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H. Malcolmson

DISCUSSING LAW REFORM.

The Kent Association Will Give The Government Its Advice

in the Matter of Procedure—Annual Election of Officers.

The largely attended annual meeting of the Kent Law Association was held in Harrison Hall yesterday afternoon, C. R. Atkinson, Q. C., presiding. In addition to the professional gentlemen both county judges were present and took an active part in the proceedings.

After routine business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Matthew Wilson, Q. C. Vice-President—Jno. A. Walker, Q. C. Treasurer—Edwin Bell, LL. B.

The officers, in conjunction with five elected members, constitute the board of management or trustees. The five elected members were: Judge Bell, Wm. Douglas, Q. C., Judge Houston, O. L. Lewis and R. L. Gosnell.

Among the various matters discussed perhaps the most important was the proposed legislation to be introduced by Attorney-General Gibson at the meeting of the Legislature next month in regard to the jurisdiction and procedure of the various courts. The attorney-general on different occasions introduced the bills at Toronto and then withdrew them for further consideration relating to the reform of the procedure and jurisdiction of Ontario courts, and, as a preliminary to the bill which he intends to introduce at the coming session, he sent out a number of proposals to various judges and law associations throughout Ontario and asked these parties to give him the benefit of their experience and advice.

Along with these suggestions from the Attorney-General the Association had before it the replies of Judge Hughes, of St. Thomas, and Judge Hughes, of Lindsay, and the Essex Bar Association, of Windsor. The various matters of the proposed reform were discussed fully and the whole subject was then referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Douglas and Walker, to consider the question and report to an adjourned meeting of the Association one week hence.

Other business, relating to the finances and the library, was transacted ere the meeting adjourned.

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CHATHAM HAS CAPTURED THE BINDER TWINE FACTORY.

Project Outlined at Public Meeting Yesterday—Stock Sheets Circulated and Provincial Directors Elected With Instructions to go Ahead.

A man is known by the company he keeps and a prosperous city is recognized by its walls. Toronto was the first city to recognize this salient fact and before the other cities and towns of Ontario had time to think about it, the Queen City had induced a large number of factories to change their place of residence and locate in the provincial capital. The residents of Chatham perceived the cause of Toronto's increasing prosperity and the Maple City too sought to induce new factories and new industries to locate here. After repeated efforts and repeated failures it now looks as if the continued efforts of the council would be crowned with success and a new and profitable industry started in our midst.

Messrs. Henderson and Cummings have successfully organized a joint stock company for the manufacture of binder twine in Walkerton, decided that the city of Chatham would be a good place for a similar factory. They looked over the three counties of which Chatham is the centre and saw a splendid field for the sale of the product of a twine factory.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

They told Mayor Sulman of their project and at once received his warm-hearted support. Other citizens were interested in the head of the new council called a public meeting to discuss the proposal to form a joint stock company and build a binder twine factory here. The meeting took place yesterday afternoon, was well attended and was also decidedly representative of the city. Among those present were: John Houston, Harwich; Henry Lindley, Cedar Springs; Fred Stone, Spencer Stone, Mayor Sulman; W. W. Stone, Jas. Waugh, Chas. Austin, E. A. Mounter, A. Kelly, D. A. Hutchison, J. M. Pike, Sam Bullis, T. C. Smith, Squire Marx, E. E. Parrott, Alister McKay, Henry Robinson, Ald. Fleming, Chatham; E. H. Toll, M. J. Wilson, and Thos. Maynard, Harwich; James Longmore, Raleigh; James Chinnick, Chatham. T. P. William Stephenson, Dover; John Henderson, Dover; E. M. Smith, Harwich; Mr. Carter, Dover; John Catton, Chatham; T. P. Ald. Pritchard, George Pritchard, Robt. Riddell, W. E. Hamilton and Sam McCormack, Chatham; N. H. Shepley, Raleigh; W. W. Stone, Harwich; James Corbitt, and Geo. Paulucci, Dover; W. J. Fleming, Raleigh and many others.

