drop of it under threats of immediate discharge. So we believe the providers of the beer had the pleasure of drinking most of it themselves. Though it is rumored that some of the railway men *did partake* after their foreman had left. One thing is certain, viz. that said beer did take effect on *somebody*, and produced any reasonable amount of loud and boisterous singing, chiefly in the German language, which was kept up until a late hour, to the annoyance of many a weary villager. In fact the whole thing seems to have been a regular "muss" and gave but little satisfaction to anybody connected with it. The idea of giving the hard working railway builders a treat on reaching a town or village is very right, proper, and commendable. But there are some temperance men of Elmwood who are simple enough to think that if $15 had been judiciously expended in getting up a fruit festival or something of the kind for said railway men, it might possibly have been quite as well received as the beer, and that the moral effect might have been quite as beneficial on all concerned, and it certainly would have given a fair chance for all to contribute. As it is, all true temperance men are debarred, on principal, from giving money to buy beer, although quite as much disposed to treat the railway men on the completion of part of their work, as any other member of the community.

On Wednesday last as Nathaniel Ely was helping his father to shingle a large straw-shed, connected with the barn of Henry Menser Esq., the little shingling box on which he sat began to slide, and after gliding over 30 feet of roof he fell 15 feet to the hard ground. His feet and ankles were considerably sprained, but he is getting better, and will soon be at work again.

On Friday a most painful and fatal accident occurred here. A three-year-old son of Mr. Uhrstadt, a German weaver of this place, had the misfortune to get hold of a bottle of acetic acid, which his mother had been using for vinegar making, and took a good drink of it. The result was that he soon began to suffer intense pain. Dr. Bonnar, of Chesley, who happened to be in the village, was called in, and did all that could be done to alleviate the poor boy's sufferings, but gave little hope of his recovery. He lingered in much pain until Sunday night, when death put an end to his sufferings. Much sympathy is felt for the afflicted family in their painful bereavement.

During the week we had a very pleasant visit from Rev. B. A. Sherk, a minister of the United Brethern Church, who has long been a resident minister of Port Elgin. After giving his hearers an excellent sermon from the words "Repent, and believe the Gospel," he spent some time in giving us some interesting information about the new college which the United Brethern have recently purchased in Port Elgin, and intend to open on the 12th of October, 1881. We have been long and intimately acquainted with Mr. Sherk whom we esteem highly as a Christian and a scholar, and sincerely hope that his long cherished idea of starting a college, where a first class intellectual training may be secured at a cheap rate, and under the best of moral and religious influences may be fully realized. And certainly Providence seems to be smiling on the enterprise in a most encouraging manner; first by moving the hearts of the good folks of Port Elgin, of all denominations to promise their cordial, and liberal support, both financially and otherwise, and secondly, by enabling the trustees to purchase a most magnificient college building, right in the town, for less than half its original cost. The building is well known to all who are familiar with Port Elgin, "Tremont House". It was built some few years ago as a "temperance hotel," but never proved a success, on account of the failure of the Duncan Bill. The cost of its erection was about $8,000, and it has just been sold to the United Brethern for the trifle of $3,500. And now that a staff of efficient teachers has been secured, we trust this much-to-be desired institution of Christian education is about to be opened under most favorable auspices. Parents and guardians, who may wish to secure a thorough education, under good Christian influences, of sons, daughters or wards, will do well to make themselves acquainted with the managers and teachers of this college before going elsewhere. Circulars and full information may be had from G. W. Bowman, Port Elgin, Sec. of the college, or from Rev. A. B. Sherk, General Agent. All friends of Christian education would do well to be present at the opening of the college on the 12th of October, which will, we have no doubt, be a most interesting occasion, and we have reason to think a rich intellectual feast also.

We have heard no more of Jackson, and trust that the demand for rotten eggs has totally ceased, never to be renewed in the history of Elmwood.

The Mennonites propose holding a bush meeting here next Sabbath. There will be preaching in English and German. We wish them a large and orderly congregation.

Rev. Mr. Mager of the United Brethern Church has changed his hour of preaching from 10:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. to commence in two weeks from yesterday.

Elmwod, August 29, 1881.

THE population of St. Marys is 3,416.

The Governor-General and party on the 18th ult., had reached Fort Ellice, whence they were expected to start for Touchwood Hills on the following day.

