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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 7, 1876.

The Ontario Legislature will meet on Wednesday, January 3rd, for the dispatch of business.

The death is announced in England of the Right Hon. Edward Horsman, Liberal member for Liskeard, in his seventieth year.

What a glorious institution Republicanism must be, when two or three unbapised negroes down South have the fate of the country in their hands.

The ex-editor of the *Catholic Tribune* publishes his valedictory this week, and Mr. McCrosson makes his bow to the subscribers.

Mr. James Fahey is to lecture in Toronto against prohibition. There was a time when Mr. Fahey used his undoubted talents in a better cause.

The long-promised edition of the Greek Testament, on which Professor Wescott and Mr. Hort have been engaged for nearly twenty years, is now really approaching completion, and the sheets of the Apocalypse are actually in the printer's hands.

The bust of the late Horace Greeley, presented to the friends of the deceased by American printers and journalists, was unveiled at Greenwood Cemetery on Monday, in the presence of about 1,000 people.

The value of church, school, and other property exempted from taxation in Ottawa reaches $7,500,000. The Protestant schools and churches are valued at $600,000; Roman Catholic schools and churches, $700,000; and the Parliament Buildings at $6,000,000.

In the case of the man Belcher convicted at the last Sandwich Assizes of the murder of a neighboring farmer named Kenyon, by shooting him in the presence of his wife and daughter while at work in a field, a petition for commutation of the death sentence has engaged the attention of the Privy Council, and we believe it has been decided that the law must take its course. Belcher is to be executed on the 21st inst.

A novel case recently came up before a magistrate in Smith's Falls, a woman having laid a complaint against her husband for coming home drunk and making his bed on the floor. The case was dismissed, and the woman had to pay the costs.

Ladies seem to have no settled idea yet as to the style of head gear to be worn this winter. This state of suspense weighs heavy on the old man's mind and purse too.

—The population of Kingston was once 15,000, but it decreased to 12,400. It is now gaining again, being at present nearly up to the maximum figure.

Rev. Thos. Baldwin was inducted pastor of the Galt Baptist church on the 30th ult.

The afternoon stage between Milton and Bronte has been taken off, on account of the bad roads.

The draught match between Listowel and Waterloo, in which four games were played, resulted with 3 for Listowel; Waterloo, 0; and 1 drawn.

Stratford is elated over the proposal to remove the Grand Trunk Railway car shops to that town, and of course Brantford is proportionately depressed.

At Chatham, a young man named Edward Hicks (colored) has been sent to the Provincial Penitentiary for two years for robberies from strangers.

The heirs of William Penn still receive from the British Government $20,000 a year in compensation for their proprietary rights to Pennsylvania. It is in this manner that the British Government keeps its promises, even when those promises have been obtained fraudulently. But it finds its reward in the reputation for good faith which it has established in every financial centre of the world.

The Small-Pox in Keewatin.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 2.—At White Mud River sixteen Icelanders and fourteen Indians have died of small pox. Thence to Gimli, some thirty miles, the disease is in every house. At Gimli twenty-two deaths have occurred. One hundred and ten cases were visited, Dr. Young is not sick. The Government storehouse has been converted into a hospital in which are forty beds. Patients have been removed thither and their dwellings burnt.

The Council of Keewatin is in session daily. A local Board of Health has been appointed at Gimli. Not a single case of small-pox has occurred in Manitoba yet, owing to the strict quarantine observed.

Nassagaweya Council.

The Council met on Monday, the 27th day of Nov., pursuant to adjournment. Members all present, Reeve in the chair. The following persons were present and made application for damages to sheep killed by dogs: Robt. Hall for three sheep; Alex. McPhail, one lamb; R. Lowrie, six sheep and three lambs; James White, one sheep. The claims having been certified, it was ordered that the sum of $13 be paid to Robt. Hall, $26 to Robt. Lowrie, $2 to Alex. McPhail, and $4 to James White. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that the time for the removal of the timber purchased by Robert Hutcheon from the Municipality, situated on the side-line, between lots 10 and 11 on the east half, 6th concession, be extended for one year. And also that the time for the removal of the timber purchased from the Municipality by B. H. Kean, situated on the side-line between lots 10 and 11 on the west half of the 6th concession be extended for the same length of time.

