

The Council went into committee on report of Education Committee—Mr. Totten in the chair.

The first clause, recommending that the report of Mr. Ferguson, Inspector of South Grey, be printed, was passed.

The second clause, in reference to the communication of Rev. A. H. B. McMillan, recommended that no action be taken by this Council to make the High School independent of the trustees of the Owen Sound Public School.

Dr. Christie recounted the points taken by Mr. Mulholland, and expressed himself as not sufficiently informed on the subject. He thought it might be well to hear some members of the School Board.

Mr. Miller, Public School Trustee, upon being requested make a statement, explained that the question of disbanding the High School through Public School Trustee sitting on the same Board, had not been raised at the Board by the Rev. gentlemen.

The third clause recommended that the expenses of committee appointed to hear and determine School Section appeal, be paid by this Council.

Dr. Christie spoke strongly against passing this, because payment for a similar office performed by Mr. Ferguson on a former occasion was refused, and there was no justice in now paying Mr. Gordon for the same thing.

Messrs. Myles and MacIe thought the Council was under obligation to pay for these expenses, but did not approve of the paying inspectors more than the law allowed.

The clause was passed.

The fourth clause recommended payment of several accounts; that the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners be cut down, as when it was fixed at \$100 the duties were much more laborious than at present; and further that it is illegal for the Board to nominate one of their own number to the position at a fixed salary.

Dr. Christie said it seemed very strange to him that the Secretary should get \$100 as salary and also get \$250 a day for his duties performed during the same session of the Board. He thought the way these accounts had been paid was very irregular, and that the only proper way would be to have them brought before the Education Committee.

The Treasurer said these accounts had been paid on the order of the presiding Inspector; but that he had never been clear as to his duties in this respect, and would like an expression of the Council for his guidance. Clause No. 4 was then passed.

The fifth clause recommended that the resignation of Dr. John Barnhart as High School Trustee be not accepted, as it did not appear that his resignation had been laid before the Board of Trustees or the Inspector.

Mr. Chisholm moved in amendment that Dr. Barnhart's resignation be accepted, which was carried.

The sixth clause recommended that By-laws be introduced to appoint two High School Trustees.

The committee rose, and the report as amended was adopted.

The Council again went into committee on By-laws 302 and 303, to appoint two High School Trustees.

In filing up By-law 302, George Spencer was nominated by Mr. MacIe; Robert Stark by Mr. Thompson; John Rutherford by Dr. Christie; and Robert Malcom by Mr. McGirr.

Mr. MacIe supported his nomination by eulogizing Mr. Spencer's qualifications, and severely criticized the reputation of the Owen Sound High School, which had caused many students from his part of the County to go to other high schools.

On a vote being taken, Mr. Stark was finally appointed by 24 to 14.

On By-law 303 to appoint a High School Trustee in place of Dr. John Barnhart resigned, George Spencer was nominated by Mr. MacIe, and Robert Malcom by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Malcom was appointed by a vote of 23. The committee rose and reported By-laws, which were adopted.

Moved by Mr. McGirr, seconded by Mr. MacIe, that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of appointing County Valuers.

Mr. McGirr pointed out what he thought unjust amounts marked as the assessed value of the municipalities, and claimed that serious injustice is being done certain municipalities by not having a uniform basis of valuation.

A discussion on assessments and County Valuers ensued, in which the impression seemed to prevail that it was too late in the season to take up the subject.

Moved by Mr. A. B. Lang, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, that three Valuers be appointed to equalize the assessment.

This amendment being put was lost, and the original motion was also lost by the Wardens' casting vote.

The council adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Report No. 2 of County Property Committee was read in reference to the chain of Fallow River for water supply to the County buildings, that \$90 was the lowest that would satisfy the claim; and recommending payment of account of John Robertson for \$290.25, for cut-wood.

The Council went into committee on the report, and Mr. A. B. Lang stated that the agreement with Rev. F. X. Granottier for five years, three of which had yet to run—the rate being \$40 per year.

After discussion, an explanation from Dr. Barnhart, who was in office when the agreement was entered into, the report was amended so as to recommend the payment of \$90 in full satisfaction of claim.

