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VOLUME V. GODERICH, COUNTY OF HURON, (C. W.) THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1852.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HURON, PERTH & BRUCE.

The Council was adjourned sine die. WILLIAM CHALK, Warden. HURON, PERTH AND BRUCE. D. H. RITCHIE, County Clerk.

APPENDIX. REPORT Of the Committee on Finance.

MEMBERS:—Messrs. Holmes, Hamilton, John Smith, William Smith, Hill—Mr. Hill in the Chair.

Your Committee having taken into consideration the various documents submitted to them, beg leave to report as follows:—

27 Being a letter from the Clerk of the Peace, accompanying a Petition from Richard Vine asking for remuneration as a Juror.

With regard to which, we would recommend that all Grand and Petit Jurors who may have served since first January last, and those who may serve in future, be allowed the sum of three shillings per day while acting in such capacity, and the further sum of four pence per mile for every mile necessarily travelled from their place of residence to the place of holding the Court where they shall so serve as Jurors.

17 Letter from Thomas Mercer Jones, Esq., calling attention to the importance of making provision for the Survey of a Route for the extension of the Toronto and Guelph Railway to Goderich.

Having already imposed a heavy tax for the construction of a Gravel Road, and the Matland Bridge which is to be proceeded with forthwith, your Committee consider that this Council will be unable at present to enter very extensively into any arrangement for the survey or formation of a Railroad, they would, however, recommend that the sum of Three hundred pounds be allowed to assist in making a survey, in the event of such a survey being made by the Canada Company or any other party.

21 An account of a sudden breach in Tuckersmith, certified by William Chalk, Esq., we recommend to be paid.

22 An account for sudden breach certified by Alexander Mitchell, Esq., the same delinquency as the last.

23 Account of Mr. Storey for fitting roof of the Jail, certified by Mr. Kirk, the same delinquency as the last.

24 Account for sudden breach, certified by Mr. Wallace, the same as the last.

25 Account of Hugh Scoble for Books, certified by Mr. Ritchie, the same as the last.

26 Account of Mr. Kabb for sudden breach on Huron Road, certified by J. Smith, Esq., the same as the last.

39 Auditors abstract and letter therewith. The account appears to be correct and satisfactory, but we observe with regret that notwithstanding all the efforts that have been made to diminish the debt, we still find ourselves in debt to the amount of £5000. Your Committee would therefore desire to impress upon the minds of the several members of this Council the importance of making sufficient provision for the current expenses of the year, and not to be hitherto subject ourselves to inconvenience and expense, by suffering our expenditure to overrun our income. By comparing the Treasurer's statement of the current expenses of the past year with the estimate and provision made for meeting the same, we observe that the expenditure has exceeded the estimate to the amount of £1000, this can be accounted for in part by the enormous and unexpected calls connected with the operation of the New Jury Law. With regard to that portion of the Auditors' letter which suggests that their annual report could to some advantage be made up to 31st of March, instead of earlier, we can only say, that however desirable such a course might appear to be, the Law now in force, 24 Vic. chap. 31, sect. 114, that such report shall be made within one month after the appointment of the Auditors, and section 143 provides for the appointment of auditors at the first meeting of Council in each year.

For the desired information touching their duties connected with the Collectors Rolls, we would say that under the Act 12th Vic. chap. 31, a County Roll was prepared and made up by the County Clerk; it was then necessary that such Roll should be audited by the County Auditors. Under the existing Municipal Law the amount required for County purposes is placed on the same Collectors Roll, with the sum required for Township purposes by the Township Clerk, and consequently must be audited by the several Township Auditors, there is therefore in the opinion of your committee no objection to be made, by having them again audited by the County Auditors, but a vast amount of labour, both to the County Auditors, and to the several Collectors who would be required to bring these rolls, in many cases from a Great distance, besides the inconvenience that the Townships may suffer for the want of such rolls (for reference) when required.

We would therefore recommend that subject to the sanction of the Council, if it considered consistent with the requirements of the law, the County Auditors should be released from this duty.

40 Petition for aid in making crosslaying on the Township between Hay and Stanley, we cannot recommend adopting at present.

41 Petition for aid on Port Franks Road, the same delinquency as the last.

15 County Treasurer's letter, with reference to that portion of which relating to the appropriation of a portion of the Gravel Road funds to the liquidation of other claims, under the circumstances referred to, we approve of the course pursued, as it was at the time the most expedient, and in fact the only course that could have been consistently adopted, but we consider that whenever it shall become necessary in any case to appropriate any considerable sum otherwise than as ordered by Council, it would be advisable, and the more satisfactory, to consult with, and obtain the consent of the Warden.

