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THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1888.

LOCAL MATTERS.

SPLENDID Sleighing.

THE ice is being harvested. It is a good crop.

"CORNER LOTS"—New complete story in this issue.

SAYLOR'S store is the place to get shoes. Just what you want, and cheap.

DIPHTHERIA.—J. W. Glendenning, of Woodstock, has lost his two children from diphtheria within a week. This disease is very common there.

SCOTT ACT CONVENTION.—A special Convention of the Scott Act Association will be held in the Baptist Church, Woodstock, on Thursday, the 26th inst., at 1 p. m. for the consideration of matters of urgent importance.

LADIES' BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Ladies' branch of the Ingersoll Bible Society will be held at the residence of Mr. R. Kneeshaw on Tuesday afternoon, 24th inst., at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is particularly requested.

DRY EARTH SYSTEM.—The dry earth system comes into effect in Woodstock in May. To mill water contaminated by privy vaults is attributed the great sickness which has been prevalant there for some time. Ingersoll should take warning in time.

DIED.—On Monday afternoon the body of Albert Bruce, who died in Toronto, arrived in Woodstock for burial. When the Northwest rebellion broke out he left Toronto for the scene of action with the Grenadiers and while there contracted a disease from which he has suffered intermittingly since.

THE MAYOR AND THE PREACHERS.—Mayor Buchanan got to be outdone by Ex-Mayor Howland of Toronto, invited the different ministers of the town to open the Council proceedings, on Monday forenoon, with prayer. Revs. Mr. Brown and Munro responded, the rest hardly knew in what light to look at the request.

DEATHS.—The total number of deaths in Ingersoll for the year 1887 was sixty-four, divided as follows:—Inflamation, two; consumption, five; diphtheria, five; spinal disease, one; cholera, one; softening of brain, two; still born, four; premature birth, four; typhoid fever, seven; old age, four; cancer, three; paralysis, four; scarlet fever, one; heart disease, six; drowned, five; inflamation of lungs, three; bronchitis, two; chronic diseases, two; convulsions, three.

SAFE BLOWERS.—On Saturday night, one or more "crooks" attempted to blow up the safe in Neelly & Durand's hay fork factory at Dorchester Station. It seems from the appearance of the safe door that the villains had the misfortune to break the bit with which they endeavored to make an entrance through the door of the safe, and that they were unable to get the broken piece either in or out. As a consequence they were forced to go away unrewarded.

A FRAUD.—A few months ago C. W. McAllister opened up offices at Tilsonburg, and elsewhere, and hung out a shingle inscribed, 'The National Law Protection and Collection Agency,' and on his windows printed, 'All debts not six years old promptly collected.' A number of storekeepers paid an initiation fee of from $3 to $6, and gave him accounts to collect, from which they never received any returns. Last week Mr. McAllister disappeared, and these men are out their money.

DIRECTORS MEETING.—The Annual meeting of the Directors of the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Co., was held in Mr. O. E. Chadwick's office, on Monday, 16th inst., at twelve o'clock. The following shareholders were present: Messrs. Brown, Rumsey, Gayfer, Browett, Dundass, Hearn, White J. M. Wilson and C. O. L. Wilson. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Thos. Brown; Sec.-Treas., C. E. Chadwick; Directors, Messrs. Rumsey, C. C. L. Wilson, J. Podmore, W. Dundass, J. Browett, H. Hearn, D. White, and J. Gayfer. Auditors, Messrs. Ewart and Tennant.

HENRY TAYLOR'S CASE.—The committal of Henry Taylor for trial lends a new aspect to the situation. Mr. Taylor will now be removed to a common cell, don the prison uniform and exist on prison fare. This will be a big change from the comfortable apartments he now occupies and where he is allowed his own meals, cigars and newspapers The case of Mr. Taylor was brought before the grand jury Saturday but he was not ready for trial, and it was postponed till the spring assizes. The bill embraced two counts one of misappropriating $5,900 and the other $10,000, money of the Ontario Investment Association.

