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January 6, 1852. v4n47.

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A choice assortment of Whips to be sold cheap.
JOHN ARTHUR.
Goderich, Nov. 20, 1852. v5n45

MINUTES

Of the Proceedings of the Municipal Council for the United Counties of Huron and Bruce, May meeting January, 1853.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, May 2nd 1853.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment from last session.

PRESENT.

WILLIAM CHALK, Esqire, Warden in the chair.

Messrs. HAYS, WALLACE, GIRVIN, YOUNG, DAVIDSON, JOHNSTON, WOODS. Messrs. LAMB, WALKER, ATKINSON, GIBBINGS, HOLMES, FLANAGAN,

The Warden addressed the Council relative to the Suspension Bridge, Railroad and other matters, when the following documents were submitted.

1 Letter from County Surveyor to the Warden, accompanied by a plan of the proposed site of the Suspension Bridge referred to a select committee.

2 Copy of a Letter from the Warden to County Treasurer—referred to Finance Committee.

3 Account for Registry Books—referred to Finance Committee.

3 Copy of Assessment act to repeal part of the assessment Law—ordered to be filed.

The Warden appointed to-morrow (Tuesday 3rd May inst.) for the County Council to meet for the purpose of equalizing the valuation of property on the assessment rolls.

5 Letter from the Secretary of the Canada Company to County Clerk—ordered to be filed.

6 Petition of certain inhabitants of Stephen &c., praying for aid to improve the approach to the Bridges on the Port Franks road—referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

7 Petition from certain inhabitants of Usborne and Biddulph praying for aid to build a Bridge over the "Little Sable"—referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

8 Petition from the inhabitants of the Townline between Stanley and Hay—referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

9 Petition from James Murray, Jr., Esq.—referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

10 Letter from the Clerk of the Peace to the County Clerk accompanied by two other documents—ordered to be filed.

11 Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Wallace, That a Committee of five be appointed to investigate all matters and things relative to the Suspension Bridge on the Maitland—Carried. On a ballot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Wallace, Hays, Girvin, Young and Holmes.

12 Circular from the County Clerk of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry accompanied by a copy of a Petition to the Governor General—referred to the School Committee.

13 Moved by Mr. Wallace seconded by Mr. Hays, That the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Lizars for information respecting the Deed for the Gaol and Court House land, if issued, and to whom, as also the number of lots granted for the same—carried.

14 Account from Mr. Wheeler Toronto for alteration of County seal—referred to Finance Committee.

15 Account from Mr. Scobie for Stationery—referred to Finance Committee.

16 Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Young, That a Committee of five on Roads and Bridges be now appointed—carried. On a ballot being taken, the committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Holmes, Girvin, Wallace, Hays and Flanagan.

17 Moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Young, That a Committee of five be appointed on Finance—carried. On a ballot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Woods, Hays, Wallace, Atkinson and Walker.

18 Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Lamb, That a Committee of five upon Schools be now appointed—carried. On a ballot being taken, the committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Lamb, Hays, Woods Johnson and Holmes.

19 Moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Hays, That the Clerk be instructed to write the Clerk of the Peace for a copy of the Resolution of Magistrates retaining Mr. Burton as their office keeper, contrary to the arrangements entered into by the County Council, as also the names of the magistrates who were present, and at whose instance such odjourned sessions was called—carried.

The Council adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, H. & B.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, May 3rd, 1853.

The Council met.

PRESENT.

The Warden in the Chair.

Messrs. WALLACE, HAYS, WOODS, DAVIDSON, ATKINSON, JOHNSON, HOLMES, Messrs. LAMB, GIBBINGS, GIRVIN, WALKER, YOUNG, FLANAGAN, FRASER.

The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved.

20 Petition from certain inhabitants of Tuckersmith was received and referred to the assessment committee.

21 Bond of the County Treasurer with sureties for £8000 was received and ordered to remain in the possession of the clerk.

22 Letter of County Treasurer to the Council—ordered to be filed.

23 & 24 Schedules of the amount of money to be raised in each Township to provide for Railroad tax—referred to Railroad Committee.

25 Copy of a Letter from County Treasurer to secretary of Buffalo, Brantford and Goderich Railway with answer—referred to Railroad Committee.

26 Copy letter from County Treasurer to Provincial Secretary—referred to Railroad Committee.

27 Copy letter from County Treasurer to Attorney General referred to Finance Committee.

28 Letter from John Strachan Esq., to Warden, referred to do.

29 Letter from Mr. Burton to Warden and Councillors—do. do.

30 County Surveyors report referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

31 Account (sudden breach) certified by Mr. Lamb, referred to Finance Committee.

32 Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Lamb, That a Committee of five be appointed by this Council on Railroad matters—carried. On a Ballot being taken, the committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Holmes, Hays, Wallace, Woods and Johnston.