Dr. Winn moved, seconded by Mr. Menzies, for leave to introduce a by-law for the election of the Municipal Council for the Township, for the year A. D. 1877, and that the same be now read a first and second time. On motion it was read a third time and passed. Dr. Winn moved, seconded by Mr. Norrish, that the sum of $15 be paid to Allan Ramsey, in aid of Henry Moore, a sickly and indigent person. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that Mr. G. Norrish be empowered to attend the Puslinch Council at their next meeting, to receive the amount promised for work done on the town line between Puslinch and Nassagaweya.

Dr. Winn moved, seconded by Mr. Menzies, for leave to introduce a By-law for the repairs of roads and bridges for the present year, and that the same be now read a first time. It was afterwards read a second and third time and passed. Mr. Menzies moved, seconded by Mr. Norrish, that the account of Mr. Warren, P.L.S., amounting to $16.80, for surveying, writing field notes, preparing plans and copies of affidavits, copy of field notes from C. L. D., and travelling expences, to establish the side line between lots 15 and 16 in the 1st concession be paid. Dr. Winn moved, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that the sum of $1 be refunded to Henry Justin, and $1 to Israel Pammenter, being amount of their dog-tax, it being an error in copying their assessment.

The Council business being concluded, the Deputy Reeve occupied the chair. A vote of thanks was then tendered to the Reeve for his able and courteous manner in presiding over the deliberations of the Council Board, and his efficient services otherwise connected with his office as Reeve during the year. The Reeve in a few suitable remarks acknowledged the compliment.

The Council then adjourned.

JOHN EASTERBROOK, Clerk.

BROOKLYN THEATRE IN FLAMES

Panic Among the Audience.

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED.

A despatch from New York early Wednesday morning states that the Brooklyn Theatre was then in flames. The fire originated on the stage of the theatre at 11.30 Tuesday night. The flames spread with lightning rapidity, and burst out through the door on Washington street. The panic and confusion among the audience was terrible. The theatre is totally burned, also Deiter's restaurant. So far the post office next door does not appear to be injured.

One of the actresses came to the front of the stage and said, "A small accident has occurred, but don't be alarmed. Only a piece of the flies is on fire." On mention of fire the audience rose to their feet and made a wild rush for the doors. The smoke soon became suffocating, and women fell fainting in the aisles and were trampled over. Hundreds jumped out of the windows and were severely injured. Three were picked up and sent to the hospital, and are not expected to live. A young man who jumped out of a window says another man was with him and got to the window, and while holding on with his hands and endeavouring to get out became overpowered with the smoke, fell back, and must have been consumed in the flames. Dresses were torn from ladies while lying in the aisles and on the side-walk outside. All the theatre company got out safely except a fly-man, named Cumberson, who was badly burned, and threw himself out of a window. He will die. The firemen, succeeded in confining the flames to the theatre, and saving the rest of the block. Deiter's restaurant, directly in front of the theatre on Washington-street, is badly damaged by water, but not, as at first reported, destroyed. The fire badly damaged the fronts of six dwellings on Johnson-street. The theatre was owned by the Brooklyn Building Association. The loss is now estimated at $125,000. The insurance could not be ascertained. The fire is now (2 a. m.) extinguished.

A HAUL OF $60,000.

THE CULPRITS CAPTURED IN CANADA.

