

meetings of council Mr. Macmillan had attended during the past year. He understood that he had attended only about 25 of the meetings, and he (Mr. P.) did not think this was attending to his duties.

Mr. Richardson, who had been called upon, had thought water commissioners were more active in the past. He had been called upon to give his views on the water works by-law, which had been approved by the council. Then the commissioners were elected to carry out its provisions. After the commission was elected, the cost of all materials and work which would be required in the construction of the water works was estimated. The commissioners thought that the water works could be built for even a less sum of money than the by-law called for, and being satisfied with the work they were doing, they advertised for tenders for carrying out the work. The tenders were received, and the lowest was given in Canada before. Why had they been advertised for so soon? Because it would require two months at least to make the water works, and it would be necessary to have the water works in operation before the end of the year. Many men were out of work, and they thought they had better get the piping in as soon as possible. The piping cost them \$1.25 per hundred weight, or about the price of iron. The contractors had estimated that if they waited for two or three months longer that the iron would have been some thousands of dollars higher. For had laid down thirty-one miles of pipe, from \$21 to \$22 per ton, while they had secured piping at \$21.50 per ton, had been on the streets where they were wanted. This was at least \$35 less than could have been obtained if they had waited for two or three months longer. They had not expected everything to remain so low as that for long. He had visited Hamilton during the week, and he was glad to see that the water works were being carried out there. From the fact that the water works were being carried out there, he thought that the water works in Guelph would be carried out in a very short time. He thought that the water works would be carried out in a very short time, and he thought that the water works would be carried out in a very short time.

Mr. Peterson stated what he thought the object of the meeting, and then he explained his personal observations. He was the only advocate of his pet scheme, and he read the mayor's lecture on trying to crush the free speech of the electors. He alluded to the poor execution of the scheme, and drew a picture of the scheme many had to carry out. He desired that other ratepayers should be treated in a similar manner. He advocated strongly the laying out of the scheme, and asked them to pause in this matter. He did not think the contractors could lose much, if they threw up the matter now. He didn't want his property mortgaged, and stated that a scheme establishing a water works in Guelph would be a more sensible thing to do. After some further remarks, similar to those already published, and his statements on the water works scheme, he sat down.

Mr. Cunningham again spoke as the seconder of the motion, but his speech was not relevant. Mr. Melvin defended the mayor, and the scheme for water works, and gave a detailed history of all the steps taken up to the present time. During the time he was speaking on the financial aspect of the question Mr. Hatch said that the town had floating liabilities at the time of the publication of the by-law, but Mr. Harvey who was appealed to, said there was not a cent of floating liability at that time.

Then a discussion between Mr. Melvin, Mr. Stevenson, and others, ensued, relative to the merits of the drinking water works, and the amount of revenue likely to be derived from the works when completed, but all these points have already been published.

Mr. Davidson stated his case, as the mayor had referred to him, and charged with the management of the water works, and had destroyed English foundry.

Dr. Keating spoke as to the revenue question, and also about the water for drinking purposes. He reiterated his former statements about the wells of English, and didn't think that hardly any revenue would arise from the water works.

Mr. Chase spoke as a ratepayer, and defended Mr. Peterson's financial position, which he had been attacked by Mr. Hatch. He sketched the progress of a large fire in Guelph, and made a telling speech in favor of the water works.

When he had concluded his remarks Mr. Hatch said he had said in the morning "most of them have come to pay to pay their debts," and Mr. Chase said firmly "pay their debts," and said that what was meant for Mr. Harvey and Mr. Stevenson also backed up Mr. Melvin's accuracy in detailing the various steps of the water works scheme. He didn't think what good it would do to carry the resolution.

Mr. Hatch wanted the motion put.

Mr. McLagan said he wanted to say a word or two before the motion was put. The total taxable property of the town was \$2,500,000, and the total debt of the town was \$100,000. The sinking fund to pay for the water works would be \$2,417,000, or 2 mills on the dollar. Therefore a ratepayer whose property was assessed for \$300, would pay only 60 cents per year for the water works. He then read insurance statistics, and said that a large saving would be gained to the taxable property of the town by the carrying out of the scheme for water works. These statistics have already been published.

After some crossing between Mr. McLagan, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Peterson, a short speech by Mr. Peterson on the insurance question, the motion was put. The chairman, Mr. Harvey, gave his decision that both sides have it; he couldn't see much difference. Customary close of the meeting.

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