The Great Western station-house at Copetown was burned down on Thursday night. Nearly all the contents were saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN OSPREY.—On Thursday last, 18th inst., Mr. Thomas Walker, who resided near McIntyre's corners, on the 4th line of Osprey, was just moving off the field with a load of grain, being on top of the load, part of the load slipped, so that he fell to the ground. The horses being restive, moved on, and the wheel of the waggon passed over his shoulder, tearing the ribs away from the spine, and frightfully mangling his body. His skull was previously fractured by the fall. He only lived for about an hour. Mr. Walker was about thirty-five or forty years of age; he was married last spring, and leaves a widow without any family.—*O. S. Times.*

Durham Town Council.

To the Editor of the Review.

SIR,—It is an old saying that "facts are chiels that winna ding" and a true one. Premises and conclusions may be upset or explained away, but facts, never. It is therefore necessary in dealing with any public or personal matter, coming within the domain of fact, that facts should be produced, and that thus your readers, Mr. Editor, may be able to arrive at just conclusions on the questions laid before them. This is very necessary in dealing with the action of governing bodies, and perhaps especially Municipal Councils. Their best actions are very often entirely misrepresented, and if they do happen once in a while to slip, the offence is exaggerated beyond measure,—not perhaps from any malice aforethought on the part of the public, but from sheer ignorance of the true facts of the case. Now, Mr. Editor, I for one am very unwilling that our Town Council should be charged with dealing unfairly by any one section of this Town, unless there are good grounds for so doing. Charges of this nature are abroad, and in the interests of the whole Town it is necessary that they be investigated. If found untrue, then there is an end to it; if true, the proper remedy must be applied. Well, what are the facts? It is contended that while the North Ward contributes nearly one-half of the taxation of the Town, the local expenditure on roads, &c., out of the General Fund is confined almost entirely, to the East and West Wards. Not only so, but that when the North Ward unanimously asked that a small appropriation be made for the purpose of opening up a convenient and accessible road to the station, the request was indignantly thrown out. This is the charge, now for facts. In the first place I may say that the total amount of taxes levied in 1880 independently of statute labour, was $3185, of which the North Ward contributed $1,361—much more than one-third, while the East and West Wards together only contributed $2122. In addition to this the proportion of the License fund paid by the North Ward directly into the general funds of the town was $110, but the East and West Wards only $40. In these circumstances, it certainly would appear to be consistent with reason and common sense, that those who pay so large a share of the public burdens should enjoy a fair share of the advantages conferred by their expenditure. It is true that in the moral government of this world it occasionally happens, that one sows and another reaps, that the undeserving, after the manner of the Jackal in the fable, steps in, and profits by the labors of others. But this can scarcely be used as an argument for the unfair expenditure of public money. Now what do we find to be the facts of this case. In 1880 the amount expended on the improvement of streets and sidewalks was $455. Of this sum only $70 were expended in the North Ward, but the large sum (in proportion of course) of $385 in the East and West Wards. In 1881 the case is not different. In the East and West Wards $450 are expended or about to be, whereas in the North Ward only the paltry sum of $50. Now the question is, are these things so? If so, manifestly a very great injustice is being done to an important part of the Town, and the Council should make haste to remedy the injustice. If not so, let us have a correct and authoritative statement of the true facts of the case, so that the world may see that in the Durham Town Council, at least, no jobbery exists, and that no self-seeking is being practiced around its Council Board.

Yours, &c.

CITIZEN.

Durham, August 31, 1881.

Local and other Items.

DONAGHY has just received a lot of nice ripe Peaches.

GIVE Donaghy's new Photographer a trial for a Doz. Pictures.

A *press* of matter has crowded several communications out of this issue.

SIR Hector Langevin visited Owen Sound Port Elgin, and other places last week.

MESSRS. A Shaw & Son, of Williamsford, are about to build a new woollen factory on the old site.

BUTTERIC's Fashions for sale at Geo. Irwin's Bookstore, Durham. Also Fashion Magazines for September.

Two Brick stores are offered to rent or for sale in this Town, also other valuable property for sale. See advertisemet.

CRICKET.—A Cricket Match between Durham and Owen Sound will be played in Durham on Saturday next, sept. 3rd.

A MAN named William Lyons, residing on Lot 14, 1st Concession, Lindsay, near Stoke's Bay, committed suicide a few day's ago.

ACCIDENTS IN DURHAM.—Willie Campbell had his foot tramped on by a horse on Monday last week, and has been unable to walk since. Charlie, son of A. D. McMillan, while getting off a waggon a few days ago caught his leg on a bolt and tore the flesh so that he had to have six stitches put in.

HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL.—A Harvest Home Festival will be held in the Methodist Church, Durham, on Thursday evening next, the 8th inst. Tea will be served in a booth adjoining the Church, from 5 o'clock to 7.30. Addresses are expected from Rev. S. C. Edmonds, B. D., of Priceville; N. S. Burwash of Hanover, and resident ministers of the Town. A choice programme of Music by the Choir. Proceeds to aid in paying off the debt on the Church. Admission 25 cents. Children 15 cents.

SUCCESSFUL TEACHER.—We are glad to observe among the list of successful candidates at the late July examinations the name of Charles Ramage. Mr. Ramage is essentially a self-made scholar. With few advantages in early life, three years ago he passed the third-class ordeal, and since then has made his mark as a successful teacher. By dint of personal effort, without the advantage of a lengthy High School training, he has now succeeded in gaining the highest standing in the examination for Second Class Certificates. We heartily congratulate Mr. Ramage on his success.

Dundalk Items.

DUNDALK Fair will be held on Tuesday next, the 6th inst.

The wide gauge is now within two miles of Dundalk. The Rails laid appear to be very heavy and of excellent quality. The prospects are that we are going to have a first class Road.

Last week Mr. Garrett, Section foreman got on a "bender," broke most of his furniture, beat his wife and cleared up things in general. He was brought before J. J. Middleton, Esq., J. P., who sent him up to Owen Sound for Forty-five days or a fine of some thirty dollars. Constable Hannah conveyed him to Owen Sound where he now resides under the care of Mr. Miller.

Mr. C. W. Rutledge, of Markdale, I understand, intends starting a branch paper here, we are informed he will give lessons on the phonetic style of spelling and his improved method of dictation after the style of the Markdale *Standard*. I'm sure it will be appreciated by many here as it is something novel.

Our village has improved well this year, Mr. John Gardiner has built a large store for dwelling and tinshop; Mr. Wm. Marshall is building an office and wareroom, Mr. Jesse Ketchum has built a large Tannery, Mr. Peter McGregor has added a Planing Machine to his Sawmill. Mr. Thomas Cloughly is building an oatmeal mill capable of grinding 50 bushels per day. J. W. Morrow has built a dwelling house. The Methodist Church has built about 20 or 25 ft. to their present Church which is crowded every Sabbath. Mr. G. R. Middleton is building several additions to his store and dwelling Mr. J. M. Hunter, of Durham, has sold his house and lot here to Mr. Jas. Deans, Hardware merchant, for the sum of $650.00.

Mr. Redpath. of Melancthon, has sold his lot through Mr. James Lamon to a Mr. Hood from Guelph for $2,600 cash. This is considered cheap.

The drainage is going along well. The Contractors are pretty well through and very soon Melancthon swamps will be a thing of the past at least if draining will do it.

Mr. Jas L. Johnson of Melancthon, on Saturday while returning from Dundalk happened a bad accident, I am told. He fell out of the buggy and pulled the horse until the horse fell over on him and crushed him badly. To use a Railway term, Dr. McWilliam ordered him to the "shop for Repairs."

Our upper ten picnicked at Hornings Mills this year—No Ostentation—No blue bloodism, this time.

Several parties here have laid money on the Lacross match between Mt. Forest and Owen Sound with a "Conductor." They of course won and as usual the money has not been paid yet—Some flaw or something else is the cause. Be manly boys—Conduct the funds over Mr.——. "This is an old trick.

The Government have appointed two places south of here as Post Offices one at the 260 side Road, Malanchton, called Chedworth, and the other on the same line about two and one half miles furthur west called Reverouw. What this means no person can understand as the Country is very sparsely inhabited with a P. O. not furthur than four miles in several directions. I suppose it means a little patronage.

Mr. J. J. Middleton contemplates going to visit the North West in the spring and if approved, to locate.

The crops in this part have not been so good in ten years, everything is splendid.

ALPHA.

Dundalk, August 29th, 1881.

Proton Council.

Proton Council met as per adjournment at Dundalk, August 16th, 1881. Members all present. Reeve in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting at Bell's Corners were read and confirmed. A. Gillies, Sec.-Treas. of S. S. No. 3, in attendance.

Several ratepayers in attendance praying for grants of money to improve the roads in their localities.

Moved by Buckley, seconded by Abbott, that $6 be granted to each viz: Widows Bryce and Davis, each being infirm and indigent.

