

DINING AT THE QUEEN'S.

THE LEGISLATORS THE GUESTS OF WARDEN RANKIN.

A Fine Spread—The County Councillors and Guests Knew How to Appreciate Good Things—Canada, Theme of the Speakers—It Will be a Nation Yet.

The members of the county council and a large number of distinguished gentlemen were present in the dining room of the Queen's hotel last evening to partake of the hospitality of Warden Rankin.

Four large tables were spread with all the delicacies of the season, and were handsomely arranged and decorated. Mr. Vanalstine won renown as a caterer.

The warden presided, and on the right and left were Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Judge Price, Sheriff Ferguson, Dr. Claxton, James H. Metcalf, M.P.P., Dr. Brown, Dr. Olive, ex-Warden Hogan, P. McLaughlin, James Daley, W. McRossaie, and others.

The Queen and Royal Family were received and drank in a loyal manner, the company singing the "National Anthem."

The chairman then proposed the "Dominion Parliament" and the "Ontario Legislature," coupling with it the names of Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick and J. H. Metcalf.

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VILLAGE COUNCIL ORGANIZED.

The Portsmouth Councillors Proceed to Business—A Pro Tem Clerk.

The first meeting of the Portsmouth council for 1889 was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening. It was opened at 7:30 o'clock with all the members present except Robert Dodds.

SETTLING OF APPEALS.

Judge Wilkinson Reduces a Number Them Brought Before Him.

Yesterday Judge Wilkinson heard appeals against assessments confirmed by the court of revision. Those on the Canada life insurance company and the Ontario Mutual company were sustained.

WAS HE KNOWN HERE.

A Young Man Said to be From Kingston Killed by Striking a Bridge.

Coroner Frank M. Vebber, of Carthage, N.Y., held an inquest on the remains of Thomas Keating, killed at Philadelphia last Friday by being struck by a bridge and knocked from a passenger train on the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad.

PHILOMATHEAN SOCIETY.

The Members Elect their Officers—A Very Pleasant Evening Spent.

Last evening the members of the Philomathean society connected, with the Dominion business college, elected their officers for the year. The voting was very lively.

THEY WANT ELBECK.

He is the Kind of a Hustler Hamilton Seems to be Looking Up.

A writer to the Hamilton Spectator says: "If Hamilton could get Manager Elbeck, of the Kingstons, here with his club it would be a grand success, as Elbeck is by far the best baseball manager in this country, and is termed a hustler."

What Becomes of the Reporters.

Julian Ralph, a well-known New York newspaper man, in an article in the Epoch on "What Becomes of Reporters?" furnishes these data: About thirty men, reporting in New York fifteen years ago, are still reporting in the harness.

Ontons! Ontons!

Just think! 25 cents a peck, 80 cents a bushel, 100 cents per bag, at the cheap grocery house, Henderson's.

RUSHING THE BUSINESS.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL WIPES OUT MUCH WORK.

Many Things to be Asked from the Parliament—The Councillors Are Not Favourable to Republican Ideas—Meeting About the Roads.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session the motion relating to the changing of the time for the reception of the assessment rolls, laid over on Wednesday, was discussed. The motion was finally withdrawn.

Mr. Tapping introduced a by law, having for its object the altering of the date for the nomination of reeve and councillors for the township of Barrie. The by-law was passed.

Mr. Woodruff presented the report of the special committee, appointed to confer with a city committee relative to the expenses paid by the county for the removal of convicts and lunatics to prisons and asylums.

The report stated that the city committee agreed to pay two-thirds of the county's claims, nearly \$1,200. The city will hereafter pay yearly two thirds of the necessary expenses incurred in this respect, agreement to this effect has been entered into between the city and county.

A by-law confirming the appointment of the trustees of the Sydneyham high school, was passed.

It was moved by J. Wilson, seconded by J. Cox, that this council petition the minister of fisheries, praying the government of Canada to alter the fishery laws in inland waters of Ontario, giving the inhabitants of each township the privilege of catching with gill nets a sufficient quantity of fish for the use of their families, but not to sell, and prohibiting the use by parties of hoop nets of any kind.

Mr. Wilson contended that this resolution should be passed, as many persons ought to be allowed to catch fish for their own use.

Mr. Cox, fishery inspector, said persons could now catch fish for their own use with gill nets.

Mr. Pringle said Mr. Cox acted in a different way from the inspector at Kenelob. He would not let people fish for themselves with gill nets.