On the morning of July 22nd last R. D. Bullock, organ builder of Jackson, discovered that his store had been entered, his safe robbed, and the contents, $60,000 in drafts, notes and checks, several hundred dollars in currency, and a gold watch had been stolen. The safe had been opened by acquiring the combination, and the burglars in leaving had fastened the door again and left the establishment undisturbed. In looking up a possible clue Mr Bullock discovered that A. M. Hawley, a young married man who had been employed by him for three years as an agent, and who had recently been assigned to duty at Port Huron, had been seen in Jackson the night of the burglary. Hawley had been carousing for some time previously in Port Huron and had fallen under the influence of an individual well known to the police of nearly every city in the Union as "Lady" Lee. Together the two went to Detroit on the night of the 22nd of July and at once left for Jackson on the 10 p. m. train, Hawley so much under the influence of liquor that the depot officers reluctantly refrained from arresting him. "Lady" Lee and Hawley reached Jackson about one o'clock at night, and then managed to rob the safe as detailed, and taking the early morning train, were again in Detroit at half-past eight. They made no delay there, but proceeded at once to Canada, halting for a few days at Chatham. From that place Lee expressed the plundered notes and drafts to A. J. Lee, Prescott, Canada. Meantime Bullock was beating about as best he could until, on the 2nd of August, he received a letter from Richard H. Lee, brother of "Lady" Lee, and associated with him in various ways, which letter afforded a clue that was vigorously and successfully followed till it resulted in a personal interview, at which R. H. Lee demanded $8,000 for the return of the stolen property, together with the promise of immunity from judicial proceedings. Mr. Bullock cleverly negotiated with him, and representing that he would rather have Hawley than the notes and drafts, finally agreed to give $1,000 for the delivery of Hawley. The bargain was closed at once. The two miscreants, giving the lie to the adage that there is honor among thieves, sold out Hawley and induced him to venture over to the American side by representing that Bullock would give to him, but none other, $2,000 for the missing property. Hawley went over, and was immediately arrested. Bullock had made no conditions about it. The property was recovered, and Hawley, making a clean breast of the affair, was, after a while, set at large on bail, to hereafter stand trial. The Lees obtained the thousand dollars and nestled down snugly in Canada. In October an attempt was made to get "Lady" Lee to Michigan pending the complications in the extradition treaty. He was arrested at Prescott, and was being taken to Port Huron on a Grand Trunk train. At Stratford a friend of Lee's saw him while the train halted, and, suspecting the contemplated ruse, telegraphed to Sarnia that some American officers were kidnapping a Canadian prisoner. The result was that the party were stopped at Sarnia and Lee committed to the jail there to await an investigation. Finally it was discovered that, under the laws of the Dominion, a party bringing stolen property into Canada, knowing that it is stolen, is subject in every respect to the penalties incurred by receiving stolen property stolen in the Dominion. Under this law "Lady" Lee was taken to Sandwich jail and has been in confinement there since an early day in November. Lee was tried at the Essex Assizes, before Judge Leggett, on the charge of importing into Canada stolen property, being the drafts, notes, checks, gold watch and other property stolen from Mr. Bullock. Completion of the trial was postponed for a few days.

PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION.—The London *Free Press* sounds a word of alarm to all persons interested in business partnership. According to our western contemporary, some persons are now engaged in that section blackmailing business men who have been derelict in the registration of partnership. By the Partnership Registration Act of 1869 it is enjoined on the members of a partnership to register a declaration of co-partnership within six months after the formation of it, if formed since the passing of the Act; or if formed before that period (1869), within six months after the passing of the Registration Act—under a penalty of $200. But there is a limitation to the time during which the penalty can be enforced under private prosecution, that limit being one year after the expiration of the six months referred to. Thus, any partnership that was formed nineteen months ago, and which has not been yet registered according to law is still free from prosecution at the hands of private individuals for default. At the same time, it being the law that co-partnerships should be registered, all persons being parties thereto should not neglect to perform the duties enjoined on them.

THE EASTERN MUDDLE

Turkey Desires the Success of the Conference.