33 Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Young, That the County Surveyor be instructed by this Council to make enquiry whether certain improvements which were authorised to be made on Mr. Benjamin Millers Bridge has been carried into effect—the improvement referred to is Breakwaters—carried.

34 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Gibbings, That the assessment rolls be now laid before the Council—carried.—The Rolls from the following places were then laid on the table.

From the Town of Goderich, Townships of Biddulph, Goderich, Colborne, Hullett, Usborne, Ashfield, Wawanosh and McKillop, which were referred to the Assessment Committee.

35 Moved by Mr. Wallace seconded by Mr. Hays, That a Committee of five be appointed for the revision of the assesment rolls—On a ballot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Holmes, Lamb, Woods, Girvin and Wallace.

36 Notice of motion by Mr. Davidson, That to-morrow I intend to move for a sum of money towards building a Bridge over the River at Port Albert.

37 Moved by Mr. Girvin seconded by Mr. Young, That half of the sudden breach money of the Township of Colborne be expended on the Post Road through Colborne to Wawanosh as the road in that section is in a bad state at present, as there has no statute labor on that part of the road been performed last year. The above was referred to the Road and Bridge Committde.

38 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Lamb, That Messrs Hays, and Atkinson be added to the Committee for the revision of the assessment rolls—carried.

The Council adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, H. & B.

The Council met.

PRESENT.

The Warden in the Chair.

Messrs. HAYS, GIRVIN, WALLACE, YOUNG, DAVIDSON, WOODS, JOHNSON, Messrs. LAMB, ATKINSON, FLANAGAN, FRASER, GIBBINGS, HOLMES, WALKER,

The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved, when the assessment rolls for Tuckersmith and the County of Bruce were laid on the table.

39 Moved by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr Girvin, That the sum of £40 be granted towards building a bridge over the River at Hort Albert. The above was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

40 Notice of motion by Mr. Holmes, That whereas a certain portion of what hitherto belonged to the Township of Goderich has been detached therefrom, and joined to the Town of Goderich it would therefore be an injustice to the Township in apportioning the taxes for the current year that the aggregate of 1842 be taken as a basis for said Township of Goderich for 1852 *minus* that part taken away as assessed in said year, and that the aggregate assessment of the Town *plus* that portion added from the Township be the basis by which the expenses for the current year shall be apportioned.

41 Notice of motion by Mr. Flanagan, That I shall on to-morrow move for a sum of money to be expended towards opening and crosswaying part of the Townline between McGillivray and Stephen, and a small sum to be expended on the Townline between McGillivray and Williams, as the settlers are suffering very much in consequence of not having these roads opened. I shall also present a petition to-morrow from the said inhabitants stating their grievances, after paying taxes, they ought to receive some little part of them.

42 Notice of motion by Mr. Fraser, That I shall move to-morrow for a sum of money to be laid out on the Post road between Goderich and Penatangore, commencing at the end of the already cut road in Ashfield on the same line.

The Council adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, H. & B.

COUNCIL ROOM, Goderich, May 5th 1853.

The Council met.

PRESENT.

The Warden in the Chair.

Messrs. HAYS, YOUNG, JOHNSON, DAVIDSON, WOODS, WALKER, LAMB, Messrs ATKINSON, FLANAGAN, FRASER, GIBBINGS, HOLMES, GIRVIN, WALLACE.

The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved.

43 Letter from the Clerk of the Peace to County Clerk, was received, when it was

44 Moved by Dr. Woods seconded by Mr. Young, that the Clerk be requested to obtain the information required by the Council from the Clerk of the Peace by search or otherwise as he may find most convenient—carried.

45 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Hays, That when this Council adjourns, it stands adjourned to the first Tuesday in July unless the Warden shall deem it necessary to call a meeting sooner—carried.

49 Certificate from the late reeve of McGillivsay for the completion of the re-erection of the bridge over the Sable, was received when an order for the amount of the said contract was ordered to be made out for the price of the same.

47 Letter from the County Cleak of Perth, to the County Clerk, was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

48 Moved by Mr. Wallace seconded by Mr. Fraser, That the Contractor for the Bridge between McGillivray and Stephen be required to make the additional work required, say 30 feet, with two bents and the covering, to be approved of by the reeves of McGillivray and Stephen, the amount not to exceed £8 10s—carried.

49 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Wallace, That in forming a basis for the expenses of the current year, that part of the Township of Goderich that now belongs to the Town, as assessed in the year 1852, be deucted from the gross assessment of the Township of Goderich and that the said amount be added to that of the Town—carried.