Dr. Claxton did not think the law allowed parties to fish with gill nets for their own use. There were some inspectors who were easy in dealing with the question.

The motion was laid over for further information.

THE RICHES OF THE COUNTY.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Pringle, that the council of the county of Frontenac memorialize the minister of agriculture, advising the appointment, by the Ontario government, of a competent person at the city of Kingston to analyze, free of charge, samples of minerals that may be delivered to him by the actual land owners of the county, that by so doing the government will encourage and assist the development of the minerals of this county.

The committee on printing and education recommended the payment of the account of L. W. Shannon, \$12. Inspector Spankie was granted \$20 for office expenses. The chairman was authorized to ask for tenders for printing.

The council then formed itself into a committee of the whole, with Mr. Avery in the chair, and considered various communications.

With reference to the request for assistance from the prisoners' aid association Mr. Howell moved that the council grant \$10. He contended that the grant should be given. The purpose was a laudable one. J. Cox would not vote for such a motion. Dr. Claxton seconded Mr. Howell's motion. The only objection the doctor had to the motion was that the amount named was too small. Mr. Joyner objected to the grant. The motion was lost on the following division: Yeas—Bertram, Claxton, Howell, Stouness, Wood, Woodruff, 6 Nays—Bond, John Cox, Joshua Cox, Campbell, Fisher, Gibson, Hay, Horn, E. Joyner, Moore, Pringle, Rankin, Stouness, Trotter, Vanhorn and Wilson, 15.

The next subject discussed was a circular relating to the sale of lands in different municipalities. It was moved by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Hay, that the sale of lands for taxes be placed in the hands of local municipalities.—Carried.

A letter was read from Mayor Erratt, Ottawa, condemning the system of exemption from taxation.

It was moved by A. F. Bond, seconded by Mr. Howell, "that this council concur with the petition against municipal exemptions, and that the warden sign the petition."

Mr. Joyner thought churches of all denominations and a certain portion of the land in connection with them should be exempt.

Hugh Rankin said he would not vote for the motion. It was a delicate question to deal with. When they interfered with the churches they were treading on dangerous ground.

A. F. Bond said he wanted land taxed belonging to churches from which a revenue was received. He did not wish to tax the churches or the land upon which they stood.

The matter was laid over until the June session.

J. White, county clerk of Oxford, submitted a communication respecting the appointment of gaolers, police magistrates, and other officers paid by counties.

It was moved by Dr. Claxton, seconded by Mr. Stouness, that the communication be endorsed by this council, and that the warden sign a petition asking permission to do this.

The following motion was read from the county council of Elgin: "That this council petition the Ontario legislature to amend the law that all county officers now appointed by government be elected by the people, and that the clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the various counties in the province requesting their co-operation."

Dr. Claxton—"That motion means the introduction of republicanism."

The clerk—"It smells of annexation."

The chairman—"Will we consider the motion?" Several voices answered "No." The motion was tabled.

A petition was read from the municipal council of the corporation of the county of Oxford. It explained that the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage was the

cause of much misery in many of the homes and to a very large number of the citizens of the dominion, and was also detrimental to the best interests of the state. So long as liquor was used as a beverage this state of things would continue. The Oxford council desired to eradicate the evil, and therefore decided to petition parliament to have such legislation enacted as would prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage in the dominion.

The chairman asked if it was the desire of the council to consider the petition.

There was a flutter among the councillors, and some of them lauded "yes," and others, "no." It was then laid aside for a day.

ABOLITION OF TOLLS. The warden took the chair and submitted the following motion: Moved by Mr. Joyner, seconded by Mr. Hay, that the council memorialize the legislature of Ontario anent the abolition of tolls on the different roads in the county; that the same apply to the tolls in the city as well; that the warden, the county clerk and the reeve be a committee to prepare the necessary petition and consult the mayor and city clerk.—Carried.

Friday Morning's Session. The council resumed at 10 o'clock.

A by-law, introduced by Mr. Gibson, confirming the appointment of county auditors, was passed. Mr. Joyner moved that they be paid \$40 each.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. J. Cox, seconded by Mr. Avery, that the Ontario legislature be petitioned for a grant to assist in the building of a bridge from Howe Island to the mainland.—Carried.

NOTE ON PROHIBITION. Moved by Mr. Pringle, that the petition praying to have the sale, manufacture, and sale of liquors prohibited, be concurred in by the council, and that the warden sign it on behalf of the council.

