

## COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proceedings at the Present December Session of that Body.

## THURSDAY MORNING.

All the members were present when the council resumed Thursday morning.

Several accounts for repairs and bridge tending, etc., were presented and referred to the finance committee for consideration.

Mr. Davidson for the special committee appointed to consider the application of Turney Somerville for an increase in salary reported that, after looking into the matter, they recommended the consideration of all the officials by a committee consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Hickey, McCoy, Marshall and VonGutten. The report was adopted.

The following report was submitted by Mr. Sturgis:

Your committee appointed to enquire into the resignation of Mr. Houston as county police magistrate, and the appointment of another, beg leave to report as follows:

That we met Mr. Houston and learned from him that he had no complaint against the county or the council, but it was a question of salary. He is willing to continue on in office at a salary \$400 per annum, exclusive of fees.

After carefully considering the matter we would recommend that Mr. Houston's resignation be accepted and Mr. Chas. Macdonald be appointed at a salary of \$300 per annum.

S. P. STURGIS,

Chairman.

Messrs. Sturgis and Hickey moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Caughill was not in favor of jumping at conclusions and believed that the matter should be further considered. He therefore moved in amendment that that part referring to the appointment be referred back to the committee until the next session. He regretted the loss of Mr. Houston's services but he thought \$400 was too large an expense for the county.

Mr. Stewart seconded the amendment.

Messrs. McCoy and Rankin also spoke in the same strain, the latter expressing the view that all appointments should be left till the January session.

Both amendment and motion were declared lost on an even division.

Upon reconsideration of the matter, an amendment to the amendment by Mr. Wilson laid the discussion over till the afternoon session.

Chairman F. Rankin presented the report of the Harrison Hall committee stating that the hall had been awarded to C. R. Hancock at \$5.00 and \$5.25, soft wood to Wm. Traders at \$2.50, hard wood to A. P. Stephens at \$2.70, Jas. M. Merriam had been awarded the contract for painting at \$170. The fitting up of Judge Bell's private room as a library room for the law association was also recommended. The report was adopted.

Under the head of enquiries Mr. Campbell asked why the sidewalk ordered at the last session had not been laid to the House of Refuge.

The Warden said the land had not been procured from Dover Tp. until recently.

Mr. VonGutten asked if any effort was being made to teach the young man, who had lost his legs and was at the House, any trade, nothing had been done as yet.

A motion was presented by Messrs. Gossnell and Campbell that the security of John Elliott of St. Mary's be returned as the work was completed.

After the reading of Engineer McGee's report that the work was well done the motion carried.

On motion of Messrs. Hickey and Stewart a committee consisting of Messrs. Marshall, Caughill and the mover were appointed to enquire into the matter of supporting the two boys committed to industrial school from Dresden.

On motion of Messrs. McCoy and Stewart, the appeal of S. S. No. 17, Chatham township, was referred to committee on education.

Some motions asking for grants for various causes were referred to the finance committee and will be later reported upon.

On motion of Messrs. Campbell and Rankin a committee consisting of Messrs. Hickey, Caughill, VonGutten and Wilson were appointed to petition Dominion government to build a new post office at Ridgeway.

Mr. Gossnell presented a motion, seconded by Mr. Gossnell, that, considering the report of the engineer, the contractors for the abutments of Moravia town bridge be paid their account less \$1.00 to be held for the balance of the 30 days as in the agreement.

The motion caused some discussion, some members characterizing it as ill-considered and believing the full percentage should be held for the 30 days, 20 or which remained, according to the agreement. The motion was finally agreed to. The motion was finally agreed to.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

From 2 o'clock till nearly four yesterday afternoon, the various committees of the county council were busy. At four o'clock Warden Leverton called the council to order and business was resumed. The accounts of A. Marcus, \$6 and Wm. Stokes, \$15, were referred to roads and bridges committee.

The warden requested all members to hand in their accounts in the morning so that the committee could get to work on them.

Councillor Rankin, for the property committee, presented a carefully prepared and detailed report in regard to the jail improvements. The report was adopted on motion of Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor VonGutten.

On motion of Mr. Gossnell, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the report of the bridges committee was adopted. The report was a lengthy one, and gave the estimated expenditures on the Moravia and Fancher creek bridges.

Levi B. Marshall, delegate to Ottawa from the county council, reported as follows: Having been appointed by a delegate to go to Ottawa to further the interests of a petition to

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wards the maintenance of the Wallaceburg bridges.—Carried.

On motion the appointment of a county magistrate was laid over till Friday.

Mr. McCoy moved, seconded by Mr. Stewart, that the by-law dealing with the school dispute in Dresden be given its first reading. Carried.

Mr. Robinson gave notice of motion to grant \$200 towards the bridge over Two Creeks, on the line between Kent and Essex, provided Essex granted a like sum.

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Gossnell, that L. E. Tilson and all the officials of the L. E. & D. R. R. be tendered the thanks of the council for the free trip to Erieau. Carried.

On motion it was decided that the county council should assemble at 9 o'clock Friday, and visit the House of Refuge.

Councillor Caughill gave notice that he would make a motion for a grant for a ferry at Pikeville.

