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Clothing

—ON—

THURSDAY MORNING

We open up three big cases direct from the manufacturer to our store. Every man and boy will need clothing this Spring after they see our stock.

Men's Tweed Suits, all sizes, light and dark colors, only \$5, worth \$7.
Boys' Serge Suits, only \$2.25; worth \$4.00.
Men's Tweed Pants, all sizes, only 95c. pair; worth \$2.50.
Boys' Tweed Short Pants, lined throughout, only 45c., worth \$1.
Boys' Short Pants, made of heavy blue Serge, lined throughout, only 35c. pair, worth 75c. pair.

Millinery

The Ladies who did not visit our opening last week, we will be pleased to show through this week. You will miss a treat if you don't see our display this season; come early and bring your friends whether you buy or not, it's the same here.

All kinds of . .

PRODUCE

taken same as Cash. All goods marked in plain figures and One Price Only.

McKenzie & Petch

WATFORD COUNCIL.

Regular meeting of the Council held April 6th, at 8 p.m. All the members present.

Minutes of last month's meeting read and approved.

A by-law to borrow money for current expenses was passed in the usual form. Moved by Mr. J. Saunders, seconded by A. Mavity, that the request of the Public School Board for \$300 to meet current expenses be granted.—Carried.

The Finance Committee examined the following accounts recommended payment of same:—D. Ross, Post Office, box rent \$1.00; W. Lamb, shovelling snow in Reeve's div. 75c.; A. Mathers, one month's salary \$26.00; W. Scott, 1st quarter salary, care of engine, \$7.50; G. H. Percival, 1st quarter salary, ringing bell, \$10; Gutta Percha Rubber Co., 73c. express, 25c. firemen's supplies; Fitzgerald & Sauerbann, electric light \$117; T. Glenn, shovelling snow Reeve's div. 75c.; R. McLeay, 1st quarter salary \$17.50, postage 86c.; Harris & Co., 1st quarter printing \$16.25; Public School Board, \$600.

Moved by Mr. Howden, seconded by Mr. Mavity, that the above accounts be paid and that Reeve grant his order for same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. T. Howden, seconded by Mr. J. Saunders, that we adjourn.—Carried. R. McLEAY, Clerk.

BROOKE COUNCIL.

Alvinston, March 30th, 1896.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of previous meeting read, and on motion of Hanna, seconded by Sutherland, the minutes as read were adopted.

By-law introduced and read to authorize the cleaning out of a part of No. 1 Drain, in the north half of con. 9, and for borrowing the sum of \$91.00 to pay for work.

Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Lucas, that by-law be read be provisionally adopted and published for four weeks in the Alvinston Free Press, with a Court of Revision on same on Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1896, at 2 o'clock, p. m., in the Orange Hall in the village of Inwood.—Carried.

By-law introduced and read to authorize the cleaning out and repairing of No. 1 Drain across the whole of the 6th con. and the northerly part of the 5th con., and for borrowing the sum of \$540 for completing the same.

Moved by Moffatt, seconded by Lucas, that by-law be provisionally adopted and published for four weeks in the Alvinston Free Press, with a Court of Revision on same on Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1896, at 2 o'clock, p. m., in the Orange Hall in the village of Inwood.—Carried.

Messrs. James McPhail and George Bell appeared as a deputation from the Brooke and Alvinston Agricultural Society, asking for the usual grant in its aid. They said there was a greater need for a liberal grant this year than usual.

Moved by Hanna, seconded by Sutherland, that the sum of \$100 be granted in aid of the Society.—Carried.

Mr. Adair made application to have his land, being the N pt of W 1/2 10, con. 5, attached to S.S. No. 8.

Moved by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Sutherland, that the Clerk notify the Trustees of school sections 8, 12 and 18 of the changes asked for by Messrs. Adair and Kennedy and that Council will hear parties for and against these changes at next meeting, and decide as to the propriety of granting these requests.—Carried.

