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THEY STRIKE COMMITTEES

Chairman and Members of
Different Departments
Are Appointed

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
The Council resumed at 2.30, Warden Somers in the chair.
Deputations addressed the Council asking for grants for the town-line and Prairie Siding ferries, and that five cents be charged each person using the ferry to cross the river at these points.
A grant was also asked for the erection of a bridge at Prairie Siding at or near the town-line. An option of a three rod approach free to the county was offered if the bridge were built. John Bagnall made the first request, and Father Ladouci the second.
The Warden and Clerk were appointed members of the Kent Children's Aid Society on motion of Messrs. McLarty and Brien.
The Inspector of Hospitals and Charities wrote the Council making a report on the local House of Refuge and recommending that the Council make the maintenance of that institution payable from the whole county instead of from the various municipalities.
The communication was referred to the House of Refuge committee.
Mr. Crawford drew attention to the fact that the Council had no page. He thought it would add greatly to the dignity of the proceedings. At present the members had to run back and forth to the clerk with every message, thus in a sense disorganizing the proceedings. In former years, the Council had always engaged the services of a page.
The Warden left the matter in the hands of the Council.
The most important business before the Kent County fathers yesterday afternoon was the striking of the standing committees for the year. This proceeding was accomplished with perfect harmony and unanimity, with the following result, the chairman of the respective committees being in each case the first named on the list.
Finance—The whole Council, with W. C. Crawford as chairman.
Education—Denholm, P. Crawford, Robinson, Clark, Brien, Wellwood, Johns, Ribble, Abram, W. C. Crawford.
County Property—Irving, Ferguson, Buchanan, Denholm, Dillott, Wickens and Warden Somers.
Roads and Bridges—All the Reeves, with Mr. Buchanan as chairman.
Equalization—All the Reeves with Mr. Peets as chairman.
Petition and Legislation—P. Crawford, Greene, Irving, Clark, McLarty, Peets, Stranam, and Johns.
Agriculture—The whole Council, with Mr. Rankin as chairman.
Harrison Hall—Ribble, Rankin, Wickens, Irving, Dillott and Bader.
House of Refuge—Rankin, Brien, and Ribble.
Printing and Contingencies—Ferguson, Brien, Wickens, Wellwood, Johns, W. C. Crawford and Denholm.

THURSDAY MORNING.
The Council resumed this morning at 10.15, with all the members in their places with the exception of Reeve Francis Rankin.
Before the orders of the day were taken up, Mr. Johns drew attention to the fact that a deputation of nine from the Public Schools of the county, taking up continuation classes, wished to address the Council. They represented all parts of the county. They were heard within the bar.
Dr. Gibb was the first speaker. He explained the object of the deputation and presented a petition to the Council signed by representatives from all over the county. In short, the petition pointed out that in this county there is an average of 325 pupils attending the continuation classes in county public schools, which is almost equal to the total number attending both Collegiate Institutes. The results of the Model School examinations show that the work conducted by these classes is equal if not superior to the work done in the Collegiate Institutes. If these classes were not carried on at these schools, it is estimated that about 200 of these 325 pupils would be in attendance at the Collegiates and the remainder would be entirely deprived of a higher education.
The next to the county for these 200 pupils, who otherwise would be in attendance at the Collegiates, would be about \$6,000.
One point which was brought out quite strongly by the deputation was the fact that while pupils were attending continuation classes, they had the advantage of home training, whereas if they had to go to the Collegiate, they would be away from home and their parents, and some of them would have to leave home at a very tender age. When they have not proper home influences, too, they were apt to waste their time and fall into bad habits.
The deputation wanted a grant of \$300 from the county for each teacher engaged in continuation work in addition to the grant by the Legislature. The extra amount would be \$3,900 over the amount granted by the Council last year.
Dr. Stewart, of Thamesville, and

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H. D. Smith's Excellent Work In Dresden Stealing Cases

Prisoners Arraigned and Committed for Trial—Breaking-up
Of Thieving Gang by the Crown Attorney—
Constable Peters' Good Work

