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To Advertisers.

Those wishing to have their advertisements changed would oblig us very much by sending in the copy by Tuesday at noon if possible, otherwise we cannot insure its insertion in that week's paper.

THE SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION.

On Saturday last the new School Trustee election took place in Matthews' Hall. A large number of voters were present. Mr. John Ross, Returning Officer. The following persons were nominated for three years:— SAMUEL MOORE—Proposed by Thos. McLam, seconded by Asa Hall. JAMES MATTHEWS—Proposed by Thos. C. Moore, seconded by Thos. Eblage. D. HENDERSON—Proposed by Duncan Kennedy, seconded by Major Allan. C. S. SMITH—Proposed by D. Maloney, seconded by Alexander Grant. For one year:— JOSEPH FRANKLEY—Proposed by Thos. McLam, seconded by Thos. C. Moore. DONALD CAMERON—Proposed by Duncan Kennedy, seconded by Major Allan. Several of the candidates expressed themselves willing to retire, in order to save a contest, and elect three by acclamation.

With the consent of their mover and seconder, the following persons withdrew: Messrs. Jas. Matthews, C. S. Smith and Donald Cameron. The Returning Officer, therefore, declared Messrs. Samuel Moore and D. Henderson elected to serve for three years, and Mr. Earnley for one year, in place of Mr. Horace J. Hall, retired.

The War News.

Peace and war have been in the balance within the last two or three days, but the turn has apparently been toward peace. War has seemingly been averted, and we can now fairly hope that the crisis is passed, and that a conflict between Britain and Russia, if not indeed an European one, has been avoided. In place of wars and rumours of wars, we are now given assurances of peace, consequent upon the acceptance by Turkey of the Russian conditions. The Porte is said to be under a solemn obligation not to reveal the terms offered by Russia, but the conditions have cropped out, notwithstanding, and are given as follows:—Servia to be independent without compensation; Montenegro to receive Antivari, Nicosia, and Spuz, and the portion of territory bordering on Lake Scutari; Russia to hold Dayazid, Kara, and Ardahan until a war indemnity of twenty million pounds is paid; Batoum to be ceded to Russia; the Dardanelles question to be left to the Powers; Bulgarian autonomy north of the Balkans to be conceded rather on the principle of the Lebanon than on the plan of the Constantinople Conference; and Turkey to nominate Christian governors for a long term, subject to the ratification of the Powers, part of the Russian army to embark at Constantinople for their return home; and finally, a treaty of peace to be signed at Constantinople by the Grand Duke Nicholas. This arrangement, it is stated, will satisfy Russian military honor without involving the occupation of Constantinople; but it will be noticed that it exceeds the Conference programme, and stipulates both for territorial concessions and a pecuniary indemnity. The Daily News adds to the rest of the conditions already given, Bulgarian acquisition of territory south of the Balkans; assurance of protection, reforms, and a Christian Government to Bosnia and the Herzegovina; security for the better government of the other Turkish provinces; the of Roumiana and the cession of a portion

of Bessarabia to Russia. A strange but incredible rumour is also mentioned by a Pera correspondent that the terms include private arrangements with the Porte respecting the Suez Canal. The Turkish acceptance of these, or of some of these, conditions has produced a lull in the excitement which existed in London, Friday, and it is now announced that the admiral in command of the British fleet in the Levant has received orders to remain in Besika Bay instead of proceeding to Bulair. In the House of Commons, Friday, Sir Stafford Northcote announced that the Government had received the Russian basis of peace, but that nothing was said of the conclusion of an armistice. Earl Carnarvon has resigned, and his resignation has been accepted. It is believed he will be succeeded by the Duke of Buckingham. Lord Derby's resignation is still in suspense.