Moved by McArdle, seconded by Buckley, that the passing of a by-law taking a portion of S. S. No. 3 to a section in the opposite Township, be allowed to remain until next meeting of Council, and Clerk instructed to give notice to both parties interested of the import of the meeting.—Carried.

Moved by McArdle, seconded by Abbott, that arrears of taxes against lot 14, con. 1, be erased as sufficient evidence that the same has been returned through error, the amount being $3.71.

Moved by McArdle, seconded by Abbott, that a grant of $5 be given to improve the crossway on the 27th side road and at con. 9 and 10, on condition that those interested give 10 days gratis work.

Moved by Abbott, seconded by Black, that a bridge be erected to improve the 12th con. from the 27th side-road, to the line of the Old Survey: that a bridge be erected over the stream crossing the 10th con. opposite lot 34; that $25 be expended on 14 and 15th cons. respectively, in divs. No. 4 and 3 east of the 22nd side-road and that $100 be granted to the 5th div. for improvements of roads in consideration of that div. having got no special grants during the year; that $25 be granted to improve the 22nd side-road in the 7th, 8th and 9th cons.; that $10 be granted to aid in gravelling the 4th con., between Cedarville Hotel and townline of Egremont.

Moved by McArdle, seconded by Black, that the councillor of division No. 1 be empowered to let and inspect road job opposite lot 3 in the 2nd con. to improve the road and also to draw water off said lot now dammed on it.

Moved by Black, seconded by McArdle, that a refund of $14 be made to Henry Graham for taxes collected in 1881, through an error in assessing that portion of his property on Non-Res. Roll in 1877 contrary to request.

Moved by McArdle, seconded by Abbott, that the Clerk bring the pathmaster's schedules for the present year to the next meeting of Council for examination by the council and that he also report to the council the names of all the pathmasters in default so as to be dealt with by the council.

Moved by Black, seconded by Buckley, that C. W. Rutledge, printer, be paid the amount of his bill, being $31.06 for printing voter's list, Auditor's reports, road notices, etc.

Moved by Abbott, seconded by Buckley, that the by-law regulating the expenditure of statute labor which may accrue in taxes read a first and second time be now read a third time, signed, sealed and engrossed in the by-law book and numbered 234.

Moved by Black, seconded by Buckley, that the Clerk be requested to ascertain from the Provincial Treasurer the amount of money's in his possession for road improvements to the credit of this municipality.

Moved by McArdle, seconded by Abbott, that a grant of $25 be made to crossway on the 27th side road, at con. 9 the road being impassible, providing the people interested give 25 days work and this grant will cover all claims on account of arrears of back statute labor in road Division.

Moved by Buckley, seconded by McArdle, that a grant of $5 be given to cover crossway between lots 8 and 10, on the 2nd and 3rd concessions, provided the parties interested give five days gratis work.

Moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Black, That the Collector be paid salary for 1880, and the sum of $12.50 for loss of money which depreciated by bank failure, and $2.50 to cover disbursements while collector.

Moved by Mr. McArdle, seconded by Mr. Abbott, That Skillington Bell be appointed Collector for this township, to collect all the rates of this township for the sum of $87, and that he give good and sufficient bonds with good parties as security to the amount $16,000, and the security to be approved of by the council and the clerk draft a by-law to this effect.

Moved by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Black, that By-law No. 231 for the purpose of levying a rate on the police village of Dundalk read a first and second time be now read a third time, signed, sealed and engrossed on the minutes, and that by-law No. 232 defining the boundary line of S. S. No. 14 read a first and second time be read a third time and engrossed on the minutes.

Moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Buckley, That the account of John Volden, $2.50, for mending scraper be paid and also 25 cts., for same purpose to F. F. Teeple.

Moved by Mr. McArdle, seconded by Mr. Buckley, That Allan McLean be paid $3 for performing three days statute labor for lot 42, in the 9th con. for the year 1878, having been paid into the treasurer by the owner of the lot.

Moved by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Black, That the account of John Vert, for 80 cts. for express accounts be paid.

Moved by Mr. McArdle, seconded by Abbott, That an order be drawn in favor of Thomas Hanbury for 80 cts. due as interests on Sinking Fund of School Debentures.

Moved by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Black, That the bill of Creasor and Morrison be paid amounting to $6.09; and Isaac Traynor's bill to the amount of $12.50 for service as surveyor of deviation at John Morris and on line between old and new Survey be paid.

