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THE TOWN COUNCIL.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

Eleven out of the twelve good men and true, who legislate for the benefit of St. Thomas, assembled at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the occasion of the regular meeting of the Council, Mr. Drake alone being absent. Mayor Smith in the chair.

The Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$638.56 to be now on hand, was read and adopted.

Communications were read from: Members of the lately disbanded 25th Battalion Band, stating that it was their intention to organize a Town Band, and asking for the use of the Battalion instruments. Referred to a special committee.

From Fisher Sandal, the celebrated rat-catcher, asking that he be exempted from paying the dog tax, as his dogs destroy a number of those vermin. Sanitary committee.

From W. F. Martin, chief engineer, inviting the council to inspect the Fire Brigade on the Queen's Birthday, as they intend turning out on that day.

From Joseph Smith, stating that in his capacity of street-watering and working at the waterworks, the work required his attention on Sundays, consequently he wanted pay for those days. To Fire and Water committee.

From Warren Smith, asking for the position of a gay policeman. Police committee.

From Messrs. Haggert & Cochrane, asking the Council to hold to the agreement which was made with their predecessors, Messrs W. & F. Haggert, to exempt their foundry from taxation for a period of five years.

It was moved by Mr. Roe, seconded by Dr. Vanbuskirk, that the petition of Messrs Haggert & Cochrane, for exemption from taxation be granted. After some discussion, Mr. Roe withdrew his motion, and the following motion was carried:

Moved by Mr. Still, seconded by Mr. Martyn, "That Messrs. Haggert & Cochrane's property be exempt from taxation, with the exception of stoves and tinware, for the balance of the ten years agreed upon by a former council."

On a motion of Mr. Hunt's, \$75 was granted to the Ladies' Home for the past month. A grant of \$175 was also made to the Fire Brigade.

Mr. Still, the finance minister, submitted his report, recommending the payment of accounts amounting to \$739.59, and after considerable discussion and argument about the power of a committee to act independently of the council, in regard to purchasing materials, it was passed.

The report of the Road committee was read, advising steps being taken immediately to open the lane required by Dr. McLarty, if it lay in the power of the council to do so. The committee had communicated with Mr. Gossage of the C. S. R., also, in regard to furnishing gravel for Centre street, and that gentleman expressed his willingness to furnish it when required.

It was moved by Mr. Ermatinger, seconded by Mr. Roe that Mr. Gossage be requested to furnish the gravel forthwith, and that the town Engineer be instructed to see to the spreading of the same. Carried.

The following report from the police committee was then read and adopted:— To the Mayor and Council:—

Your Committee beg to report important changes in the police force. Charges were preferred against Constable Ross, of being on duty in a state of intoxication and offensively interfering with respectable citizens, while in the discharge of their legitimate duties. The charges were fully sustained by the evidence before your Committee and it was ordered that Constable Ross be suspended one month without pay. Constable Langan was charged with loose and disreputable conduct, and handed in his resignation as a police constable of the town, which is here annexed, and which your Committee have accepted subject to your approval. Your Committee have engaged George Sisson as police constable in the place of Edward Langan resigned, and Benj. Allen to fill the place vacated for a month by Ross' resignation.

WM. COYNE, Chairman.

After which the special committee, which had been appointed to consider the advisability of redistributing the wards, handed in their report reconsider-

ing that the suburbs of St. Thomas be taken in, and that application be made at the next session of the Ontario Parliament, for an act to incorporate the City of St. Thomas, that the town be divided into six wards, and that the waterworks be extended.

Considerable time was spent in discussing this question, but at a late hour, the council having come to no satisfactory conclusion, adjourned.

THE CIRCUS.

An immense crowd of people assembled under the canvas on Thursday afternoon and evening, on the occasions of the appearance of Messrs. Pullman and Hamiltons great show in St. Thomas. Persons who went expecting to witness the old and stereotyped performance which the common run of circuses produce, were agreeably disappointed and astonished at the entire novelty of the programme, and the splendid manner in which the energetic managers carried it out. The trapeze, horizontal bar and other athletic performances were far superior to any witnessed in this town before, while the rest of the performance was first-class in every respect, and if anything, more than advertised. At night the electric light shone forth in all its grandeur, illuminating the tent to the darkest corner, and in its sun like radiance causing gas jets which were lit to show the difference between the two, to appear to a greater disadvantage than tallow candles would to gas. Altogether the show is a magnificent and mammoth specimen of Canadian enterprise, conducted by honest and conscientious men, and should meet the success it deserves. Among the members of the combination we noticed Mr. John W. DeVictor, an enterprising and well-known gentleman, possessing uncommon business qualifications.