HOW THEY STAND.—The matter having come up as to the standing of the Ingersoll town council on the Scott Act question, we have looked the names over with the following result: The members are all temperate men, but we believe there is but one pronounced total abstainer at the board. At least nine out of the thirteen are opposed to the Scott Act, the other four probably voted for it, but owing to the fraud it has been shown to be in this town, it is questionable whether they would again support it. They would probably think it better to have our $2,300 yearly revenue, with license than the present glaring fraud with no revenue.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—A rare treat for all may be expected from the series of five entertainments to be given during the winter in the church. A special effort will be made to make each a success. The entertainment will consist of lectures, readings, recitations, solos, choruses, &c. The fee is merely nominal. A family ticket for the full series only costing $1.00, or a single ticket for the series, 50c. It is to be hoped that the citizens will show their appreciation of the efforts of St. Andrew's Church Choir and patronize these meetings. The first of the series will be held on Friday evening, 20th inst., when the Rev. W. S. McTavish, B. D., will deliver his celebrated lecture on "Representative Women of History." Go and hear him.

CONCERT.—An open concert, under the auspices of the members of Samaritan Lodge, I.O.O.F., was given last evening in their hall, and was largely attended. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thos. Crawford, and the following excellent programme was gone through with:—Address on Oddfellowship by Mr. J. B. Jackson; duetts by Mayor Buchanan and wife; reading, Mr. Willson; song, Miss Scofield; Scotch recitation, Dr. Dickson; recitation, Miss Husband; songs, Mr. Jury; instrumental music, Scofield family; original poem, Mr. A. McLeod; reading, Mr. Joseph Gibson. Short addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Maitland and Mr. Hauls. The I.O.G.F. band was present and rendered several fine selections during the evening. It is the intention of the brethren to hold another concert in about four weeks.

ICE TRACK.—A speeding track has been laid out on Smith's pond by some of our local lovers of good horses.

FINE COLTS.—Mr. W. R. Burke is the owner of two Volunteer colts, and Dr. Walker has just purchased a Lapidist colt.

RE-OPENING.—The audience room of the Charles St. Methodist Church will be re-opened on Jan 29th. Rev. J. S. Williamson of Paris, will occupy the pulpit in the morning and Rev. Jas. Gilray of Buffalo in the evening.

BIGAMIST ARRESTED.—Geo. W. Saulter, who formerly belonged to the Salvation Army here, was arrested in Glencoe by the local police there on information furnished by Chief of Police Henderson. He was brought up before the P. M., on a charge of bigamy yesterday, and remanded to Woodstock.

SCOTT ACT CASES.—F. Haley and D. Stephenson, two of our local bar leasers, were sent down last week for non-payment of Scott Act fines recently imposed. J. Thompson of the McCarty house is charged with two offences, one has been proven and the other is held in abeyance.

RUNAWAY.—Mr. Geo. Thompson's delivery horse, while standing in front of the store over the river this forenoon, for some unknown reason took it into his head to run away. The sleigh was overturned and smashed into kindling wood. The horse was stopped near the Daly House without being seriously hurt.

TEA MEETING.—Remember January 31st is the night for the annual tea meeting and concert of the Ingersoll Baptist Church. This church has a reputation of making their annual tea meeting a grand success, and it is always well patronized We understand every effort is being made to even surpass other years. Further particulars next week.

S. O. FARMERS' INSTITUTE.—The directors have arranged to hold a two days' meeting in the town hall, Ingersoll, on Friday and Saturday January 20 and 21, to be devoted entirely to discussions of practical agriculture. Very valuable assistance has been definitely secured in the persons of Professors J. Hoyes Panton, M. A., from the Agricultural College, Guelph; Mr. Simpson Rennie, winner of the sweepstakes' gold medal for the best managed farm in Ontario; besides which a number of papers will be read by the best local talent. Every effort is being made to make this meeting both interesting and profitable to those who may attend. There is to be an afternoon and evening session on Friday, and morning and afternoon on Saturday. It is requested that the farmers will avail themselves of the privilege that is thus afforded them, as no real successful meeting can be held without a good attendance. The programme will be made as interesting and varied as possible. The sessions will all be free and everybody will be heartily welcomed.