The preliminary trial of Vincent Connell, who was arrested on five charges of receiving stolen goods, at his hotel, the Clifford House, Dresden, also the trials of Thomas Smale, Buck Grandbois, John Carter and Harry Gough, who are all charged with stealing chickens and turkeys from the residents of Dresden and the farmers in that vicinity, took place before R. P. Wright, J. P., and I. B. Webster, J. P., in Dresden yesterday.
The interest manifested in these trials was so great that the large crowd more than filled the fire hall, and in order to accommodate the many people who sought admittance, the Court adjourned to the Town Hall, which was soon jammed to the doors with spectators. The gallery and even the stage were also filled to their capacity. Never in the history of Dresden has a trial of any kind excited such great interest, or attracted such large crowds.
Vincent Connell was committed on the first charge and waived examination on the other four charges and was committed on them, too.
The evidence received during the day was of a highly sensational character. John Carter and Harry Gough turned King's evidence and gave the full facts in connection with the affair. They gave evidence to the effect that on the night of the 17th of October, at Connell's suggestion, they went to Brethel McKay's place and stole three chickens; that upon returning with them to the hotel, Connell, the proprietor, said that he wanted more, and urged them to go back that night and get more, and Connell wanted to know what he was scared of; that Connell then told Carter to get Jack McIntosh— for whom a warrant is now out, but who is not arrested yet—and get him to go with him, as he (McIntosh) was game. Carter then got McIntosh, who was returned with more chickens. These chickens were taken down stairs and plucked by Gough, Carter and McIntosh. Carter swore that Connell was down cellar part of the time this was going on.
Gough corroborated the story as to the main facts of the story, the two differing only as to what they remembered.
Mr. Towers, of Sarnia, and Mr. Weir, who appeared for Connell, gave Carter a severe cross-examination, but were unable to shake his evidence in any material particular.
In the Smale case, Carter swore that he and Smale stole four turkeys from Edward McKay's and took them to the Hotel Clifford, woke up Connell, got something to drink, took the turkeys down cellar and plucked them, Connell getting three and Smale taking one home. Connell on this account allowed Carter something on his board. Carter swore that Connell knew where they got the turkeys, and all about the whole transaction.
In the Grandbois case, the Crown Attorney, H. D. Smith, explained to their going to Robert Witson's place and stealing a big turkey and some chickens, and that Constable Peters would swear that Grandbois said that that was the only charge he was afraid of. Grandbois waived examination and wanted an immediate trial before a judge and wanted to know what the Crown would do for him, if he put him wise to the whole transaction.
There were a number of charges against Carter, but the Crown laid two. He pleaded guilty to both and was remanded to the County Judge for sentence. Carter swore that Connell gave him money to leave Dresden, and told him there was a warrant out for his arrest, and it would be better for all if he would go away, as Constable Peters was looking for him.
Carter also admitted to Mr. Towers that he spent the most of his time last summer in the employ of Pat Murray, who was recently sent down to Central Prison for the theft of turkeys. His cross-examination showed that he had checked over a career, but he was not tripped up in his main evidence in any particular.
Smale, who is a working man with a large family, was admitted bail on his own responsibility to the sessions, Connell gave \$800 personally, \$100 in cash, and Thomas B. Townsend and Robert Gibson \$250 each, for his appearance at the sessions. There is a great deal of sympathy throughout the town of Dresden for Smale, who apparently had a previous good record, and if implicated in this affair, it was done through the influence of drink. Grandbois, Gough and Carter were brought to the county jail to wait their trials, as they were unable to get bail.
Carter in his admission that he had been with Murray, and some other evidence which the Crown expects to bring out later, goes to bear out pressed opinion that there was an organized gang of men in this county engaged in a wholesale stealing of turkeys, chickens, etc. Their apprehension and evident conviction, will close one of the most successful raids on criminals, ever recorded in the annals of Kent County. The present case was the pure result of a theory conceived by Crown Attorney H. D. Smith some time ago that this county was suffering from the raids of an organized gang of thieves. He has been working quietly but earnestly on the case for some time, assisted very materially by County Constable Peters, and they are rewarded for their efforts by bringing about a record for rounding up thieves which will go down in the history of this county as one of the most complete and successful ever recorded.
Another witness examined at the trial was H. McKay. He testified as to the losing of the turkeys. His place, at the rear, and adjoining the hotel. The chicken coop is about 150 yards from the hotel.
It was shown that Carter has been somewhat of a wanderer in his time. He is 24 years of age and was born in Petrolia. He went from there to Redney and then back to Petrolia. Then he went in turn to Sarnia, Nashville, Mich., Grand Rapids, Cincinnati and Tupperville, living for different intervals at all of these places. He then joined Pat Murray at Port Lambton and went with him to Sombra, Belle River and Tilbury, gypsying all the time. Finally, about five months ago, he went to Dresden. Harry Gough is an inmate of years of age and was a porter in Connell's hotel. He was arrested in Chatham while he was working as a porter in one of the Maple City hotels.