The Austrian Power is about to address a note to the other signatories of the Treaty of Paris drawing their attention to the necessity for a considerable modification of the peace terms, more especially those referring to the aggrandizement of Servia and Montenegro, the retrocession of Bessarabia, and the war indemnity, the latter of which the Vienna Cabinet regard as totally inadmissible, tending as it does to effect a perpetual Russian occupation of Bulgaria. In the House of Commons, Monday, Sir Stafford Northcote moved the vote of credit, and in doing so alluded to the Russian terms, which would render necessary a European Congress to consider them; intimated that England would never agree to a separate arrangement with Russia as to the passage of the Dardanelles, and that in the event of a Russian occupation of Constantinople she would be prepared to take care of her own interests; and gave it to be understood that the Government asks for the credit as a vote of confidence. The debate was then adjourned until to-day (Thursday) to allow of an expression of public opinion. The Opposition are about to arraign the whole of the Government's Eastern policy, and in the event of the defeat of the Ministry an appeal to the country will probably be made. In the House of Lords Earl Derby entered into an explanation of his resignation, and its subsequent withdrawal.

The latest news from Constantinople contains no confirmation of the statement that the peace preliminaries had been signed. On the contrary, it is stated that no information whatever of the conclusion of an armistice has been received, and the Porte now finds itself in the unpleasant position of having bound itself to unknown terms, which if properly handled will make the Russians the masters of the situation unless the Powers peremptorily decline to endorse them.

Ontario Reform Association.

Arrangements have been made by the secretary of the Ontario Reform Association with the several railway companies for the issue of tickets for the return trip from Toronto, to all persons attending the annual meeting of the Association in that city, on the 5th February. Full fare will be paid for the trip there, but on presentation of the Secretary's certificate the Toronto agents of the different railroads will issue tickets to all points on their respective lines at one-third fare. These certificates will be honored from the 5th to the 7th, both days inclusive. Mr. Jones, Minister of Militia, defeated Mr. Richey, at Halifax, on Tuesday. We observe from the Beacon that Stratford has established a Young Men's Liberal Club. We have received Senator Macpherson's second pamphlet, which is intended as a reply to the attacks made upon him by members of the Ministry, during the recess. It is addressed, like the first, to his former constituents, the electors of North Simcoe, Grey and Bruce, in whom the worthy Senator still takes a fatherly interest. The whole drift of the pamphlet is evidently the reiteration of statements formerly made. Senator Macpherson says his

charges are true. The members of the Government say they are not. And now comes the Senator to say that they are. The duel between the Senator and his assailants is evidently becoming serious, and unless there soon comes an end to their bickering of each other with pamphlet, serious results may ensue. They should at least have some regard for the feelings of an affected community.

The Toronto Telegram says a statement recently made in the columns of the Leader, "that out of every hundred buried persons one living person is consigned to the tomb," is well calculated to excite a feeling of alarm and dismay throughout the civilized world. The character for probity of the journal mentioned is well known, its information being based on the highest and most reliable medical authority; therefore we cannot hesitate to accept an announcement as true which, doubtless, has received ample verification and careful scrutiny before publication. At the same time it is truly horrible to contemplate that in view of the immense sums spent on institutions and colleges to elevate and advance the interests of the medical profession, such occurrences should not only be possible, but should become so matter of fact as to be capable of statistical registration; for we assume that a majority of the deaths in civilized countries are certified to by regularly qualified practitioners. While such gigantic strides are taking place in every branch of science, it will not tend to inspire confidence in the doctor's art to learn that there is no absolute certainty of a man's having paid the last debt of nature when the burial services has been performed over his coffin.

Municipal Council of Nassagoyva.