The last clause of the order relating to the necessity of the Council making sufficient provision to cover expenditure, we commend to your particular attention as before alluded to in our deliverance on the auditors abstract.

All of which is respectfully submitted by JAMES HILL, Chairman.

REPORT Of the Road and Bridge Committee. Members:—Messrs. Daig, Miller, Kastall, Ryan and Wallace.

Mr. Wallace in the Chair.

Your committee having carefully examined the several papers submitted to them, beg leave to report as follows:—

28 Being the Bill of Carron Brook Bridge, we recommend that the balance be paid, as provided for at the June Session.

30 Being an estimate of a Bridge over the Sable between McGillivray and Stephen, we would recommend that the sum of thirty five pounds be granted and paid out of the tax to be raised for this year on a condition that the parties interested raise the balance and make the embankments necessary.

42 We cannot recommend that the prayer be complied with.

43 The same delinquency as the last.

The Plans and estimates of the Matland Bridge, we have carefully examined, and would recommend the plan drawn by Mr. Percival as being the most substantial and best adapted for the place for the Matland Bridge be adopted, there by avoiding the expense of putting in a Buffalo, Detroit, Toronto and Goderich Newspaper, for tenders for the erection of the same, till the fourth Monday in June, then to be let to the lowest offer if security be offered to the satisfaction of the Warden and Council.

29 Being Surveyors Report, to which we would recommend that the place which he has pointed out as the most advanced place for the Matland Bridge be adopted, there by avoiding the expense of putting in a Buffalo, Detroit, Toronto and Goderich Newspaper, for tenders for the erection of the same, till the fourth Monday in June, then to be let to the lowest offer if security be offered to the satisfaction of the Warden and Council.

10 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Hays, That in negotiating the loan under the By-Law now passed, endeavours should be made to authorize the reduction and discharge of the same within a shorter period than that specified by the By-Law in force at the time of its passing.

Law found practicable—carried.

Literature.

THE JOURNEYMAN PRINTER, OR THE BROKER'S DAUGHTER.

"I should like to know the name of that handsome young fellow who accompanied you to Church last Sunday," remarked Clara Mullins to her amiable and beautiful cousin, Maria Sedgeland.

"That's a pretty question to ask. Do you imagine I am so simple as to tell all I know in this age of secret societies?"

"Now, Maria, stop poking fun at me, and let's know the name of that nice young man."

"Well, Clara, if it will afford you so much satisfaction to ascertain his name, I will not be so cruel to withhold it; here is his card."

"George Raymond! What a pretty combination of names. George is the Greek word for farmer, and Raymond signifies sunlight on the mountains."

"So you admire the name, and think he who wears it, personally handsome?"

"Yes, Maria, I think he is a perfect model of a man. How neatly, and yet how plainly he dresses! What a fine figure, broad forehead, and beautiful black eyes he has. Is he a lawyer, or doctor, or professor, or merchant, or student? What is he?"

"He is a printer."

"A publisher, you mean?"

"No, he picks up type in a newspaper office."

"Oh, now I understand; you intend to say he is the editor and proprietor of a newspaper?"

"No, my dear cousin, he is a journeyman printer."

"You don't mean to say he is nothing but a journeyman?"

"He is a poor man who works for a livelihood."

"How could you consent to allow him to sit in your pew, and lean you home from Church? I would not permit a mechanic to touch my arm with a pair of tongs. I think you ought to be ashamed of such vulgar society. I shall inform my this very day, and seeing as you remain under this roof, I am quite sure she will not allow that plebeian to enter to pay any attention to you."

"I declare," observed Maria, pleasantly, "you have given me a Chuzzle lecture. If that distinguished foreigner, who fills his eyes with you at the museum, and who has been so assiduous in his attentions ever since he received an introduction, could have heard you, I have no doubt he would highly commend you for looking down on what he calls the common herd."

"I wish you to understand that Mr. Fitzgibbon is a real gentleman by birth, and that he has the advantage of an ample fortune and a refined education," continued Clara.

"I am heartily sorry, my dear cousin, that you encourage the addresses of such a fellow. I am sure he does not display much good breeding, and as for his education, he seldom speaks without mauling his mother tongue. For my part, I should prefer the society of one who works for a living, provided he is honest, virtuous, sober and intelligent. I have been acquainted with Mr. Raymond ever since he was a child. I know his parents, and although they are poor, they are quite respectable, and have given George a good common education, and he is now occupying his leisure hours in acquiring a knowledge of the languages. Even you admire his personal attractions, and all who are acquainted with him, unhesitatingly acknowledge that his intellectual endowments are far superior to his physical beauty."