Mr. MacIe presented report of Visiting Committee, recommending the printing of House of Assembly in Ontario, by a company of gentlemen in England, Montreal and Toronto, and known as the Niagara Falls Reclamation and Improvement Company, asking the Legislature to empower them to acquire sufficient land in the neighborhood of the Falls as shall be suitable for a park, and to carry out such improvements as may be found necessary. This is a new attempt, but a very feasible one, to put into practical operation the idea of Lord Dufferin in reference to the Niagara Falls—that the surroundings of the Falls should be brought into harmony with the greatest of Nature's wonders, that all unsightly structures should be removed and all Versailles kept at a respectful distance, and that the improvements should be of such a character that the tourist could not be molested enjoy a visit to the Falls. The New York Legislature having refused to do anything in the matter, and the Canadian Government having neglected to do anything, this Reclamation Company has taken it up and will no doubt in a very short time carry out the work they have set themselves to do. In the meantime it is proposed to purchase a strip of land on the Canadian side of the river extending from the head of the Rapids above the Burning Spring to a point below the Whirlpool, embracing three and a half miles of river frontage and an area of 350 acres. It is proposed to clear this park of all unsightly and of the structures now in existence, to preserve only Table Rock House, the Museum and Clifton House. It is further proposed to make improvements in the way of planting trees, making roads and tramways, and possibly the erection of one or two Hotels and Restaurants. The Act before the Legislature contains a clause to the effect that no charge will be made for entering and passing through the Park, and that the charges for making use of the observatory, tunnels, tramways, &c. shall be approved of by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

THE A. B. C. OF DAIRY FARMING.

At a recent meeting of the Dairyman's Convention held in Waterloo, Mr. Clark gave a very interesting and profitable lecture on the A. B. C. of Dairy Farming. First and of primary importance was the quality of stock kept. The lecturer ventured the opinion, that not more than fifty per cent of the cows in Ontario yielded a profit to their owners, and strongly insisted upon the importance of weeding the poor cows out of the land. He admitted, however, that there were always native cows to be found which were good milkers, and, inasmuch as short-horn blood was the means adopted for fixing permanently this milking tendency, recommended that such good native cows be crossed with a good Short-horn bull, and that by such a course a race of valuable milkers would in a short time be established. Incidentally the lecturer remarked that all calves should be kept until they either produce beef or milk, for that calf could only be produced at a loss, and moreover was an unfit for human food as unripe fruit. This opinion is fully sustained by the teachings of physiology. The second requisite to successful dairy farming is the care of manure, which should be housed. Treated in this way all its valuable properties are preserved, whereas when exposed as usually the case its ammoniacal constituents are driven off by the heat of the sun, and its saline ingredients washed away by the rain. So that when a manure heap is decomposed the pile is comparatively valueless. It is generally admitted that the failure of grain crops in recent years in the older portions of the Province has been chiefly due to exhaustion of soil by over-cropping and a deficient supply of manure. To remedy this state of affairs Mr. Clark advised that Ontario farmers leave grain growing to the North West where the soil requires no manure, and give more attention to dairy farming. In this way plenty of manure will be obtained, and the land in a few years restored to a profitable state of fertility. The third essential, Mr. Clark said, was feed, and as to the advantages of the soiling system versus pasture, the lecturer had great doubts as to superiority of the soiling system, and thought pasture the richest kind provided by the ladies were liberally served out to all present. James Edge, Esq., Master, occupied the chair and a very pleasant time was spent in listening to addresses, readings, recitations and songs given on this occasion. The Grange is in a very flourishing condition as it has been since its commencement.

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A NEW ENTERPRISE.—We are informed on reliable authority that a number of gentlemen, including J. H. Hunter, Esq., M. P., intend to establish a Cotton Mill in this town, if some concessions are made to them by the Corporation in exemptions from Taxation for a length of time and the free grant of a lot of land on which to build the mill. There is no doubt if a Cotton Mill could be established in Durham that it would greatly increase the population and trade of the place according to the number of hands employed in the same. As we have noticed before there are a number of valuable water powers in this town and vicinity that could be profitably utilized for manufacturing purposes, and with railway facilities equal almost to any place in the Province, good leading roads, and equal chances there is apparently great hopes for the prosperity of this place than have ever before existed.

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Local and Other Items.

Don't fail to secure a supply of first class Mantle cloths from A. Davidson's, Durham.

THE PERAMBULATING COUNTY COUNCIL of Wellington, will hold their June Session at Palmerston.

ANOTHER chance given. The discount for cash sale will be continued for a few days at A. Davidson's.

DUNDALK.—The Markdale Standard says: Brick clay has been found on S. Bell's farm near Dundalk, and which has been pronounced first class.

VALENTINES.—Mr. T. Jones, of Durham, has received a very fine assortment of very beautiful Valentines of almost every conceivable design. They are rushed off like hot cakes. First come will have best pick.

VALENTINE DAY is on Tuesday next, the 14th inst. Mr. Geo. Irwin, Lower Town, Durham, has received a large stock of love missives of every style from the most elaborate to the ugly monotony. They are being disposed of very rapidly.