The Municipal Council elect for this Township met on the third Monday in Jan. as per statute. The clerk presented his certificate of their Election, and the members being all present, signed the required qualifications and declarations of office. Mr. Wheelighan moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that Archibald McFavish be paid the sum of \$3 for repairing a culvert on the 5th line, lot 15. Carried. Mr. Watson moved, seconded by Mr. Wheelighan, that the following sums be paid: Archibald McFavish, persons for sheep killed by dogs, said claims having been duly certified, viz: \$4.66 to David Black, for 1 sheep; \$13.34 to William Weir, for 4 do; \$13.34 to Samuel McDowell, for 4 do; \$3.34 to Richard Strickland, for 1 do; and \$3 to Hugh McDonald for 1 do. Carried. Mr. Hutcheon moved, seconded by Mr. Wheelighan, that the sum of \$17.50 be paid to T. J. Stewart for printing minutes, by-laws and financial accounts, and a further sum of \$4 for printing Nomination bills. Carried. Mr. Hutcheon moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following persons be refunded the amount of one dollar each, on account of errors in their Assessment for dogs, viz: Archibald McFavish, J. S. Russell and George McFarlane, and that Andrew Kerr's dog tax be struck off. Carried. Mr. Watson moved, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that leave be granted to introduce a By-law for the appointment of certain Township Officers, and that the same be read a first time. Carried. Leave granted and By-law read a first time. Mr. Wheelighan moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the By-law just read be now read the second time and the blanks thereon filled up. Carried. By-law read the second time and the blanks filled up with the names of Alex. McPhee and James Stancombe as auditors; Malcolm McMillan assessor, and William Legie, collector. The By-law was then read the third time and passed. Mr. Hutcheon moved, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that Mrs. Caley receive the sum of one dollar per month in addition to the former allowance of eight dollars for the keeping of Patrick McGarrigal, and that the extra allowance do commence from the 25th day of December last. Carried. On motion, the Council adjourned to meet again on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, next. JOHN EASTERBROOK, Tp. Clerk. Bogus \$10 notes of the Ontario Bank are circulating in London. A woman in Fairfield, Maine, has a growth of natural hair eight feet and one inch long, and has received two thousand dollars for it. Her friends claim that she has the longest hair of any woman in the world, but the returns are not all in yet.

Pen and Sealer Selects. Hon. John Young is seriously ill. Gold mining is looking up in Madoc. The Pope's health is slightly improved. It is proposed to open the Toronto City Council by prayer. Sir Edward Creasy, the well-known English historian, is dead. Twenty villages have been destroyed by the floods in the vicinity of Perth. Mr. Richey, Clerk of Maryboro, has resigned that position, owing to ill health. The Queen has conferred the Order of the Garter on King Humbert of Italy. The present session of the Manitoba Legislature will probably close in a week. A complimentary dinner was given to Mr. Vail on Thursday by his friends at Digby. Forty-seven Cuban prisoners at Havana were released on the day of King Alfonso's marriage. Action is about being taken by Wellington County to provide a short-hand reporter for the County Court. A Bill to abolish saloon licenses is to be introduced by the Manitoba Government in the Local Legislature. The Middlesex District Temperance organization reports thirty-two lodges in the district, with 2,000 odd members. Mr. Rime held a mass meeting at St. Mary's on Saturday, when 100 signed the pledge, making in all since his visit 1,100. Great dissatisfaction is reported as existing among the La Crosse Canal laborers, and another strike is believed to be impending. The Pope's unfavorable symptoms continue. He is in a very low condition, but it is not believed that there is any present danger. Harry Henry, a Toronto drunk, has been convicted for the 34th time. Out of a life of sixty-three years he has spent forty in jail. Last Friday, in Napierville, Que., a French-Canadian, named Chuput, buried five children. All died of diphtheria within the space of 24 hours. It is proposed to get authority from the Legislature, at its present sitting, to pay the salaries of officers of the various courts monthly for future.

Mr. N. C. Wallace, Warden of York County, will donate \$100 to charities, instead of giving the customary dinner to the members of the Council. Rev. C. R. Matthew has resigned the incumbency of Grace Church, Toronto, owing to ill health. He intends to spend a few months in the country. The treasurer of the Hackett Monument Fund has received various sums of money from a great many Orange Lodges in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Extensive additions, costing about \$120,000, have just been completed at the London lunatic asylum. The buildings are now capable of accommodating 864 patients. A petition for the repeal of the Dunkin Act in the County of Grey was presented to the County Council on Saturday, and lost by one vote—the figures standing 18 to 19. A Wingham woman had her husband committed to goal for threatening her, and then eloped with another man, leaving besides her incarcerated lord, three little children.