A PEACEABLE DISPOSITION MANIFESTED.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—A Berlin despatch says Prince Bismark, in a speech in Parliament to-day, gave assurances that the Government of Germany and Russia remain on the most friendly footing. The three Emperors' alliance still exists in its integrity. Friendly relations with Russia are established by long tradition, and Germany values them as highly as those with any other Power. The Chancellor apparently expressed great hopes of a peaceable solution of the present crisis, even should the Conference not achieve its full object. He has no doubt that the differences now apparent between English and Russian interests will be composed. The endeavors of Germany continue to be directed to the maintenance of peace. He assured the House, notwithstanding assertions to the contrary, that the relations between Russia and Austria are of the most friendly character, but there is no menace in the three Emperors' alliance to any other Power. Germany is attached to England by ties of long traditional friendship, and wishes to preserve that friendship quite as much as cordial relations with Russia. That friendship has likewise stood many tests, and the future will show it will continue firm and cordial as ever. Bismarck regards Germany and France as the two Powers least directly interested in the present Eastern question. Germany, he said, will therefore remain perfectly neutral.

LONDON, Dec. 6—The *Times* Vienna despatch says: Telegrams from Constantinople report that England has brought forward the question of prolonging the armistice. There are all sorts of indications which go far to show a growing disposition on all sides, particularly in Turkey and Russia, to prevent possible antagonism from breaking out, at least immediately, and rendering a renewal of the armistice superfluous.

A despatch to the *Times* from Ragusa states that the negotiations between Montenegro and Turkey relative to the revictualling of the blockaded forts and towns have terminated successfully. Niesic and other places are to be provisioned by the Montenegrins at the expense of Turkey.

Murder of a Police Constable in Dorsetshire, England.

From the Western Gazette.

Late on Thursday night, Nov. 16th, a dreadful murder was committed near Sutton Bingham, by a band of notorious poachers. It appears that about midnight three men named Hutchings—two of whom had only recently been liberated from prison—and another noted character, were seen in a lane at Netherton, with a horse and cart. Constables Cox and Stacey, who had seen the men earlier in the evening, and suspected that they had been poaching, spoke to them. The party were evidently prepared for all emergencies, for immediately one of them took a life-preserver or some other deadly weapon from the cart, and with one blow felled Cox to the ground. Death must have been instantaneous. They then beat him about the head in a frightful manner. Stacey defended himself with his staff, but he was overpowered, and was felled to the ground. He, too, was beaten about unmercifully, but was not actually killed. Mr. Marsh, of Darville, was attracted to the spot, but before he arrived at the scene of the murder, the men had decamped. He had a horse saddled and rode into Yeovil and informed Sergeant Holwell of the murder. A number of policemen were at once despatched to Netherton, and they have since been scouring the neighborhood, but the Hutchings' cannot be found. The dead body of Cox was removed to the new Inn, East Coker, and Stacey was conveyed to the Yeovil Hospital, where he received every attention.

Cox, who had been stationed at East Coker for some years, was one of the smartest men in the force. He was a tall, powerful man, and would doubtless have been a match for more than one of the poachers had he not been taken at a disadvantage. He was an intelligent, respectable man, and his untimely end will be much regretted. He leaves a widow and four children.

A DREAM.—A correspondent mentions a singular circumstance in connection with the murder, and says he has the best authority for stating that it is quite reliable. It is as follows:—Mrs. Cox, the wife of the murdered man, says her husband was very restless on Wednesday night, and when he awoke on Thursday morning he remarked: "I've had a bad night. I dreamt I had a fight with the gipsies, and that they gave me a terrible mark just here"—placing one of his hands on the part of his head which was most injured during the fatal affray. When Dr. Garland went to break the news to Mrs Cox, he intimated that her husband was very ill, whereupon she at once exclaimed: "Oh! I know he's killed;" and then related what is stated above.

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H. J. HALL, Sec.

Acton, Dec. 6, 1876.

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H. J. HALL, Sec.

Acton, Dec. 6, 1876.

NOTICE.

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JAMES MATTHEWS.

Acton, Dec. 6, 1876. 22-3t

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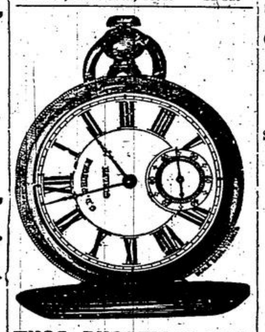

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