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ST. THOMAS. AUGUST 1, 1902.

Mr. John Kerman has been appointed clerk of the township of North Grimstey in place of Mr. W. H. Nelles.

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The electors of the town of Barrie have defeated by-laws providing for the issue of debentures to raise \$15,000 for the construction of permanent sidewalks and roads and \$5,000 for the electric light plant by majorities of five and four respectively.

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The Council of Mornington has decided unanimously to give their clerk a holiday after sitting at the council board for 37 years, two as councillor, one as deputy reeve, five as reeve, and twenty-nine as clerk, only missing two meetings during that time, one when councillor, when the mail service was not very good, when he got notice to attend two days after the meeting was over, and one last winter when the road was so badly blocked that he could not get through. The council waited on him last Thursday, and presented him with a beautiful travelling case and the following address:

John Watson, Esq., Clerk, Township of Mornington,—Dear Sir,—The members of the council of which you are clerk take this opportunity on the eve of your holiday, which you richly deserve, being clerk of the township for a period of 29 years, and have missed but two meetings in that time, to present you a small token which may bring pleasant thoughts to you during your absence. We hope you may come back refreshed in health and strength, and may long be spared to fulfill the duties pertaining to your office.

The address was signed by D. B. Grieve, J. McCloy, J. Davidson, R. M. Allingham and D. Schwartztruber.—Galt "Reporter."

## Illegal Bonus By-Laws.

Two by-laws (one passed by a township and the other by a village council,) have recently fallen under our observation which are illegal on their face. It may be superfluous to observe that all by-laws granting bonuses within the meaning of the Municipal Act, before their final passing, should be submitted and assented to by the electors duly qualified to vote under the statute. The by-laws, in question, have been submitted to and apparently received the assent of the electors. Each of them made provision for the raising of money by the issue of debentures of the municipality, for two separate and distinct purposes. The ballot required to be used in voting on by-laws has two compartments, in one of which is printed, "For the By-law" and in the other, "Against the By-law." Hence a voter, when marking his ballot-paper, votes for or against the by-law (as the case may be) *in toto*. If the by-law contained provisions for the borrowing of money or the granting of bonuses for two or more different purposes, the voter must vote for or against all the schemes therein set forth. He has no other alternative as the statutes contain no provision enabling him to divide his vote. Notwithstanding the fact that he might be favorable to one of the schemes embodied in the by-law, and opposed to the others, he would be compelled, in supporting one, to also vote for the others, although they do not meet his views, or to refrain from voting altogether. An emergency of this kind might very easily arise as the purposes for which moneys are now borrowed by municipalities are of an extremely varied character. Where such submission is required by law, a separate by-law should be submitted providing for each of the purposes for which it is intended to borrow money by the issue of debentures, so that a free and untrammelled expression of opinion from the duly qualified electors can be obtained, otherwise the municipality runs the risk of being put to the expense of injunction proceedings to restrain them from submitting the by-law to the electors, or, if the by-law has been submitted and carried, of proceedings to quash the by-law, for the reason that it has not properly received the assent of the electors.

A meeting of the Preston Council was held recently to honor William A. Husband, who recently resigned the position of town clerk and treasurer, which position he has filled continuously for a period of 45 years. Mayor J. E. Klotz, presided, and made an eloquent address, in which he paid a fitting tribute to the valued and faithful services rendered to the town by Mr. Husband. Mayor Klotz, on behalf of the council and municipality, then presented the veteran official with a magnificent illuminated address and a leather upholstered easy chair. Mr. Husband made a suitable reply, after which speeches of a very complimentary character were made by the aldermen and prominent citizens.

## Pavements and Water Supply in Glasgow.

The material used for most of the streets of Glasgow, Scotland, consist of granite or whinstone. This material, while the most durable, is very objectionable on account of the noise, and the authorities have been experimenting with various kinds of smooth pavement, such as macadam, alcatraz, seysssel. During the past year 22,228 square yards of this material were laid, in the proportion of 17,951 yards of tar macadam, 2,283 yards of seysssel, and 1,994 yards of alcatraz. It is the opinion of many that seysssel promises the best results. The alcatraz is very satisfactory, but not so good as regards wear. On account of the climatic conditions the smooth pavements are very seriously affected, and the firms that manufacture the materials assign failure of their work to this cause. Wood paving does not seem to be in great favor, although it has been tried to some extent. The objection to wood-paving in Glasgow has been based upon the old style cedar block. If the authorities should experiment with the modern creo-resinate wood block the many advantages of that form of pavement with none of the objectionable features of the old style, would be self-evident.

The engineer engaged to inspect Glasgow's water supply with a view to increasing its output, reports that the level of Loch Arklet must be raised, and the leading of that water into Loch Katrine is necessary. The water of Loch Katrine will be raised five feet by a dam at its outlet, so that it will give a supply of 65,000,000 gallons per day. The aqueduct which carries the water to the city is large enough to convey 70,000,000 gallons a day, and added to the 40,000,000 which the old aqueduct will pass, will make a total of 110,000,000 for the city. During 1901 an average daily quantity of water taken from the Loch was 54,000,000 gallons, and assuming that the consumption of water will increase at the rate of 20,000,000 gallons per day per year, the available quantity of 65,000,000 gallons which can be drawn from Loch Katrine, will be reached in 1907. The engineer estimates that the cost of the work which will enable the city to obtain this increased supply will amount to \$725,000.—*Municipal Journal and Engineer.*

## Toll Road Sold.

The Ancaster toll road has been sold by the township council to the county council. The price paid was \$10,000. Of this amount \$6,000 is to go into the general funds of the municipality, and the remaining \$4,000 is to be used in fixing up other roads throughout the township. The agreement was reached at a joint meeting of the good roads committee of the county council and the members of the township council.