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TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 4, 1877.

The Railway Strike.

We presume every one of our readers have heard before this of the stoppage of the Grand Trunk Railway traffic, and have inquired into the cause of it. Between Friday evening of last week and Tuesday morning of this week not a car or a locomotive passed over the line. The fact went forth from the chief of the Brotherhood, and the engineers one and all promptly obeyed. Steam was shut off, the fires put out and locomotives and trains left standing upon the track, at half past eight Friday evening, and there most of them remained until yesterday. Without entering into details as to the why and the wherefore, it is sufficient for the public to know that they have been very shamefully and heartlessly dealt with, and it will be wonderful if they do not resent. There is no doubt the railway company will be the heaviest losers by the transaction, but travellers and shippers will be almost sure to demand compensation for their disappointment, and the number of law suits that will ensue is fearful to contemplate. The engineers have gained their point, and we presume they are satisfied. They ought to be made to bear a large share of the loss consequent on their ill-advised action.

It is estimated that it will cost about \$500 to put each engine on the road again equal to its former condition, and the amount it will cost the company for delayed passengers, &c., will be enormous.

"The PRATTLER" is the very appropriate title of a handsome book for the juveniles, just published by Messrs. Bellford Bros., the enterprising Toronto publishers. Our little girls say it is one of the best New Years presents they could wish for. It comprises nearly two hundred pretty stories, poems, and miscellaneous sketches, well written and sure to be read by every child with delight. There are over a hundred and fifty pictures, drawn and engraved in capital style, and embracing an immense variety of subjects.

Judgment was rendered on Friday morning in the Court of Queen's Bench in the contempt case, in re Hon. George Brown and the case of Simpson vs. Wilkinson. Chief Justice Harrison was of opinion that the rule should be made absolute, but Justice Morrison thought the rule should be refused. The rule therefore dropped, the Court being divided.

The business of the new year has been ushered in under hopeful circumstances. Merchants contentiate in the near future a steady but not unsatisfactory trade for the remainder of the winter. The excellent condition of the roads will, no doubt, cause further movements in produce, and the late fall of snow will assist the operations of lumbermen. The only feature which has marred the beginning of the year is the temporary stoppage of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Latest despatches from the East afford little definite information as to the probability of a settlement of the Turko-Russian difficulty. The Porte appears to persist in its obstinate refusal to accept the proposals of the Powers, yet we are given to understand that no immediate rupture is to be apprehended. It is looked upon as likely that the negotiations will be prolonged so long as the weather is unfavorable to the prosecution of military movements, and that even in the event of the withdrawal of the plenipotentiaries from Constantinople, in which case the risk of endeavouring to arrange an agreement would devolve upon the ambassadors. Neither Russia nor Turkey is said to desire war, and the representatives of both countries appear to be abating their pretensions and adapting a somewhat more conciliatory tone.

**The Lincoln Election Trial.**  
The Court had decided that the scrutiny of votes in the Lincoln case cannot go on during the sitting of the Legislature, consequently it has been adjourned till May 19. The result of the scrutiny up to the present time has been to give Captain Nelson a majority of 25 over the whole county. In view of the judgment already arrived at by the judges to the effect that Mr. Ryker is disqualified, although the report to the Speaker to that effect cannot be made until the final meeting of the Court, it is understood that Mr. Ryker will not take his seat.

Whatever may be the merits of the controversy between the Grand Trunk managers and the engineers, the main trouble and inconvenience falls on the public.

THE ELECTIONS.

The municipal elections this year falling upon a holiday, a greater degree of interest was manifested than usual in our village, and we presume much was also the case in other municipalities. Although nothing definite could be ascertained as to the probable result, everybody seemed to be taking a lively interest in the success of the various candidates, and when the hour of five o'clock arrived the excitement was at fever heat. The first count of the ballot gave two of the candidates for councillors a tie, and nearly two hours elapsed before the final result was announced, as follows:

Reeve—Dr. McEary 64; John P. Seward 33.

Councillors—D. D. Christie 83; David Henderson 79; Edward Nicklin 66; Charles Sydney Smith 65; (these four being elected); H. J. Hall 63; James Matthew 55. A few votes were also polled for Messrs. Ryder, Moore and Saylor, who were virtually not candidates.