Mayor Sulman was unanimously chosen chairman of the meeting.

THE PROSPECTUS.

He read the following prospectus of the company, the capital being \$125,000, 125,000 shares, par value \$10 per share:

This company is being formed for the purpose of securing a share in the highly remunerative trade in binder twine.

It is a well known fact that enormous profits have been made by existing companies in this business, and the demand is steadily increasing.

Fifty-six per cent of the binder twine used in Canada is imported from the United States, the product of one of the strongest combines in existence. Now, there is no reason why Canadian farmers should import over half their binder twine and send huge profits across the line to fatten a combine, when they can share in the profits by becoming stockholders in a factory owned and controlled by themselves.

But the American combine does not adversely affect profits of Canadian factories is proven by the fact that the Farmers' Binder Twine Co., of Brantford, in 1898 paid a 60 per cent dividend, in 1899, 100 per cent dividend, and in 1900, a dividend of 90 per cent. This proves also the increasing demand for binder twine, and the corresponding profits.

It is believed there is more binder twine used in the counties of Kent, Lambton and Essex than any similar area in Canada and it is only reasonable to expect that an immediate market can be found at our doors for the output of the factory.

The chairman then introduced Mr. Henderson, one of the promoters of the company.

Mr. Henderson said that should a binder twine twine factory be established here, the counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton would easily use the entire product of a three-million plant. The Brantford factory had declared an annual dividend of 10 per cent for the first five years it had been established. In 1898 it had paid 60 per cent, in 1899, 100 per cent, and in 1900, 90 per cent. If it were possible to get the farmers to take hold, there would be no difficulty in establishing a binder twine factory in Chatham. Then the men who owned the factory were the men who used the twine, and every stockholder would be an advertising agent for the factory. Mr. Henderson and his partner, Mr. Cummings undertook to circulate the stock books among the farmers. As soon as \$50,000 worth of the stock had been subscribed, a charter would be secured. The matter before the meeting was the election of

a good board of provisional directors.

COST OF PRODUCTION.

It cost 3 1/2 of a cent per lb. to manufacture the twine. This year the best manilla raw material had cost 31-2 cents a pound and the farmers had paid 15 cents a pound for twine that had cost 4-1/4 cents when manufactured. If 5,000 farmers took stock in the factory, the twine they themselves used would keep the factory running and money it pay without having any farmers not stockholders using the twine.

The shares had been put at \$10 each so as to give everybody a chance to take stock. The only opposition to the factory so far encountered was manifested on the part of those who made a profit out of binder twine. All Mr. Henderson asked was the board of directors in whom the farmers had confidence, and he agreed to get the stock subscribed.

VOICE OF THE MEETING.

The farmers present were then asked for an expression of their opinion in regard to the project. The first voice was that of James Chinnick, Chatham township, thought the factory would be a good thing for both the farmers and the city of Chatham.

E. B. Toll, Harwich, said that the factory seemed to afford a profitable investment and he didn't see why this section of the county shouldn't have a factory. The only difficulty was the securing of the proper class of men to run the business judiciously.

M. J. Wilson, Harwich, said the project was a new one, but he believed it was a step in the right direction and it ought to prove a benefit to the farmers. He thought the use of the corn binder nearly as much twine was used in the fall as was used in the summer. As far as personally he was concerned he intended taking stock in the company.

Mr. Stephenson, Dover, said that the Dominion Government had made twine at a cost of 25 cents per ton, and yet the farmers couldn't get binder twine for even 14 cents a pound. He thought the proposed company was a good thing.

John Henderson, of Dover, thought the venture would prove profitable. If the projected factories were built he would be a stockholder.

G. M. Smith, Harwich, was another who intended to own stock. Mr. Carter, of Dover, favored the factory but spoke against the farmers contract for twine six months before the harvest.

John Catton was of the opinion that a binder twine factory would be a success and the farmers would derive great benefit from it.

D. A. Hutchison made an extended address in support of the factory. He favored joint stock companies. The best man in Chatham was in Chatham were run in this way. He concluded that care should be taken in the election of the officers of the company and that men of good and tried business capacity should be chosen.