WILL PROBE CHILDREN'S AID

The Members of County
Council Make Grave Com-
plaints Against Society

A GIRL'S FALL IS CITED

A rather serious complaint against the Kent Children's Aid Society was made at yesterday afternoon's session of the County Council.
The charge was made by Councillor Johns, of Bothwell, when the matter of appointing representatives to the Kent Children's Aid Society came up.
It was Mr. Johns' opinion that the Council should have some opportunity of learning more definitely as to the work this Society was doing throughout the county. He said a case had been brought to his notice which was worthy of attention. In this case a girl had been running about the streets of Bothwell, who was apparently uncared for and unprotected. The attention of the Children's Aid Society had been brought to the matter, but they had not taken any action. The girl had got into the company of disreputable characters, and she had sunk lower and lower till she had lost her self respect and became a fallen woman. She had been arrested several times in Detroit and London. Apparently the only place she could run at large was in the County of Kent, where she was never molested, or any steps taken to turn her from her wayward path.
Mr. Johns thought that the Warden should make an inquiry into this and a number of other complaints. He thought that the representatives on the Society from the Council should make a report to the latter body. The speaker said that the Children's Aid Society were no doubt engaged in a good work, and he for one would not object to voting them a grant from the Council, if the Council had evidence that they were fully carrying out their duties throughout the county. The case cited put things in a bad light, however.
Mr. McLarty echoed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Johns, though he was of the opinion and hoped, that the case cited was an oversight on the part of the Society.
Warden Somers said he would do all in his power to have the matter investigated.
Clerk Gossnell objected to taking a position on the Children's Aid Society committee. He claimed that it would be impossible for a committee from the Council to make a complete report. No one outside of the Secretary of the Society could make a complete and definite report.
Warden Somers said that difficulty might be overcome by asking the Secretary of the Society to come before the Council and make a report.
"But," added the genial county chairman, "it is likely to cost you something, as they will expect a grant from you. In former years this was customary."

When Rheumatism Drubles a Man Up, physician and sufferer alike lose heart and often despair of a cure, but here's the exception. Wm. Pegg, of Norwood, Ont., says, "I was nearly doubled up with rheumatism. I got three bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure and they cured me. It's the quickest acting medicine I ever saw."

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exaggeration she draws the line at
her age.

WILL COME TO CHATHAM

Word has been received from Rev. Dr. Daniel, of Colborne street, London, to the effect that his Board have considered the matter of his call to Chatham, and have by unanimous vote consented to waive their claims in favor of Chatham. Rev. Mr. Daniels has accepted the call to Chatham, subject to the action of the Stationing committee.
This practically means that he will pastor of Park street church during the next term. As a rule the Stationing committee usually ratify the resolutions of the official Board.

A CLOSE GAME

The Lacroix street hockey team of this city gave the Wallaceburg senior team a game for their money Monday night. The score at the close of the final quarter was 2 to 1. The local boys deserve much credit for holding the score down so low, when it is considered that the Wallaceburg team which played the Lacroix street team Monday night had the same line-up as that which trimmed the local bankers to the tune of 17 to 1. The local boys were 2 to 1. The local boys scored 3 to 2.
Referee, McKenna was impartial and made a good referee, and the local boys were well pleased with the treatment they received at the hands of their opponents. Walter Huff was time-keeper.
The line-up for the two teams was as follows:
Chatham—Ernest Brisco, goal; Van Valkenberg, point; McKie, cover point; Roseborough, rover; Baillie, left wing; Harrington, centre; Wilson, right wing—1.
Wallaceburg—Johnson, goal; Crawford, point; Gordon, rover; Toran, left wing; McGrath, centre; Taylor,

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