BREAKING THE BALLS.

At the regular practice shoot of the Clipper Gun Club, east end, on Tuesday last, Mr. A. White succeeded in making the largest score, breaking 7 glass balls out of 10. At the competition of the St. Thomas Gun Club, west end, for the Dier Goblet, it was won by Mr. Wegg, he tying with Wm. Moore, breaking 9 balls out of 10, and winning in the shoot off. It does not speak well for the marksmanship of the club, when two boys can carry away the honors, in their first shoot. Sides were chosen by Messrs Forest and Faber, and a match shot off resulting in a victory for Faber's side.

THE CHANGE OF VENUE.

ANOTHER APPLICATION TO BE MADE IN TERM.

Of late it has been stated by those who are in a position to know, that there was a probability that an application would be made to the Court of Queen's Bench for a change in the venue of the Biddulph murder case, and it is more than probable a motion will be made in term by the Crown Counsel, when it is believed the order will be made. Additional reasons, it is asserted, have been advanced for the removal of the trial, suspicions would be entertained as to the influences under which it was arrived at. It is rumored that even Chief Justice Wilson, who refused an order when the case was before him in this city, may be favourably inclined to review his judgment in view of new light upon the subject which has been obtained. If changed, the trial will in all probability take place at Guelph, that place being favored by the Attorney General as the most suitable.—Advertiser.

The son of Charles Dickens has written a book descriptive of the Thames. Touching Nuneham Courtney, the family seat of the Harcourts, he tells this curious story apropos of a picture of Earl Harcourt and his little dog; 'Lady Nuneham, the earl's daughter, who was staying in the house, was one night much disturbed by a dream, in which she saw her father lying dead in the kitchen at four o'clock in the afternoon, Lord Harcourt being at that time in perfect health. Lady Nuneham was so impressed with the vividness with which the dream presented itself to her that she was unable to persuade herself that some disaster was not impending, and confided her fears to her husband, and subsequently at breakfast to the rest of the family. After breakfast the Earl went into the park for the purpose of marking the trees, and nothing further was seen or heard of him until a labourer was attracted by the violent barking of a dog to a well in the grounds. There he found the body of the Earl, head downward, in the mud at the bottom of the well, having, it was supposed, overbalanced himself in an attempt to rescue his little dog, who had fallen in. A stretcher was brought, and the body taken into the house. The nearest room was the kitchen, and on the dresser the corpse was laid, strange to say, at exactly four o'clock in the afternoon!'

NOTICE.

THE Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Thomas, will, at their regular monthly meeting to be held in the Town Hall, in the said Town, at eight o'clock, p.m. on Tuesday, the 1st day of June next, unless cause be shown to the contrary, pass a By-law to alter the northerly boundary of Stanley Street, in said Town, as follows:— That is to say, commencing at a point in the Westerly limit of William Street, said point being South one degree and thirty minutes West, two hundred and ninety seven feet eleven inches from the intersection of the Southern limit of Ann Street, with the said Western limit of William Street; thence North fifty-eight degrees and forty minutes West, two hundred and ninety-eight feet, thence North twenty-eight degrees West, thirty-one feet six inches, to a point in the Easterly Street, aforesaid, said point being one hundred and eleven feet Southerly, from the Southern limit of Ann Street.

All persons desirous of opposing the passing of this By-law can then attend, and they shall be heard. Dated this 28th day of April, 1880.

HENRY F. ELLIS, Town Clerk.

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAW NO. 257 OF THE TOWN OF ST. THOMAS, RELATING TO DOGS.

Sec. 1.—Every owner of a Dog or Bitch in the Town of St. Thomas, shall, annually, on or before the 1st day of June, in each year, procure the same to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from that date, in the office of the Town Clerk, and shall cause the said Dog or Bitch to wear around its neck a collar bearing the name of the said owner, to which collar shall be attached a metallic plate having raised, stamped, or cast thereon the letters T. L. P. (Town License Paid) and the figures indicating the year for which said license has been paid, together with a number corresponding with the number under which the said Dog or Bitch is registered in the books of the Town Clerk, and every such owner shall pay a yearly tax of one dollar for every dog and two dollars for every bitch, and shall on payment of such tax and on registering his dog or bitch as aforesaid, be furnished with such metallic plate or check free of charge.