Mr. Parrott considered that no better place for a factory could be found than in Chatham. He was a member of the committee of the Grand Lodge of Patrons of Industry who had brought the Brantford factory across the line to fatten a combine, and he was prepared to take stock.

CHATHAM WANTS INDUSTRIES.

Ald. Pritchard wasn't a farmer but Chatham wanted industries and he was going to do everything in reason to assist in securing them. All the farmers wanted was free water and exemption from taxation and, as far as he was concerned, they could have it.

Ald. Mounter was closely allied in business interests with the farmers and he thought the project was a good thing.

Ald. Fleming was in favor of the factory.

In reply to Mr. Fleming's question as to the cost of the factory, promoter Henderson said that \$10,000 would erect a sufficient sized plant to start running order. Capitalists were not wanted in the company.

It was necessary for its success that the farmers should hold the controlling interest. One competent man who had had the product of the factory or not would be a question for directors to decide.

W. E. Hamilton, editor of the Market Guide, speaking as a newspaper man favored the building of the factory.

Mr. Kelly said that he would like to see the factory established, but it was essential the stock company should be limited. Mr. Kelly had had some experience with a stock company that he hadn't relished.

Samuel Bullis considered that the building of the factory would be a move in the right direction.

ADVANTAGES OF LOCATING HERE. P. H. Cumming, Warden of Bruce County who is interested in the formation of the company, also addressed the meeting. He was glad of an opportunity to explain the operations of the factory to such a representative meeting. Binder twine was unlike other manufactured goods. There was always a sale for it, as the twine could only be used once. He had been through the district to be supplied by the factory, and there wasn't a better location in Canada than here.

The three railroads gave good freight competition. Mr. Cumming and his associate weren't in Chatham for the purpose of establishing a factory, but they were promoting it for the purpose of making money. Other places wanted the factory, and there was no use waiting time here if the farmers of Kent didn't desire to take hold of the matter. The factory in Walkerton had cost \$60,000, but profiting by the experience of the company in that town, the factory could be built and equipped here for \$40,000. The factory building would be of brick, one-story high, 200 feet long, by 45 feet wide.

On motion of D. A. Hutchison, seconded by M. J. Wilson, the opinion of the meeting was asked as to whether the establishment of a binder twine factory should be undertaken or not.

All present unanimously signified

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Miss Cathcart

Closes out her Winter Millinery at less than half price. Every untrimmed hat will be sold at 50c regardless of values. Everything must move before spring opens.

WALLACEBURG

Jan. 17.—P. McCarron, and Miss Mollie spent a few days in Marine City this week.

Pros. Wesley, of Sombra, who is said to have been working up a medical practice here without diploma, was arrested for the same Wednesday last. Trial came up the same day but was adjourned till Friday, Jan. 18th.

Everybody was pleased yesterday when the news was spread around that a sugar beet factory will come here. Miles McCarron stated that he would be ready to take orders for sugar beets in a week or ten days.

Tom Bell was in town yesterday after an absence of three months. He will open up his restaurant here again.

BRIDGEWATER. Jan. 17.—Miss Barber is quite sick with an attack of grip.

The council for 1901 held its regular meeting Tuesday night with Mayor Ribble in the chair and all members present. The standing committee selected their chairmen. It was moved by Hallett, and Tassie B. Bridgewater be appointed assessor for 1901. Moved by W. Ward that J. Wamaker be assessor for 1901. No second.

BRIDGEWATER. Mrs. J. T. Wiley was taken sick on Tuesday evening while spending the evening at James McVean's and has since been confined to the house.

Russell Dines is quite sick at his home.

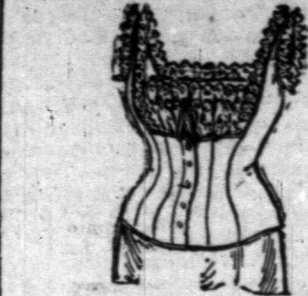
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