A WONDERFUL PIECE OF MECHANISM.—There has been on exhibition two doors south of THE CHRONICLE office for the last week, a most ingenious and interesting piece of mechanism, called 'The Little World.' Almost every phase of life is represented amongst the figures. Motive power is furnished by a little chemical engine, and there are about 100 separate motions. Carpenters and bricklayers are busy erecting a house, closely watched by the architect, while another workman is sharpening his axe. A train makes a couple of circles and then stops to exchange passengers with a couple of steamboats that have been steaming around in the wave close by; the conductor steps out and gives a signal and train and boats go on their way again. A dozen bicyclists speed around a track, and occasionally spurt by each other. This part is one of the most curious about the affair. The exhibitor puts a walking cane across the track and the cyclers go over it without taking a header, or he can stop one of them and lift it off, and when it is placed on the track again it at once joins in the race. It gives a sort of a supernatural air to the work. Among other features are a couple promenading, blacksmiths tending a forge and trip hammer, a pile driver, a man on top of a ladder hammering, and many others. 'After the honeymoon' is shown by a door opening occasionally and exhibiting a woman belaboring her husband. It is a wonderful production, and may be looked at for hours before its details are all comprehended. It was made by a Scotch blacksmith in Australia, who spent 5000 nights in its construction and has made three fortunes out of it. He is at present living in Hamilton, having sold it to Messrs. Smith & Geddes, of Galt, who will keep it here until Saturday night. The show has been visited by a large number of ladies and gentlemen who speak in the highest terms of it.

OBITUARY.—In the death of Mr. Edward Barker, Oxford has lost another of its old pioneers. Edward Barker was born in Coventry, England, and was the second son of Mr. Wm. Barker, who, along with his family, came to Ingersoll in 1834. He remained here for a short time when he, accompanied by his brother Joseph, went to New York for two or three years. On his return he occupied a farm on the 1st con. of Dereham for a short time and afterwards removed to Ingersoll and engaged in the shoe trade. He was for a short time connected with the furniture business of his son-in-law Mr. J. F. Morrey, but owing to this failure of the firm was forced to go back to the shoe business, in which trade he continued until about two years ago, when he was taken sick and had to give up business. He had been ailing for some time past and in August last year went to Brantford, but owing to a relapse was unable to return, where he died on Wednesday the 18th inst., in his seventy-seventh year. Mr. Barker was married in 1829 to Miss Hill of Coventry, who still lives to mourn the loss of a beloved and affectionate husband. Mr. Barker occupied, at different times, important positions in the town council and school board. He was highly respected by all, who knew him and his death will be deeply felt by his sorrowing relatives. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. J. F. Morrey on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

C. P. R. CROSSING ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday night, about 7.30 p.m., a train coming into Woodstock ran into a sleigh crossing the C. P. R. track a short distance north-east of Woodstock, and struck it squarely with full force. The engine was brought to a stand as quickly as possible, and on investigation two men were found clinging to the cow catcher, with but few traces of the sleigh visible. The horses were afterwards found further up the road uninjured. The unfortunate men were placed on board the train and carried to the station, where they were recognized as William Hutchinson, lot 14, concession 15, East Zorra, and James Dell, of Huron street, Woodstock. Dell was at once taken to the Elgin House. Hutchison was placed in the station, and his friends sent for. Medical aid being summoned it was found that Hutchison was suffering from a double fracture of the right thigh, and severe injuries in the head. Dell received two fractures of the left leg—at the knee and lower down—while the right leg was broken above the ankle. He also received injuries on the head and left shoulder. Both men are suffering severely. Hutchison lay in the station house last night under the influence of morphine, groaning piteously and talking continually about his friends, his horses and his injuries. He answered all questions intelligently enough, but was unable to recognize anyone by sight or by name. He was removed to the Elgin House this morning. He will probably die, and it is doubtful if Dell will recover. Hutchison is a well-to-do farmer living on lot 14, concession 15, East Zorra. Dell lived alone in a house on Huron St., near the gravel pit. His father, Thomas Dell, is a well known farmer living on the 14th line, East Zorra.

PERSONAL.

Mr. R. J. Robertson has returned from Owen Sound.

Mr. T. D. Miller has returned from England.

Mr. E. Flood returned to-day from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Misses May and Minnie Stevens are visiting friends in Paris.