Sec. 2.—The Town Clerk shall be furnished with a book in which he shall register and enter a description of every such dog or bitch, together with the name of the owner on receipt of the tax hereby imposed, and any person in possession of any dog or bitch, or who shall suffer any dog or bitch to remain about his house or premises, shall be deemed the owner thereof for all the purposes of this By-law.

Sec. 3.—No person or persons shall permit or suffer his her or their dog or bitch, and no dog or bitch shall be permitted to run at large in the town without the collar and metallic plate mentioned in the first section of this By-law, and no person or persons shall permit or suffer his, her or their dog or bitch to run at large off his, her or their premises during the night time unless accompanied by some person or persons, and any dog or bitch running at large contrary to the provisions of this By-law, may be captured, killed, or otherwise disposed of by any Police Constable or other person authorized by the Mayor Police Magistrate or Chief of Police, or by any other person or persons who may from time to time be authorized by the Municipal Council of the Town of St. Thomas to enforce a due observance of the provisions of this By-law.

Sec. 4.—Any Police Constable or other person authorized for that purpose as aforesaid, may seize any dog or bitch found running at large, elsewhere than on the premises of the owner, possessor or harbinger thereof, contrary to the provisions of this By-law, and it shall be the duty of the Police Constable so to do; and every such Police Constable or other person shall forthwith after making such seizure, deliver such dog or bitch to one of the Pound Keepers of the town, and it shall be the duty of the Pound-keeper to whom the same shall be delivered, to impound such dog or bitch, and to supply it with water while impounded, and in case it shall not be released within forty-eight hours after it shall have been delivered to the pound-keeper, it shall be the duty of the pound-keeper to kill such dog or bitch, provided always that in cases where such dogs or bitches cannot be captured, it shall be lawful for the persons acting under the authority of this By-law to kill such dogs or bitches instead of capturing them.

Sec. 5.—The owner, possessor or harbinger of any dog or bitch impounded under the next preceding section, may reclaim his dog or bitch on application to the pound-keeper on proof of ownership and on payment of the sum of one dollar, one half of which shall be retained by the pound-keeper, and one half of which shall be paid to the person or persons by whom such dog or bitch shall have been impounded.

Sec. 6.—In the event of the capture of any dog or bitch under the provisions of this By-law, and the owner of such dog or bitch producing satisfactory evidence that he or she had complied with the provisions of section one of this By-law in respect to such dog or bitch, and that the collar and plate therein referred to has been lost or stolen, then such owner shall be entitled to redeem such dog or bitch upon proving such property.

Sec. 11.—Imposes a fine of five dollars for breach of any of the provisions of the said By-law.

HENRY F. ELLIS, Town Clerk.

By order in Council passed 18th April, instant, all taxes imposed by this By-law must be paid on or before the 1st day of June next, ensuing.

JOHN E. SMITH, Mayor.

Mayors Office, St. Thomas, 20th April, 1880.

JAMES WHEATLEY, CABINET MAKER AND UPHOLSTERER Talbot Street, St. Thomas, opposite the Lisgar House.

Repairing Done on the Shortest Notice. Jan. 15, 1880. 1-3m

NEWS ITEMS.

Toronto, May 7th.—At midnight there was no change in Mr. Brown's condition.

Alterations are being made in the Canada Southern track at Suspension Bridge to facilitate the transfer of cars in view of the Niagara Falls passenger traffic, to which special attention will be given this summer.

The Pullman Palace Car Company has declared its usual quarterly dividend of two and a half per cent, payable May 15.

The New Erie Railroad grain Elevator which is nearly finished, is now the most conspicuous object on the Jersey City River front.

Nothing will be done in the matter of raising a bonus for the Windsor and Essex Centre Railroad until the return of Mr. Patterson from parliament.

BORN

In this town on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. Frederick Raven, of a son.

MARRIED

By Rev. J. E. Lancelotti, at the parsonage, on the 22nd ult., Ely, third son of Mr. John Wegg, carriage maker of this town, to Jessie, second daughter of Mr. John James, formerly of Somersetshire, Eng.

DIED

In this town, on the 8th inst., Albert Ernest Meek, only child of Mr. Thos. Meek, saddler, aged 3 years 1 month and 9 days.

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—AND—

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