Committee appointed to inspect certain bridges, reported verbally as follows, viz: The "McKellar bridge" over the Sydenham River on 21-22 sideroad, con. 1, was considered unsafe; the timbers being very much decayed and bridge needed rebuilding.

The "Leitch bridge" over Little Bear Creek on 21-22 sideroad, con. 7, needed rebuilding.

And the bridge over Brown's Creek on 15-16 sideroad, near the south side of the 12th con., also needed replacing by a new one.

Moved by Moffatt, seconded by Lucas, that the report be adopted, and a committee composed of Messrs. McIntyre, Hanna and Sutherland be appointed to communicate with the several iron bridge manufacturers and ascertain the relative cost of iron and wooden bridges, and report at next meeting of council.—Carried.

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Moffatt, that the Reeve and Clerk be appointed a committee to revise and amend the township by-laws, and submit them for approval of council at next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Moffatt, seconded by Lucas, that council do now adjourn to meet in the village of Inwood on Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1896.—Carried.

W. G. WILLOUGHBY, Clerk.

GOT \$3,000.

Anderson vs. the Grand Trunk Railway Company was a very interesting case heard before Armour, J.C., Falconbridge, J., Street, J., at Osgood Hall, Toronto, Saturday. It was a judgment on motion by plaintiff to set aside non-suit and to enter judgement for plaintiff for \$3,000 in action by personal representative of deceased person for damages. At trial, Meredith, C.J., directed a non-suit, and the parties agreed that if upon appeal the court should be of opinion that there was any evidence to go to jury, plaintiff was to be entitled to judgement for \$3,000. Deceased, the late Wm. McKenzie, travelled on a return ticket from Ailsa Craig to London. When he started to return he was warned that all trains had been cancelled owing to storm, and that his train would take him only to Lucan Crossing, a station at the intersection of the London, Huron and Bruce Railway with the defendant's railway, four miles from Ailsa Craig, which could not be approached except by crossing adjoining farms, whose owners had forbidden trespass, or by walking along track. Deceased got off at Lucan Crossing, and, walking along the track to get to the highway, was killed at the third telegraph pole from the station by a freight train. Held, that deceased being lawfully at Lucan Crossing station had in this case a right of egress by the railway track. The defendants, by their conduct, impliedly

invited the public to use the railway track as a means of egress, and deceased could not be held a trespasser or convicted under section 273 of the Railway Act. There was evidence of neglect by the defendants of duty cast upon them by section 256 of the act, because deceased was lawfully on the track, and plaintiff was, therefore, entitled to have case submitted to jury. Judgement for plaintiff for \$3,000 (to be hereafter distributed, with full costs of action. Aylesworth, J.C., for plaintiff, Oler, J.C., for defendants.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

At the call of F. W. Hodson, Superintendent of Farmer's Institutes, a well attended convention of Institute officials met in the Garner House, Chatham, on Monday afternoon, March 30th; the object being to discuss the changes lately made by the Department of Agriculture in the rules and regulations, affecting the proper working of Farmers' Institutes throughout the Province, and to obtain an expression of opinion in regard to a uniform system of paying Institute workers.

Mr. Hodson having taken another route to meet other Institute Executive Boards, was represented by R. Harcourt, B.S.A., assistant chemist at the O. A. C. The present convention included, Kent, Essex, and Lambton. About 30 delegates reported. West Lambton was represented by its President, Vice President and Secretary; East Lambton by Vice President, Wm. J. McAlpine, and Secretary, J. Osborne. A few changes were suggested in some of the dates, but until all the Institutes are heard from and the result acted upon by the Department it would be premature to give the changes at present. Some delegates complaining of a difficulty in getting County Councils to give the prescribed annual grant to Farmers' Institutes. A resolution was passed to memorialize the Government to so amend the Municipal Act, that it would be made compulsory for County Councils to make the grant, on Institutes complying with the conditions laid down by the Department.