AMONG the notable events of the week, we have great pleasure in announcing the marriage of Miss Victoria, daughter of Mr. Jones to Herbert Mocker, Esq., and to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Mocker on the beautiful sunshine and cloudless sky which ushered in their married life.

SUPPER DEATH.—At the Soiree at Middle Station on Thursday evening a sad calamity occurred. A child of Mr. David McCrie, Normanby, and grandson of Mr. Walter Tucker, of Durham, which was at the Soiree and when just about departing for home, was found to be dead. Much sympathy is felt for the parents in their sudden affliction.

ON Tuesday last week the remains of Mr. Malcom McLean, from near Port Elgin, were interred in the "Rocky" Saugeen burying ground, Bentinck. The deceased was an old settler of Bentinck, having lived in that Township for about thirty-three years, he removed to Saugeen Township six years ago, and was highly respected.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DURHAM.—On Sabbath last the usual Sacramental Services were held in the 1st Presbyterian Church, Durham, the Rev. Mr. Park, Pastor, conducting the Service. A large number were present and took part in the sacrament. The Rev. Mr. Nevin, of Orchardville preached on Sabbath evening, and Rev. Mr. Dunlop of Durham, on Saturday.

SOIREE.—In the Baptist Church 11th con., Glenora, on Wednesday 15th Feb. The following gentlemen are expected to address the audience: Rev. Mr. Dunlop, Baker of Walkerton, A. McDermid of Markdale, and others. Good singing will be provided. Doors open at 6, tea served at 7 p. m. Admission 25 cents. Teams will positively be in Durham in the afternoon about 4 o'clock and take out and bring back any person wishing to go to the Soiree.

GRANGE ANNIVERSARY.—The fifth anniversary of the Glenora Grange was held in their Hall, Edge Hill, on Wednesday evening, the 1st inst. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, and ample provisions of the richest kind provided by the ladies were liberally served out to all present. James Edge, Esq., Master, occupied the chair and a very pleasant time was spent in listening to addresses, readings, recitations and songs given on this occasion. The Grange is in a very flourishing condition as it has been since its commencement.

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To the Editor of the Review:—Sir:—Will you please to publish in your next issue, the enclosed letters; from these the public will have no difficulty in arriving at a correct conclusion, as to the thoroughness and untruthfulness of Mr. Alex. Webster, and much oblige, yours truly, J. H. HUNTER.

To the Editor of the Review:—Sir:—I am reliably informed that Mr. A. Webster, the writer of the article over his signature published in your paper of the 26th ultimo, is circulating a report to this effect, "that I ordered you not to dare to publish the letter referred to." Will you please to state, whether the above rumor be true or false, and oblige, Yours truly, J. H. HUNTER.

REVIEW OFFICE, Feb. 6th 1882.

To J. H. Hunter, Esq.—Dear Sir,—The rumor you refer to in your letter, the rumor ordered me not to dare to publish the letter that was published over the signature of Alexander Webster, of Prieville, in the REVIEW of the 26th ult., is without the slightest foundation, as you were not aware of any such letter, it being sent to the REVIEW until after it appeared in print, and consequently any such rumor is entirely false and can only be circulated for a malicious purpose.

Yours sincerely, Jos. Townsends.

Weigh Scales.

To the Editor of the Review:—Sir,—In your issue of the 26th January, there appears a letter headed "A Weigh Scale Question," signed by a man named Prieville, in which an attempt is made to injure the grain buyers of this place, and more particularly my employer, Mr. Hunter.

If he ever was regarded as a truthful man (which I understand he never was) in his locality, the article referred to must brand him forever as both unscrupulous and untruthful. In Mr. Hunter's absence, as well as when he is at home, I endeavor to carry out his strict and positive instructions, namely to take good weight and not more when buying in, and to give equally good weight when selling out.

If Mr. Webster had said that he himself through his messenger sold 11 Hogs to me, he would have told the truth, but his article starts out in the beginning with a falsehood.

The hogs were weighed by me and no more than good weight taken. One or two of the Hogs were in bad condition. One being eaten by a Hog in the ham after killing and one bitten badly by a dog before killing and two or three had been killed too long, being dark and discolored, thus injuring their sale in any market. Every one engaged in the buying of Hogs, knows that it is a rule to deduct shrinkage and in this market the rule has been reduced to 2 per cent. This Mr. Webster refused to allow although I have no doubt he deducts plenty of shrinkage when buying in, consequently a dispute arose, and sooner than go to law I assumed the responsibility of paying him for 40lbs, at 2 per cent.