Mr. James G. Wright has sold to Mr. Thomas Henderson, Paisley Block, through Messrs. Thompson & Jackson, 140 acres, in 5th and 7th concessions, Division B, Guelpch Township, for \$10,000. The Irish Canadian has issued blank petitions of signature by the faithful, praying Her Majesty not to allow Lieutenant-Governors to abuse her royal name by giving her consent to Orange charters. Hon. Mr. Chappeau has entered an action for libel against the Montreal Herald Publishing Co., for copying the article about the Laurentides Railway from the National. Damages laid at \$25,000. The clothing store of J. Allison, Yonge street, Toronto, was burglarized one night this week, and \$800 worth of clothes and ready-made garments were carried off, including five boxes of cloth, a number of overcoats and some dress coats. Ferdinand Honck, a stenographer, aged 23, disheartened because he could not obtain permanent employment, committed suicide in New York. He left a letter, saying, "There is hell enough on earth without manufacturing one for here, after."

A London reporter was knocked down the other day by a highwayman, who demanded his valuables. The poor reporter took out his scissors to pass them over to the highwayman, but the latter thought it a revolver and immediately retreated. The subscriber has always on hand all kinds of fresh Meats, Sausages and Poultry, cheap. CHAS. CAMERON. Acton, Dec. 12th 1877. 22-3m

The workmen's Convention at San Francisco has adopted a platform calling for the abolition of Chinese cheap labor, the withdrawal of the pardoning power conferred on the President and State Governors, and its investment in commissions. Mr. Richard McMillan, Galt, carried off one hundred and thirty prizes at the Chicago poultry show, winning the highest prize for the largest and best collection. Mr. Millan received the \$100 prize for best collection. He had 126 birds on exhibition. Captain Crapo and his wife, who went to Europe in the smallest boat that ever crossed the Atlantic, have very sensibly returned in a first-class steamer. His idea, he says, was to do everything that had been done before in the way of foolhardy nonsense, and he certainly did it. The Rev. Robert Loillaw, of the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit, has under a license a call from St. Paul's (Pres.) church of Hamilton. Salary, \$4,000 and a free manse. Rev. J. G. Smith, of St. Andrew's Church, Guelpch, was formerly pastor of St. Paul's.

A woman giving her name as Mrs. Hadley is going about lecturing on "Eternal Punishment." As she failed to pay a bill due this office, we infer that her ideas of eternal punishment are very vague. Anyhow, she will bear a good deal of watching without being spoilt. --London Advertiser. A lynching in Bakersfield, Cal., had peculiar features. The mob demanded five robbers of the sheriff, but he fled with the keys of the jail. Three hours of hard work with sledge and crowbar, however, delivered the culprits into the lynchmen's hands. A court-room was opened, and the usual forms of a criminal trial was observed. A judge, lawyers for prosecution and defence, and a jury were chosen without trouble, but there was a difficulty about witnesses. The testimony for the prosecution was meagre, and all hearsay. The jury agreed without delay, however, and the prisoners were sentenced to be hanged immediately, in the yard of the Court House.

Palmerston has a corporation baby—rather an infant has been left in charge of the corporation. On Sunday evening, 13th inst., a young woman entered an old gentleman's residence, bearing a basket containing a baby, and walking up to the master of the house deposited it on the floor, saying, "There's your 23rd baby. And then she left the house and the baby. Negotiations have since been made whereby the mother has agreed to take back her charge. Some days ago Sarah Cameron, a young lady of the Township of Lancaster, laid an information here that on or about the 11th day of October, 1877, Henry E. McMeekan, of the Township of Lancaster, clergyman, did commit an indecent assault upon the person of complainant, contrary to the statute in such case made and provided. A warrant was at once placed in the hands of Constable Eligh, who proceeded by sleigh to Lancaster, where the defendant resides, and made the arrest. Mr. McMeekan is the minister, at Lancaster, of the congregation which refused to join in the late Union, and continued its allegiance to the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. He is married and has a family of children. The prosecutrix in this matter is a pretty, attractive looking young woman, not over eighteen years of age. The case was postponed for a week, the accused being bailed. --Cornwall Dispatch.

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