50 Moved by Mr. Flanagan, secouded by Mr. Walker, That the sum of £30 be granted for the purpose of opening and crosswaying part of the Townline between McGillivray and Stephen and an additional sum of £15 to assiet in repairing the Townline between McGillivray and Williams, the above was referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

51 Moved by Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Flanagagan, That £40 be granted to be laid out on Lake Shore Road leading on the Post line from Goderich to Pennatangore. The above was referred to the Road and bridge Committee.

62 Letter from Thomas Laton to the Warden and Council referred to the Finance Committee.

53 Moved by Dr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Girvin, That Mr. Fraser be added to the Road and Bridge Committee.—carried.

45 Treasurers abstract for quarter ending 31st March 1853 was referred to Finance Committee.

25 Letter from County Auditors accompanied by a statement of the Receidts and disbursements for 1852, and liabilities and assumed assets to 31st December 1852, were referred to Finance Committee.

56 Report of the Committee on Schools was received and referred to a Committee of the whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Firvin to the Chair.

The Report was read and adopted, when the Committee rose and the Warden resumed the Chair.

The Report was again submitted and confirmed.

57 Report of the Committee on the Suspension Bridge was received and referred to a Committee of the whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Gibbings to the Chair.

The Report was read and adopted, when the Committee rose and the Warden resumed the Chair.

The report was again submitted and adopted.

58 The Report of the Committee on Railroads was received and referred to a Committee of the whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Lamb to the Chair.

The Report was read and approved of when the Committee rose and the Warden resumed the Chair.

Whe report was again submitted and adopted.

59 Petition from John Haldan, Esq., Head Master Grammar School was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Poetry.

RAILROAD SONG.

Some love to sail,
With a pleasant gale,
O'er the deep and the pathless sea,
But a cheerful band,
On the safer land,
In the railroad car, for me.

Oh, who would float,
In a crowded boat,
Where the fierce mosquitoes bite?
Let me onward dash,
Like the lightning's flash,
In the car, for 'tis my delight.

The four-horse stage
Is behind the age,
The steamer's speed is slow:
Scarce a bird can hope
With our speed to cope
As we merrily onward go.

The darling wing
Of the proud birds-king,
In the sunward flight will tire:
But there's naught can tame
The sinewy frame
Of the horse whose food is fire.

Away we sweep,
While the forest deep
Gives back our whistle's cry;
Like an eagle's scream,
Is the hissing steam,
As the fields and town flit by.

Oh! a springless back,
Or a camel's back,
May to some seem motion free;
But, by day or night,
Still the rapid flight
Of the railroad car for me.

Literature.

WEDDING BROKERS.

Those who have read Bulwer's "Night and Morning" will remember that one of the characters, when all other resources fail, opens a marriage broker's shop, or a matrimonial agency, or whatever it may be termed. The manner in which this sort of business is occasionally managed in Paris may be gathered from the following not uninteresting story, which we extract from the foreign correspondence of a contemporary:—

A great crowd was collected, on the 20th March, before the doors of the church of the Madeleine, to see a wedding party come out, the bride being the daughter of one of the most distinguished officers of the French army, and as remarkable for her great beauty as for her immense fortune, the legacy of an old aunt. Want rendered the crowd more curious than anything else, was the secret of the manner in which the marriage had been made which had got out, in spite of the efforts to keep it in and which had formed the subject of gossip in all the saloons of Paris for some days.

A few months ago, a young man of fine personal and mental advantages, but without a dollar in his pocket, arrived in Paris, from one of the provincial towns, and rented a poor little room in the sixth story of a house in the Latin quarter. His parents and friends had cast him off, giving him up entirely, because of his distaste for commerce, and his obstinate preference for literary pursuits. His father had given him twenty-five francs, and had then closed the paternal doors upon him. Our young man thanked his father, shouldered his bundle, which contained some half a dozen unedited novels, as many volumes of poetry, and with a light heart turned his steps towards Paris. Poor fellow! he was like many others who think they have only to enter Paris to be appreciated. How bitterly do they often awake from their illusion, and by what hard lessons do they, too soon, learn what unobserved mites they are in the great swarms of the metropolis.

The youth, whose story we are relating, was not without good sense, but he was frank and confiding, and utterly ignorant of the many traps set in Paris to catch strangers. The day after his arrival, he went and offered one of his manuscrips to an editor, who glanced over it and returned it to him with a smile. He tried successively four or five editors, with the same success, and returned to his humble lodging with his literary ardor so newhat cooled. Still he was not totally discouraged; he thought he knew his own genius, and determined to make a fresh trial the next day. But, after a week spent in fruitless efforts to convince that incredulous, hard hearted set of men, called editors, of his merit, and finding that his twenty five francs had become reduced to four sous, he determined to do one of two desperate things; throw himself into the Seine, or write a penitent letter to his father. He clapped his hat on his head and went out to take a walk upon one of the largest bridges where he could make his decision while looking at the water. It was a bright, sunshiny afternoon, and, arrived upon the Pont Neuf, he sat down upon a bench, and, leaning over the parapet, contemplated the bathe which could make him forget his troubles. He had not sat there long when a gentlemanly looking man sat down by his side, and remarking his melancholy, kindly asked him the cause. The young man, deceived by the friendly air of the stranger, frankly told him his position, and the fatal design he was meditating. After a few adroit questions, which led the stranger to the knowledge that the young man's family was one of the wealthiest in the province, he arose, and taking him by the arm, said:

'Come with me; I will soon put you in a way to escape from all your difficulties.'