The change lately made by the Order in Council, in the boundary of East Lambton, having caused dissatisfaction in both ridings, it was recommended to group the townships as formerly, the same as for the Agt. and Arts Association. It was recommended that minimum salary of Sec.-Treas. be \$15 per annum and the maximum \$25. A good deal of business was omitted or hurried through to allow delegates to take train for home, but it is understood that this is but the initiatory step to more elaborate arrangements for giving Farmers' Institutes a fresh start in a career of much greater usefulness. A well prepared map with columns of figures of work done by our own and all the Farmers' Institutes of the United States from which information could be obtained, showed that our Ontario Farmers' Institutes were doing more work, holding more meetings in a year, and securing larger audiences at a much smaller outlay of money.

At this meeting it was decided to hold the first annual meeting under the new regulations at Watford, on the second Tuesday in June, the day and hour being fixed by the Department of which further notice will be given later.

J. OSBORNE.

COMMUNICATIONS.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.]—Ed.

That Send-off at Rokeby.

Editor GUIDE-ADVOCATE:

SIR,—I am indeed pleased to read in your issue of last week of the grand send-off and presentation made by the friends at Rokeby to their retiring pastor, Rev. A. McDermid. It shows that we have at least one community amongst us who yet evince the true Christian spirit and appreciate the services of a good man when they find him. Such people are the salt of the earth. It was a surprise to a large number of the congregation when they heard that the Rev. gentleman was asked to resign his charge, owing (it is alleged) to the increasing infirmities of age. Everybody knows that he is every whit as capable to-day as he was five years ago, and as far as bodily health and strength and mental qualifications are concerned he is to all appearances good for many years to come. Had the matter been left to the voice of the people at large instead of the dictum of a few over anxious zealots, the same gentleman would be welcomed as pastor of the congregation for many a year yet.

It is quite evident that the wrong man has been asked to resign, and if a plebiscite were asked now in the matter of the directorate of the Brooke Presbyterian church there would be such a rattling among the dry bones as would leave Sir Henry Tyler and his old associates of the Grand Trunk in the shade. Pull the beam out of your own eyes first gentlemen, and then you will be in a far better position to remove the mote from your brother's eye.

Yours truly, WALNUT.

A Big Law Suit Commenced.

Last week the first move in the big lawsuit of Moore Township farmers have instituted against the town of Petrolia, The Imperial Oil Co., and Fairbank, Rogers & Co. was made. Mayor A. C. Edwards and Geo. Moncrieff, the town solicitor went to Sarnia, for preliminary examination of the ostensible plaintiff, a farmer named Johnston, who has a farm butting on Bear Creek. The farmers along that district are annoyed by floods that every year cover the creek flats, and damage their crops. They attribute half the damage to refinery and other refuse that runs into Bear Creek from Petrolia and the surrounding district. The plaintiff, Johnston, has prepared from memory, a bill of costs and damages and expenses incurred through bad water, and is suing the parties already mentioned for the amount, which is quite a considerable sum. Quite an interesting lawsuit is likely to ensue, as all the parties interested are prepared to fight the matter vigorously.

The Rev. Neil McPherson's congregation in Petrolia recently presented that gentleman with a handsome Columbia bicycle.

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A. BROWN.

Planks in our Platform

As the General Elections are near at hand the average citizen is revising his political creed. Ours differs from the generally accepted authorities in some important particulars:—

I. We believe in Canada for Canadians, Watford for Watfordites, and Hindson Bros. Merchant Tailoring and Gents' Furnishing Establishment for them all.

II. We believe that there should be one Uniform System of Schools in which the youth of our land should be imbued with the fact that Watford is a thriving Commercial Centre, and that Hindson Bros. Tailoring Establishment is the centre of the town.

III. We believe in Equal Rights; one man's as good as another, and a good deal better if he buys his Clothing from Hindson Bros.

IV. We believe in one Official Language and propose that it shall be Gaelic. For the present, however, we will continue to do business in English, French, German, Volapuk, and all other languages, living and dead.

V. We believe that our customers have rights and are entitled to full value for their money. This we are prepared to give them. We have the best stock of SPRING GOODS and SPRING HATS in town. Our Prices are the lowest. We guarantee satisfaction to every man. Eggs taken as cash.

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