Mrs. Grey of Cadillac, Mich., is visiting her father-in law Mr. R. Grey.

Mrs. Patterson accompanied by her sister Miss Annie Kerr, left to-day for Westminster, B. C.

Mr. A. B. Ingram, M.P.P., of St. Thomas, is in town attending the meeting of D. A. No. 138, K. of L.

Mr. E. Casswell, of this town, was elected President of the Western Dairyman's Association at the annual convention held in Listowel last week.

Among those present from a distance at the Tilsonburg bachelors' ball held last week, were Miss Brown, Brownsville; Miss Vance, Miss Thornton, the Misses Stevens, Jas. Vance, H. Mason, H. H. Cragg, and G. L. McDonald of Ingersoll.

COLORED bedroom set, $2.75; cups and saucers, best stock, 95c per doz.; cups and saucers, seconds, 80c per doz.; tea plates, 40c per doz.; dinner plates, 75c per doz.

XMAS presents in endless variety. The largest stock ever opened for sale in the county. J. W. Holmes, importer.

EXIT COUNCIL OF '87.

Four Meetings of the Council—Two Letters from the Mayor—Committee Reports—Votes of Approval—Appointing the Town Officers.

The last business meeting of the council of 1887 was held in the council chamber on Thursday evening last. There were present His Worship the Mayor, and Messrs. Mills, Matheson, Berry, Richardson, Thompson, Vance, Morrison, Hoagg, Williams and Mason.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

ACCOUNTS

from the following parties were read:—Hegler & Jackson, expenses in Tunn suit, $79.54; Wm. Rice, meals to tramps, $5.75; R. Stuart, oats for team, $12.15; J. Gibson & Sons, stationery, $7.06; G. F. Gurnett, printing, $50.75; J. & G. O'Callaghan, repairs in market, $6.75; J. Brady, attending Court of Revision, $5.00; H. Rowland, stationery, $11.35.

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were read from the following:—B. Gray, saying that he had lost the sum of $5, paid to him for the use of town hall, and asking that the same be refunded; A. Matheson, resigning his position as chief of fire department; M. Walsh re income tax; Collector's report of list of widow's taxes; application of G. H. Cook and T. R. Mayberry, for the use of the town hall on 20th and 21st inst., for the meetings of the South Oxford Farmers' Institute, and J. W. Geddes respecting license.

BALLOT BOXES.

The following letter from the Mayor regarding the opening of the ballot boxes was read:—

Ingersoll, Jan. 12th, 1888.

To the members of the Municipal Council of the town of Ingersoll;

Gentlemen,—Once more I feel it my duty to call your attention to what I look upon as a very serious offence, having been committed by those from whom the people of this town have a right to expect better conduct. I refer to the action taken by certain individuals in defying the law and in overriding the statutes by going into the Clerk's office and tampering with the ballot boxes, and breaking the seal of the deputy returning officers, and counting the ballots, and otherwise doing that which the law plainly says shall not be done. This I look upon as a grave offence, and an insult to the people of this corporation, and I call upon you as a council to take notice of this and not allow it to pass without an expression of your opinion thereon. I may further say that this was not done through ignorance, as I was told to-day by reliable people that Mr. Watterworth had told them, since his bold act, that he had made an examination of the poll books and ballots, and even went so far as to censure a ratepayer for having voted against him, giving as his authority that he knew such was the case, that he had examined the books and papers and in that way found out how certain people voted. Now this may be looked upon by some of Mr. Watterworth's supporters as harmless amusement on his part, but when we take into consideration the fact of the ballot having been provided in order to maintain secrecy, and that in this instance one of the defeated candidates can truthfully assert to a voter that he has examined all the papers and thus charges him (the voter) with having voted against him, it is time the authorities should take hold of the matter and have the guilty parties brought to justice. We, as representatives of the people, should not lose sight of the fact that we are here to protect the poor as well as the rich, and when a rich landlord has been defeated for a position at the polls by the secret ballot, he should not be allowed to then go and make an examination of the books and ballots that should remain under seal, unless taken out by the County Judge on an application for a recount. Truly some of our citizens might circulate literature headed "whither are we drifting." If this council allows such conduct to pass by unnoticed, well might the finger of scorn be pointed at us as a body. Why if a poor man's child, in a moment of temptation, should steal an orange from a fruit stand, our brave officers of the law would land the child in the lockup, and a look of holy horror would be worn by those, whom I have no doubt will readily excuse this last act on the part of a defeated candidate, who has grossly insulted the ratepayers whom we represent as a council. I sincerely hope some action may be taken by this council without delay.