Mr. J. Cox—"I do not think the people are ready for prohibition."

Dr. Claxton—"I think the motion a good one."

A vote was taken as to whether the motion should be dealt with at once. The vote stood as follows: Yeas—Avery, Bond, Bertram, Claxton, Joshua Cox, Campbell, Gibson, Howell, Hay, Home, Joyner, Moore, Pringle, Rankin, Stouness, Trotter, Vanhorn, Wood, Woodruff, 19 Nays—J. Cox, Fisher, Topping, Wilson, 4.

DEALING WITH THE FINANCES. Bills from Mr. Gallinger for mason work done to the exterior of the court house and registry office were referred to the proper committee.

The committee on county property recommended the payment of the following accounts: McKelvey & Birch, \$35.04; county treasurer, \$21.90; J. Hutton, \$10; A. McLean, \$4.81; McKelvey & Birch, \$20.76; T. W. Milo's account laid over; McMahon & Co., \$18.10; John Lawless, \$5.29; McMahon & Co., \$1.69; J. Mucklester, \$5.29; Richmond & Orr, \$13.28; J. C. Mitchell, 50c; McMahon & Co., \$36.35; Robinson Bros., \$91.05.

A request from the county high school board for \$1,500, to defray expenses, was granted.

Moved by Mr. Joshua Cox, seconded by Mr. Wood, that the members of the council receive \$3 per day for their services during the year. A majority stood up for the motion, but when the yeas and nays were taken it was lost. The vote was: Yeas, Messrs. Avery, Bertram, Claxton, J. Cox, Joshua Cox, Campbell, Howell, Moore, Tapping, Vanhorn, Wood, 11 Nays—Messrs. Bond, Fisher, Gibson, Hays, Horn, Joyner, Pringle, Rankin, Stouness, Trotter, Woodruff, Wilson, 12.

REVIEWING THE ISSUE. A deputation was received from the Sons of Temperance. Mr. Fraser congratulated the warden on his election and hoped at close he would be able to say he had done his best to promote the best interests of the county council, and that no jobbery or corruption had crept in, but that the record had been preserved unaltered for his predecessor. He then remarked: "We appear before you as a deputation of temperance men. Our mission is to urge upon you the importance of using your influence in your municipalities to sustain the Scott act. We are aware that a numerous signed petition has been forwarded to Ottawa praying for its repeal, and that the voting will probably take place some time in April. We believe it is not in the best interests of the people that the Scott act should be repealed. We, therefore, appeal to you as representative of the people to stand by the act at all hazards. We believe that, all things considered, the Scott act in this county has been a great success. It has been hampered, and every effort has been made to make it of no effect, but these things are fast passing away. The act is now enforced and respected, and is doing a vast amount of good. We believe also that there is no financial loss either to the county or the municipalities. But even if it does cost something, that is far more than overbalanced by the good it does at large.

"The administration of justice costs something everywhere but soon the foes of the act will cease their hostility and the cost of enforcing it will then be trifling.

"The act may not be all some of you would like, but it is the best that could be got and it is the best we have. Let us stand by it until we get a better one. We contend that three years is too short a time in which to test the benefits of the Scott act.

"It could not be expected that a mutilated act, with very imperfect machinery for its enforcement, such as the Scott act, in three three short years, could counteract all the beneficial influences of a system which has had such a hold on the habits and customs of the people for centuries and which is so interwoven with all our forms of government.

"I need not place any arguments before you. As the guardian of the interests of your constituents you know that the liquor traffic is a gigantic evil and that it is your duty to protect them. You know that it is the direct foe of mankind, more destructive than war, famine and pestilence combined, because more continuous. Surely you will give what assistance you can, no matter what your private opinions may be, in a spirit of fairness to carry the Scott act again in the county, and wives, sons and daughters for many generations will bless you."

Mr. Howell spoke in favour of the act and advised the council to adjourn until the afternoon when the matter could be fully discussed.

Another Court Established. Court Moira No. 33, Belleville, was re-organized last evening. Supreme Ranger Ornyhekha, Supreme Physician Millman, and R. Meek, chief ranger, Court Frontenac No. 59, were present.—A court of the for-esters has existed in Belleville for the years, but it was not aggressive. Through a late visit of the supreme ranger, a boom was given to the work, and Mr. I. Parker Thomas followed it up with the result, that court of about fifty members, representing the leading professions, callings and trades, was constituted. The ritual was used for the first time in the initiating of members. Court Moira meets in the Sons of England hall, which is one of the finest in Ontario, being both large and elegantly furnished.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who are Taking Notes.