A by-law to establish a Union S. S. comprising portions of the Tp. of Arthur, and West Luther in the County of Wellington and South Grey was signed and sealed and numbered 235.

Moved by Mr. McArdle, seconded by Abbott, That this Council adjourn to meet at Hopeville in Scarlett's hall on th third Tuesday of September next being the 20th of said month.

JOHN VERT, Clerk.

—Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Durham Mechanic's Institute, will be held in the Library on Friday, tomorrow, evening, at 8 p. m. Full attendance requested.

—The state of President Garfield continues upon the whole, unchanged. The feeling of confidence in the successful issue of the case has evidently disappeared, but nevertheless, hope is not given up yet.

Forty coloured people were killed at Port Royal, S. C., by a storm on Monday.

Indians are said to have whiped out the village of Eureka, New Mexico, having massacred all the seventy inhabitants.

A spark from a G. T. R. locomotive set fire to a twelve acre field of wheat in shocks, belonging to F. S. Gifford, of Cobourg, and it was entirely destroyed.

The circulation of the blood has been demonstrated by the microscope, and the proof of the circulation of Esterbrook's Pens is that they are found everywhere.

The death is announced of Mr. William Gooderlian., of Toronto. The deceased had attained the age of 91 years less a few days. He leaves to mourn his loss 90 descendants.

ON Sunday night a fire consumed the barn on a lot in the 3rd concession of Osprey owned by the Landed Credit Company, Toronto. The fire was plainly the work of an incendiary.

The Stratford and Lake Huron Railway bridge at Chesley is being rapidly pushed forward. Contracts for the engine-house and turn-tables have been let, and Chesley will be made the base of operations.

The prisoner McCormack, arrested for his alleged participation in what is now known as the "Mulmur tragedy," was brought to Toronto last Tuesday night. His story, told to a *Globe* reporter shows that he still maintains the plea of provocation and self-defence set up for him when the case first came under public notice.

HONORED.—A list of Barristers recently appointed Queen's Counsel appeared in the *Mail* of Saturday, amongst them being the names of Messrs. John Creasor and S. J. Lane of Owen Sound. We congratulate our townsmen on thus having conferred on them the highest distinction legal men can attain, short of a Judgeship.—*O. S. Times.*

An Express train was run into by a freight train on the Grand Trunk Railway, near Breslau on Saturday evening last, Five cars were knocked off the track and over the bridge to the bed of the Grand River below, and were a complete wreck. One Pulman car was telescoped, and one engine knocked off the track. No lives were lost.

BIRTHS.

RENWICK—on the 2nd August, at Dromore, the wife of Mr. Robert Renwick, of a daughter.

BAXTER—In Egremont, on July 26th, the wife of Mr. James Baxter of a daughter.

MUNSHAW—In Flesherton, on the 4th ult., the wife of A. Munshaw, Esq., of a daughter.

SULLIVAN—In Flesherton, on the 24th inst., the wife of Mr. James Sullivan, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

GREENWOOD—PARKER—On the 18th ult., at St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, by the Rev. J. J. Hill, M. A., Kerbell Greenwood, of Durham, seventh son of Robert Ellington Greenwood, Esq., of Halstead, Essex, England, to Lora Louise, eldest daughter of Henry Parker, Esq., Enmore, Woodstock.

MILLER—HARRIS—In Egremont, on the 17th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. E. S. Baker, Mr. Wm. Miller, of Mount Forest, to Cynthia Harris, of Egremont.

DEATHS.

MCCLOCKLIN—In Durham, on the 31st August, Louisa Gertrude, daughter of Edwin McClocklin, aged 13 months.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, on Friday, Sept. 2nd, at two o'clock p.m., to the Trinity Church Cemetry. Friends and acquaintances are kindly invited to attend.

PARSLEY—In Thornbury, on Monday, Aug. 22nd William Henry Parsley, L.D., M.C.R.S.,L.C.S., London, England, aged 72 years and 9 months.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, August 31st 1881

Fall Wheat, per bush	$1 30	to $1 32
Spring Wheat "	1 30	to 1 33
Barley, "	75	to 0 86
Oats, "	42	to 44
Peas, "	00	to 00
Dressed Hogs, per 100lbs	8 00	to 8 50
Butter, rolls, per lb	22	to 24
" tub dairy	17	to 19
Eggs, per doz	15	to 16
Potatoes, per bus	50	to 55
Turnips, per bush	00	to 00
Hay, per ton	9 50	to 11 00

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