The young man accepted his new friend's invitation, and followed him to one of the most elegant restaurants of the quarter, where was soon seated before a luxurious dinner. When the desert was placed upon the table, the new friend asked:

'What do you take me to be?'

'I am sure I don't know,' replied the young man, 'a count, perhaps, or a marquis, or at least, a man of fortune.'

'Not at all,' replied the other, 'I am in business, and my business is to draw just such young men as you out of such difficulties as you are in.'

'How?'

'By marrying them to some rich heiresses.'

If the young provincial was slow in comprehending his friend's meaning, you will not be, Mr. Editor, nor will the greater portion of your readers, for it is well known that there exist in Paris immense numbers of establishments where the sole business carried on consists in providing husbands and wives to those who desire them. These establishments are often fitted up with the greatest elegance and balls are given there, to which parties are brought together in this way. The conductors of these establishments are always men who, by force of intrigue, gossiping, and scandal, get to the knowledge of the fortunes of all the marriageable ladies and gentlemen of Paris, and often make excellent speculations; particularly with the old maids who are willing to buy young husbands, or old men who give their fortunes for a young wife. Many a marriage is made through these speculators in France, but as some scandalous things have occured in their business lately, the police are now trying to put them down.

To return to our provincial, who listened most attentively while the speculator explained the business to him.

'Now,' said the latter, 'what is your father's fortune?'

A fortune in landed property mostly, but representing a value of at least 400,000 francs.'

'My dear sir,' exclaimed the marriage-maker, 'you have a right to a first classed wife. Let us see, who I have to give you? Do you like blondes?

'Passionately.'

'That's perfect; I have your affair.'

'Well, present me to the young lady.'

'No no, young man, you go too fast.—We do not compromise families in that way.

You must first give me five hundred francs to pay for the negotiations, without which the whole affair would fail.'

'Five hundred francs! I could not give you five sous if my life depended upon it!' exclaimed the young man.

'But,' rejoined the other, 'you can write to your father, tell him that you are about marrying a young lady with a dowry of three hundred thousand francs, and double that when her father dies; that her father is apoplectic and the mother dropical.—You see the affair is superb.'

After a little more discussion, the young man, overcome by the plausible discourse of his new acquaintance, sat down, and wrote a letter to his father, a letter which was quite calculated to impose upon the old gentleman; so perfect was its success, in fact, that by the return of post the son received a forgiveness for all the past disobedience, and a bank note of a thousand francs. The marriage maker was once informed of this, and the same evening he conducted his dupe to the opera, where he promised he should meet his future bride and judge of her personal attractions. The orchestra had just finished the overture, when a box, directly in front of our credulous youth, was opened, and a fair haired young girl of great beauty entered accompanied by an elderly lady and an officer in undress uniform.

'There she is with her father and mother,' said the match-maker, 'look at her; what do you say?'

'Beautiful! beautiful' returned the other, already desperately smitten, 'but does she know that I am here?'

'Of course, for I have made all the necessary propositions and advances for you, and if you suit the young lady as well as she seems to please you, the affair is arranged at once.'

'But she does not appear to notice me at all,' remarked the young man after a time.

'She notices you without your seeing it, replied the other; 'but wait a moment, I will go and find out the impression you have produced.'

And, in fact, between the acts, the match maker went to the officer's box, spoke a few moments with the old gentleman, and then immediately returned to his companion.

'Well said he, in reply to the impatient look with which he was received, 'they are all very well pleased with you. The parents say you are a serious looking young man, and the daughter asked me one or two questions which augur well. But enough for this evening. Come to-morrow to my bureau, and we will make some further progress.

The young man was exact at the rendezvous, hoping to be presented to the young lady. The match-maker began by asking him for the price of the opera box which the lady and her parents had occupied, pretending that he had presented them the tickets, as a young man's prerogative, and that this was the universal way of proceeding in such matter. But our provincial began to have his suspicions excited against the loyalty of the man of business, and after putting some very close questions to him which embarrassed him greatly, the young man left him, and, convinced that he had been duped in some terrible manner which he could not explain, he went to cool his agitation by a walk in the gardens of the Tuileries. There, one of the first groups he saw was his promised bride accompanied in the same way as the evening before. As we have said, the young provincial was not wanting in good sense. He contemplated