In the township of Esquinton there was a lively contest over the candidates for the First and Second Deputy-Reeves. For First Deputy there were three candidates nominated, but a few days before the election Mr. McEary retired, leaving the contest between Messrs. John Warren and Geo. Wrigglesworth. The result of the polling gave Mr. Warren the handsome majority of 59, being a total of 278 votes against 219, thus evincing the confidence the electors have in his integrity and ability to continue to serve them in that capacity. For Second Deputy Mr. J. S. Frazer was elected over Mr. Preston by a fair majority. Mr. Frazer is a new and untried man in the Council, but from what we can learn of him, he is likely to prove a valuable member of the Board. For the Council, Mr. Ninian Lindsey has been re-elected, and Mr. Brocelbank has again been defeated—Mr. D. H. Shortreed being the other successful candidate.

ESQUINTON.

Reeve—W. Clay, by acclamation. First Deputy-Reeve—John Warren. Second Deputy—John Frazer. Councillors—N. Lindsay and J. H. Shortreed.

KASSAGAWAYA.

Reeve—John Hanney, re-elected by acclamation.

Deputy Reeve—James Menzies, re-elected by acclamation.

Councillors—David Hutchison, George Norrish, Colin McPhail.

ERIN.

Reeve—J. W. Burt.

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MILTON.

Mayor—George Smith.

Reeve—Duncan Dewar.

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Reeve—John Walje.

Councillors—James Allen, Richard Cole, Wm. J. Douglas, Dr. Richardson.

GARVIE.

Mayor—P. A. McDougald.

Reeve—Wm. H. Young.

Councillors—M. Felan, John Ion, Wm. McCrane, John Barclay, John Urquhart, C. W. Anderson, W. B. Chisholm, and Edward Hillmer.

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Deputy Reeve—Dr. C. Y. Moore.

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Wm. Milner, J. Robertson, Wm. McCull, Mr. Irvine, C. Dawson and T. Milner.

GUELPH.

Mayor—Fred J. Chadwick.

Reeve—Geo. Hood.

First Deputy Reeve—Wm. Hart.

Second Deputy—Geo. Sleeman.

Third Deputy—J. P. McMillan.

Councillors—J. C. McLagan, Geo. Elliott, Thos. Gowdy, A. Dunbar, Joe Heffernan, Denis Coffey, W. H. Mills, Fred Biscoe, Wm. Hart, F. Gahan, J. T. Cunningham, J. Lamprey.

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Venom is the weather king. The ice crop will be about the average this year.

The Provincial Legislature met at three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The Dominion Parliament is summoned to meet on the 8th February, for the despatch of business.

Now is the season for good resolutions, and our advice is "stick to your resolutes."

The new and elegant Caledonian rooms at Guelph were formally opened on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Isaac Hunter, of Erin township, has been fined \$100 and costs for having an illicit still in his possession.

The use of the old wine market is entirely abolished on and after Monday, January 1st, when the new measures will also be legal.

The Great Western authorities state, that there is no foundation for the rumor that the engineers on that road contemplate a strike.

In the Court on Saturday the Lincoln election scrutiny was adjourned until noon on the 10th of May, in Toronto.

At the present time there are twenty-three prisoners incarcerated in the gaol at Guelph, eighteen of whom are males and five females.

Mr. Adam Hope, of Hamilton, has been offered and has accepted the seat in the senate vacated by the death of the late Hon. Ebenezer Perry, of Cobourg.

Judging from the Milton papers the inhabitants of that town and suburbs are virtually beside themselves with joy over the appearance of a train of the H. & N. W. Railway.

The name of the Wellington Square post office is changed to that of Burlington. The village is at the crossing of the Great Western and Hamilton and North Western Railways. The population is 1,131, an increase of 300 in the last three years.

A drunken father at Guelph, killed one of his children, from the effects of which it died, and he has not even been arrested, as he is said to have meant to hurt the child. Such the offence amounted to manslaughter at least, and he deserved some punishment.

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