Councillor McCoy moved, seconded by Mr. Gossnell, that the

## BLENHEIM.

Miss Hanna Baird is severely indisposed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pickering have taken rooms over their restaurant.

Harry Laird, son of Arch. Laird, of this town, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Ned Cassidy, the popular Rond Eau fisherman, was a Blenheim visitor yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Jamieson, of Bridge End, was in Blenheim yesterday on business.

John Glassford and J. C. Thompson, of Chatham, are registered at the Powell House.

Miss Annie Morrison, of Chatham, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Stephenson.

R. A. Harrington and Geo. McGavin, of Chatham, are registered at the Sheldon House yesterday.

Blenheim loses one of her most popular citizens, in the person of W. H. Moore, who is moving to Chatham.

Mrs. Joseph Clarke is confined to her bed with a severe attack of pneumonia at the residence of her son William.

Bruce Tyrrell, of Bothwell, spent yesterday in Blenheim. He left this morning for a few days' shooting at the Eau.

M. Eden James, of Toronto, the complainant in the case of James vs. Patterson, barony, and false pretenses, was in town yesterday.

The L. E. & D. R. R. steamer Shenango had not arrived at the Rond Eau wharf up to last night. She is detained by the severely inclement weather.

Most encouraging reports have been received concerning the condition of ex-Mayor John Tilson, who left recently for Toronto to undergo a complicated surgical operation for injury received in the limb some time ago.

John Arnold, of the north side of John St., advertised for sale by tender under the decree of the master in the case of Arnold vs. Wilkie. R. M. Thompson conducted the case for the plaintiff.

Mayor Peter Haggart, grain and produce merchant, yesterday gave The Planet the following market quotations: Beans, \$1.10 to \$1.20; wheat, 65 to 66c; oats, 25c; dressed hogs, \$4.90. Deliveries generally are quite slack.

Dr. Langford and Mayor P. Haggart have both put into their extensive and handsome residences an entire hot-water heating system throughout. Watt & Sons, of Chatham, have both contracts for all the plumbing work.

Robt. Fish has sold his fifteen acres of land at Raglan to Peter Anger. The latter has also bought the property of Smith & Henderson in the same vicinity. The sales were consummated under the supervision of R. L. Gossnell.

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The first consignment of the new books ordered by the Public Library board have arrived and Librarian Deacon is busily preparing in assigning and cataloguing them. Mr. Deacon keeps track of all the book reviews and at the committee meeting to select new purchases hands in his list with the necessary recommendations. The books constitute many of the latest and best standard publications.

Ex-Mayor Charles Senior, who was among the invited guests to the Warden's banquet last evening, was unavoidably detained from being present.

A. B. Vester is the possessor of one of the finest bred pointer dogs in the province. "Spike" is the name the splendid canine answers to, and he has done some phenomenal work on the birds this season. Mr. Vester's friends are anxious that he should enter his two-year-old beauty in next year's international field trials.

The Daily Planet is on sale at G. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

## DRESDEN.

Dec. 8.—A horse belonging to Randal Boylan became frightened yesterday afternoon and becoming unmanageable, ran from the bridge to the station. Mr. Boylan and the rig received no injuries.

After a seven months' sail, Mr. Henry Kerby has returned home. The English Church Christmas entertainment will take place on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th. An excellent program including fancy drills, tableaux and a cantata will be presented.

Henry Haverly, wine clerk at the Clifford House, leaves on Monday next for Windsor, where he has secured a similar position.

Lady Marabees concert and social will take place on the 12th inst. An excellent program has been prepared. John Northcott, Sr., is recovering from his recent illness.

## WALLACEBURG.

Dec. 8.—The W. C. T. U., met at the residence of Mrs. Mack McDougall yesterday afternoon.

On Christmas night the members of the Methodist Church S. S. will give their annual Christmas entertainment.

The English S. S. will present a cantata entitled "A Peep into fairyland" at their annual concert.

Brickwork on the new church was started yesterday.

Mrs. F. W. Robinson, and children, of Cleveland, arrived to-day to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McDonald.

A social is to be given this evening by the Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church at the residence of Alex. B. Bame.

A song service will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday night.

J. Donohue, of Hamilton, was in town yesterday.

\$7.50, \$10, \$12, and \$15 are the prices at The 2 T's for the New Method Suits and overcoats.

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## THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 8.—The windows of the Central drug store present many attractions for Xmas buyers.

The many friends here of Miss Birdie Wilson will be shocked to hear of her death which resulted from pneumonia at her home in Bay City, Mich., on Thursday, Dec. 7th. Deceased was a niece of Messrs. Wm. and Lemuel Sherman, of this town. The remains will be brought here for interment.

Miss Hall, of Florence, is visiting friends in town.

Miss McCann, of Hamilton, is the guest of Mrs. Anderson.

The Misses Miller, of Zone, have returned from a visit to Mitchellville.

## A SERIOUS MATTER.

In regard to the item which appeared in a Ridgeway paper last week that the work at the Eau was being done in a useless manner as the earth excavated was being dumped back in the Eau again, Aid. S. T. Martin, president of the company states that it may be so for all he knows as the dredges were working under the orders of a government overseer who was drawing \$2.50 a day and ought to be known enough to see that the work was done right.

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