"I declare," observed Maria, "it does not require the assistance of a microscope or spy glass to discover the state of your feelings in regard to this vexed question. The truth is, you are jealous, because I have made an impression on the heart of dear Mr. Fitzgibbon, while you can only pick up a mechanic. Ma will put a stop to your courtship, and if you were at the altar, pa would rise and forbid the bans."

The next morning, immediately after breakfast, Maria was requested to go into her aunt's room. She had been seated but a few seconds when the aristocratic old lady came into the apartment, and observed, "I have been informed that, without my knowledge or consent, you have accepted the attentions of a young man, employed in a printing office."

"Well, aunt," remarked Maria, blushing to the temples, "Mr. Raymond came from my native town, and we have ever since been acquainted with each other ever since we were children. He is a respectable young man, and a welcome guest in some of the best circles of society."

"Well, miss, I shall put an immediate stop to such interviews as you have with him. You shall not go to the theatre with him, or drink wine with him at parties."

"He never goes to the theatre, and he never drinks wine."

"So he is a cold water rat, is he? Now I hate him more than I did before, and if he ever comes to my house, I will drive him away with a broom-stick."

"John," said Mrs. Mullins to her servant, "take this note to the hotel where Mr. Fitzgibbon boards, and give it to him with my compliments."

"It was past nine o'clock, and yet Mr. Fitzgibbon was still in the embrace of Morpheus. The waiter, however, glad to awaken the sleeper and feed him, so that the dinner-room might be got in readiness for the next meal, awoke him at once. He usually spent an hour at his toilet, washing his curls, lacing his stays, etc. Whilst he was dressing, and decorating his person, John commenced conversation with an intelligent waiter, who was an old chum of his."

"I guess missus is going to have a party to-night, and this note is to ask the gentleman you have just called to attend?"

"You do not call him a gentleman, I hope. He is as cross as a bear with a sore head, and is more trouble at the table than either six boarders in the house. He smells the soup until his moustache dips into it, and then pronounces it unfit for pigs—he says the beefsteak is tough as leather; the butter as strong as Sampson; and the pies and puddings not to be compared to such luxuries in London. We have to be as careful in feeding him, as though he were a wild beast, gnashing his teeth on the keepers of the menagerie."

"Well, how you talk, Dob. Miss Clara takes quite a shine to him, and she would have thrown a kettle of hot water on you, if she heard what you said just now. I shouldn't wonder if they get married before long. She says he is the son of a lord."

"Son of the devil, more likely."

"Well, if they should pair off, after billing and cooing a while, I hope he will make Miss Clara stand around—for she has a horrid temper, and Miss Sedgeland has to put up with her ill-humor. She is half the time scolding her because a working man went with her to meeting on Sunday."

"Are the old folks rich?"

"They arn't well-to-do in the world, but they need not turn up their noses at poor folks, for I remember the time when old Mullins couldn't eat such a swarth as he does now. He used to keep a barber's shop, and had some idea of taking my father into partnership with him, but father refused to have anything to do with the old skin-flint. He held on to every six-pence until it squeaked, and soon saved change enough to commence brokerage on a small scale. Folks used to laugh, and say that one pole would answer for both branches of business. Now he uses soft soap, and shaves notes, and is ashamed of the more honest and honorable calling of shaving faces. I wish the old man would try his hand on the face of the dandy who is after his daughter."

"Yes, John, I think he could improve his looks; but then, if a man makes a beast of himself, I can see no earthly reason why he shouldn't look like one. I believe this stranger who palms himself off as a distinguished foreigner, is an impudent impostor, without either wit, money, or morality, and should be sorry to have him marry your young mistress."

"Job, you talk like a book."

"Well, John, I read books, and study human nature; and if I am not vastly mistaken, the ill-looking, ill-matured, fopling of women we have been speaking is a vile fellow, and ought to be exposed. I think it would be a good idea to get Mr. Raymond to publish him."

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"Yes,"

"He is the very man who went to church with the graceful and lovely Miss Sedgeland last Sunday, and missus has vowed he shall never show her face again."

"What a goose she must be. Mr. Raymond is loved and respected by all who know him. Several of our oldest, most wealthy and influential citizens have clubbed and raised funds enough to buy a press and types, and have engaged him to edit a newspaper they design to publish. He is the famous author of the thrilling sketches published over the initials of G. R."