I am inclined to think that if any man's scales require adjusting, Mr. Webster's do, as on Thursday last week, I am reliably informed, they were again found wanting not to the amount of 40lbs, but to more than double that amount, in a load of Oats which were weighed first on his (Webster's) scales and then on both Mr. Brill's and Mr. Burnett's and the latter were about 100 lbs short of the Prieville scales.

It must be very discouraging, day after day, for Mr. Webster to see his former customers drive past his store, with their produce on their way to this market where they can get higher prices than he is willing to pay them. But he should not allow his jealousy to cause him to trample the reputation of men who are head and shoulders above him. Try and carry out the Golden Rule Mr. W. "Do not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Yours respectfully, T. C. MOTT.

Deficient Weight.

To the Editor of the Review:—DEAR SIR:—On Thursday, the 2nd of Feb., I bought a load of Oats of a man who had evidently been sent to market with the same by Mr. A. Webster, of Prieville, as the said man informed me that the load had been weighed on his (Mr. Webster's) scales. After they had been weighed, the man informed me that they had weighed sixty Bushels on Mr. Webster's scales, but they weighed only about 57 bushels on mine. The man not being satisfied with my weights was ordered to take them away.

He then took them to Mr. Jas. Burnett's, and then again the scales of Mr. Webster, were found wanting, for the said load of Oats only weighed 57 Bushels on Mr. Burnett's scales, instead of sixty, which I understand Mr. Webster told the man he was to get paid for.

It will be more honorable in Mr. Webster in the future, in weighing grain, to take his own weight, (he will be too late to weigh it correctly, when sending such stuff to market. If he does so he will not be under the stigma of lying for a purpose.

Yours truly, W. G. McHARDY.

Town Council.

Having been served with a Writ in the case of Mr. Charter Smith, of Bentinck, against the corporation of Durham, claiming \$300 damages and \$15 costs, on account of the accident at Lambton street bridge, the Mayor called a special meeting on Monday evening to consider the matter. All the members present except Messrs. McIntyre and Anderson. After a full discussion of the pros and cons of the case, it was

Moved by Mr. McKee, seconded by B. W. Hays, that the Mayor be instructed to defend the suit of C. A. Smith against this corporation, claiming \$300 damages for injuries said to be sustained at Lambton street bridge.

Council then adjourned.

A Denial.

Mr. Egerton—Whereas Ira Fike of Durham, has stated to certain parties that he did make certain false statements concerning the time when two promissory notes, made by him to one McKinnon, became due, or would become due, I do hereby deny that I made any statement or statements that I did not believe to be strictly true. I further state that the notes referred to were and are the property of one Wilkie of Guelph, with whom I am altogether unacquainted, and that I went to see Fike in connection with Division Court business in which I had no personal interest whatsoever.

If there are any who believe I was so insane as to invest any amount of money, however small, in notes made by Mr. Fike or to undertake so heavy a job as the collecting of them I think the following letters will prove to the contrary.

I do not fear that any man of Mr. Fike's standing will very much injure me by any reports which he may circulate, yet I will be obliged to you if you will kindly publish this letter and the following one.

Yours truly, H. H. MILLER.

Durham, Feb. 7th, 1882.

Mr. H. H. Miller, Clerk in my office, was not in any way interested in the collection of the notes above referred to and their collection could not have been of possible benefit to him. He could not therefore have had any object in making statements which were untrue, respecting said notes.

D. JACKSON, Clerk.

Durham, Feb. 7th, 1882.

I have read all the letters written by H. H. Miller, for Mr. D. Jackson, to Mr. Wilkie of Guelph in reference to the notes referred to in the above letters and also Mr. Wilkie's letters in reply, and I am satisfied that the said Miller was not in any way personally interested in the collection of the said notes and even though he did make the statement which Fike alleges that he did make it was concerning a matter of no importance and would not in any way have affected the collection of said notes.

Durham, Feb. 7th, 1882.

B. A. PRINCE.

Edge Hill.

Being once more reminded that the Edge Hill Association is in a flourishing condition by Yerns, whose name implies truth, it would seem as though we could no longer doubt its validity; were it not for the insolence of its present winner who by his statements appears to have been governed more by passion and falsehood than by reason or truth. He like many of the defenders, though not wishing to be silent, has little of intelligence to say for his reason I can overlook his eccentricities by considering his capacity. Still this new light which it appears has received the seal of authority at Edge Hill is told us, a gentleman, a statement which coincides very strangely with his tactics. Like an ant he will find ere long that leading the "silent defenders" is not such an ex