I remain yours truly,
M. T. BUCHANAN, Mayor.

REPORTS.

The following report of the fire brigade for the year 1887 was read:

1st. That the fire brigade was called out for the year twenty-nine times; worked at fifteen fires; three could not reach; seven chimneys and false alarms, and four times filling tanks.

2nd. The total loss during the year was $31,800; insurance, $10,700; net loss on insurance, $21,100.

3rd. The steamer is in good working condition and there are in service 1650 feet hose in first class condition.

4th. The hook and ladder wagon is in good running order, also the hand engine in No. 1 ward.

W. A. WOOLSON, Asst. Chief.

Mr. Hoagg, chairman of the industrial committee, brought in their report as follows:—

That the account of M. Walsh, for drawing agreement with Evans Bros. & Littler, amounting to $10, be paid.

That the clerk be instructed to render the account of the McKellar matter to the parties on the bond.

That the Hault Manufacturing Co.'s building is completed according to agreement and recommend they be paid the balance due them, after getting the town solicitor's certificate to that effect.

That we have had placed to our credit during the year the sum of $23,760, and have expended $22,370, leaving to our credit $1,390.

Dr. Williams, chairman of the finance committee, brought in their report recommending the payment of the following accounts: G. F. Gurnett, printing, $318 06; Rowell & Hutchison, stationery, $5 66; N.W. Tel. Co., telegrams, $3.76; Dr. McKay, expenses to Toronto, $8; T. A. Bellamy, advertising, $3; G. R. Pattullo, re debentures, 55c.; Wm. Tennant, expenses to Toronto, $8; A. N. Christopher, sundries, $4.

The report of the park committee, of which J. D. Horsman was chairman, showed that they had received $75 in appropriations and had expended $61.25, leaving a balance of $13 75 to their credit.

Mr. Richardson brought in the market and public buildings committees' report, recommending the payment of the following accounts: Wm. Thompson, $30 68; E. Bishop, 50c.; R. H. Young, $5; J. Livens, $1.26; M. Tinney, $2.25; S. King, $2.60; H. Goble, $63.72; J. W. Holmes, 55c.; A. H. Ellis, $2.39; A. McGill, $5.

We cannot recommend the refund for use of hall asked for by M. E. Church; nor the purchase of a table to be used in town hall.

The police committee, W. Mills chairman, reported, recommending the paying of J. Johnston, $7.50, and T. Henderson, $26.92; and showed that the town had received from T. Henderson, chief of police, $257 60, and from C. E. Chadwick $120 as town and county fees, for the year.

Mr. Thompson, chairman of the fire, water and gas committee, brought in their report recommending the payment of the following accounts: Ingersoll Gas Co., $132 64; L. Scofield, $1; J. W. Holmes, $15.15; Wm. Partlo, $1; J. L. Grant & Co., $6.70; A. H. Ellis, $3 32; J. Livens, $8.07; W. C. Bell, $6.84; F. Wilson, $3.55; Wm. Touil, $10; Gas Co., $11.31; R. H. Young, $8.43; Noxon Bros., $120; A. McGill, $395.

Mr. Matheson, chairman of the board of works, brought in their report as follows:—

That the following accounts be paid, J. & R. Miller $83 33, and A. H. Ellis $60.75.

That all the wards have overdrawn their appropriations as follows: Ward No. 1, $197; Ward No. 2, $237; Ward No. 3, $257; and would recommend that they be charged with the same on next year's acc't.

The several reports were upon motion adopted.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Matheson, the Mayor was authorized to settle the claim of Mrs. Eastwood against the town.

On motion $10 was placed to the credit of the indigent committee.

On motion of Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Hoagg, the petition of B. Gray re losing $5 was granted.