"Miss Clara says she wouldn't touch him with a pair of tongs, and that he is a low fellow, fit only to go with vulgar people."

"Ishaw! that's all moonshine. The time may come when she will be glad to be in his company. There is an accomplished and pretty young lady boarding here, who gave the mitten to Mr. Fitzgibbon, but she would be delighted to have Mr. Raymond accept her hand, her heart, and her fortune."

And, as John surmised, that very evening there was a grand soiree at the house owned and occupied by the haughty, homely Mrs. and the hard-fisted, dignified Mrs. Mullins.

As an early hour, the washed, combed, brushed, curled, dressed, perfumed, and decorated Mr. Fitzgibbon might have been seen ascending a flight of granite steps, and after spelling out the name engraved on the silver door plate, pulled the bell with such violence that the lapping howled with the car-ache, and the servants started with alarm, and the busy old mistress would not what on earth was the matter.

He was escorted into a pleasant room, which was handsomely furnished with the most fashionable furniture. After he had introduced to the company present, he sat on a low chair, tried to smile, regarded his coat on the carpet, and then awkwardly smiled, like a babe of five years, upon the after which he looked up with an air of modest wisdom and great importance, which seemed to say, what think ye of this imported specimen of grandeur?

His really fine, remarkably bold project. His coarse hair was piled, curled, and scented. He stared at every person in the room through his glass. He wore on his intellectual face, moustaches, whiskers, imperials, and goatees, and looked like an ass that had swallowed a horse and left the tail sticking out of his mouth. His red carrot fingers were lapped with large rings and a brooch, large enough for a door-plate struck upon his ruffled shirt-bosom.

Most persons could have seen at a glance, that he was one of those nondescript creatures, who know but little of themselves externally, except what they learn from the looking-glass, and who know nothing of themselves internally, except what they feel from the liquor-glass. The following conversation between the parties will afford an idea of the mental culture of distinguished gentleman.

"Very fine."

"How do you like our climate, sir?"

"Very fine."

"What do you think of American scenery?"

"Very fine."

"You have seen the Falls of Niagara, I am told. What do you think of that sublime and beautiful water wonder?"

"It is very fine."

The conversation was just then interrupted by the appearance of Mrs. Mullins and her daughter. They were richly dressed and gorgeously bejeweled, and Clara, notwithstanding the unmistakable lines which ill-temper had traced upon her countenance, was beautiful to look upon. The moment they entered the room, Mr. Fitzgibbon arose from his seat, and squeezed the hand of Miss Clara and told her she looked 'very fine.' In the course of the evening, he ventured to say to her that she was a charming girl, fit to be the wife of a lord, and that he meant all he said, upon honor.

Maria was present at the party, and her aunt availed herself of an early opportunity to ask her how she would like the attention of such a man as Mr. Fitzgibbon.

"Best at a distance," said she. "I could not endure such a hand-box dandy, whose head is as empty as his hat."

"You rattle thing, how dare you speak so disparagingly of my company in my house?"

"Why, aunt, he has been winking at me most impudently through his quizzing-glass. He is not a gentleman, and ought to be requested to leave the house. If he does not leave, with your permission, I will retire to my room."

"I suppose you are anxious to see the journeyman printer; but if he dares to show his face within the reach of a poker, I will drive him out of the street. I have a will and a way to punish upstarts, who do not know their own place, and have no regard for the higher order of society."

At a late hour that night, or rather at an early hour the next morning, the party broke up; but the unfortunate Mr. Fitzgibbon had partaken too freely of wine, and sober John was nominated and appointed a committee of one to lead the eminent stranger to his lodgings.

The next day it was rumoured in different parts of the city, that a lord, duke, knight, baronet, or earl, or something else, had fallen in love with Miss Mullins, the broker's daughter. Maria received a severe Candelug from her aunt, and ditto

emptily of Mr. Fitzgibbon.

Miss Mullins's jealousy induced her to believe that several young ladies were not only smitten but dead in love with the golden calf she worshipped, and in order to make sure of the idol of her affections, she and her parents went to work in good earnest to bring about a match and have the parties united in matrimony.

The landlord to whom Mr. Fitzgibbon was indebted for board and borrowed money, did not press his claims for fear he might lose a customer.

In a short time arrangements were made for the wedding. Milliners, tailors, shoemakers, and confectioners, were busily at work. The day was selected, the guests were invited, and all interested parties were to be ready on the day of anticipation, when an event occurred which is related as follows:—

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"Yes, I saw it; but you know as well as

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