Go to the great remnant sale at Spence & Crumley's.

A Portsmouth horticulturist is about to surprise his friends.

The cheapest dry goods in the city at Spence & Crumley's.

Rev. M. Macgillivray will be chairman at the temperance entertainment this evening.

Mr. T. Tapping, reeve of Barrie, has not seen a toll gate for fifteen years. He favours their abolition.

Say! Sliced, peeled and cored—dried apples, 4 pounds for 25 cents at Henderson's cheap grocery.

Brookville boasts the tallest mayor on the continent, Mayor Derbyshire, who is 6 feet 7 inches high in his socks.

Moffatt, Hodgins & Clarke, of Watertown, N.Y., will begin the erection of water works in Cobourg in the spring.

The repairs to the steamers Island and Maynard are almost completed. An early opening of navigation is looked for.

For dry oak and soft maple, soft wood and hard wood at lowest prices, go to Crawford's, foot of Queen street.

Breck & Booth have the best slabs, hard wood and dry blocks. You can get just what you want in the fuel line at their yard.

Last evening while the Salvation army was passing the Queen's hotel it was heartily cheered by members of the county council.

The Beaver club of Barriefield hold an assembly in the town hall to-night. A bus, for that place, will leave Wade's corner at 7:30.

Yesterday an application was made before Judge Price to set aside the men suit in the case of Floody vs. Port Hope. Decision was reserved.

During January and February we will close our store at 6 p.m., Saturdays at 7, C. Livingston & Bro., merchant tailors, 10 and 77 Brock St.

There has just arrived at J. Campbell's wood yard, Ontario street, the best stock of sawed or unsawed maple, also the best of dry slab wood.

Yelping dogs at the foot of Wellington and Rideau streets makes rest in the mornings impossible. The policemen should attend with their little guns.

At the hopsial in Carleton Place next month there will be a grand concert in the opera hall on the opening night and a banquet on the second evening.

Pineapples, tangerines, Holy Land oranges, Valencia oranges, lemons, Tunis plates on stalk, &c., &c., at Henderson's cheap grocery house to-morrow.

Winter is at hand and people step around much sprier. The snow, too, is doing service upon the growing wheat, and allowing the tobogganers a long wished for slide.

Just think of this, stair carpet for five cents; ladies' black wool hose for 15 cents, at R. McFaul's. Hosiery, gloves, mitts, hoods, caps, mullers, &c., less than cost at R. McFaul's.

The grant of \$1,000, received from the government last year for the improvement of roads in the townships of Clarendon and Olden, was nearly all expended in the latter township.

Genuine! Pure maple sugar, 10 cents per pound; cranberries, 10 cents per quart; pic-nic hams, 8 cents per pound; 14 pounds new raisins \$1, at Henderson's cheap grocery house.

If this should catch the eye of anyone needing new clothing, we would advise him to go to Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street, where he can be sure of getting good value for his money.

The warden and members of the county council speak in terms of praise of the services of Mr. Sheppard, caretaker of the court house. The building is clean and the heating all that could be desired.

The Kindergarten opens on February 4th. Pupils ranging from 3 to 7 years of age will be admitted. The fee is 25 cents per month. The room to be used is in the second story of the Central school.

Beautiful and white—Our \$2.70 flour makes white and light bread. Fine cooking apples 20c; peck, fresh roll butter, tub butter. Preserved green peas 25c, can, 3 lbs egg plums 25c. James Crawford.

The wife and family of Cole, alias Pull-man, who fleeced Kingston and Halifax banks, and is now undergoing sentence for attempted fraud in Winnipeg, have reached that city to await his release from jail.

His name was William, and he was called Bill. The old man did not like him as a suitor to his daughter and kicked him out. The girl apologized and said that "her father was so accustomed to foot all the bills that he perhaps did it unthoughtedly."

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Table with columns: STOCKS, MONTREAL, JAN. 25, 12 noon, and ASK'D OFF D. Lists various banks and their share prices.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Table with columns: MONTREAL, JAN. 25, and various commodity prices such as Flour, Patents, Rye, Oats, etc.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

Table with columns: LIVERPOOL, JAN. 25, and prices for White and Colored cheese.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Table with columns: LIVERPOOL, JAN. 25, and prices for Cotton, steady and American middlings.

Weather Probabilities.

Moderate to fresh winds, fair and mild.