The Mayor objected and called for the yeas and nays. All the members present voted yea and the Mayor nay.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Mills, $50 was ordered to be paid to A. Matheson for services as chief of fire department.

On motion the account of Wm. Rice was ordered paid.

Mr. Mills moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that Dr. Williams, the Mayor and the mover be a committee to consider the Mayor's letter in regard to the tampering with the ballot boxes, and the council regrets the necessity of passing this resolution.

Dr. Williams didn't think they were the parties who should put the machinery of the law into operation in this case, and that the proper way to proceed was for some one to lodge a complaint.

Mr. Buchanan—Returning officers and deputy returning officers were appointed by by law, and their duties clearly defined in the statutes, and thought it was the duty of the council to enquire into this matter.

Mr. Mills thought the matter was a serious one, and if the ballot boxes had been tampered with, the matter should be investigated.

The motion upon being put was carried.

On motion of Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mason, the free use of the town hall was granted the South Oxford Farmers' Institute.

The Mayor was requested to leave the chair for a few minutes and Mr. Richardson occupied the same.

Mr. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Hoagg, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mayor Buchanan for the very efficient and masterly manner in which he conducted the proceedings in the council and the town affairs in general, during the last year, and feel sure that the same good judgment in government will mark his actions through the present year.

A standing vote was taken on the motion and it was heartily responded to by all the members present.

Mr. Buchanan, in replying, said it was a great pleasure to him to preside over the council of 1887, and he thought that no other Mayor in the Dominion of Canada had any better council to preside over than that of the town of Ingersoll. He had great doubts, at first, as to his ability to fill the position creditably. He couldn't find words to express his thanks to the council for the very able assistance they had rendered him in the discharge of his duty. It would have been a great pleasure to him if the whole of the present council had been returned for 1888, but thought the coming council would be a first-class one and that harmony would exist in the town for one year longer. This council had built monuments in the town that would be here long after they were in their graves. He heartily thanked them for the manner in which they had expressed themselves.

On motion council adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CONFIRMING THE MINUTES.

On Monday forenoon the old council met again and confirmed the minutes of the last meeting and passed the following resolution:

Moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mills, that the members of the council of 1887, who have been elected for 1888, desire to place on record their appreciation of the fearless manner in which they will existing between them and the retiring members of the council, and to place on record the conviction that the retiring members, though not always in accord with every other member, yet that they constantly, as they took their judgment thought, done what was to the best interests of the town.

FIRST MEETING OF NEW COUNCIL

The first meeting of the new council was held in the council chamber on Monday forenoon at eleven o'clock. There were present: His Worship Mayor Buchanan; Dr. Williams, reeve; L. Thompson, first reeve; W. Mills, second deputy reeve; J. W. Holmes, A. McGill, J. Morrison, councillors for Ward No. 1; H. Richardson, O. J. Mitchell, councillors for Ward No. 2; M. L. Stevens, R. W. Smith, S. King, councillors for Ward No. 3.

The Mayor stated that he had invited the town ministers to open the proceedings with prayer and called upon Revs. Mr. Munro and Mr. Brown, who were present, to do so.

Rev. Mr. Brown read, as a lesson, from the thirteenth chapter of Romans, first to seventh verses, and Rev. Mr. Munro followed with prayer.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Mills, Messrs. Williams, Mills, Morrison, King and the mover were appointed a committee to strike the standing committees for the ensuing year.

On motion of Dr. Williams the council adjourned until 7:30 p.m.

THE EVENING MEETING.

All the members were present in the evening, the Mayor in the chair.

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were read from C. W. Riley asking for use of council chamber on Feb. 2d, the occasion of the Masonic ball; from Thos. Henderson regarding the charge made against him for keeping tramps in the lock up for two or three days; from W. B. Wilson asking that the town pay the costs in the suit of himself vs. Hoagg, amounting to $31.55; account of five special constables for services on the 1st Jan.; from E. Wassell making an offer regarding the putting in of waterworks. A full report of which appears elsewhere.

The following letter from the Mayor regarding the duties of the council was read:

To the members of the Municipal Council of the town of Ingersoll;

Gentlemen,—As Mayor of this Corporation, I feel it my duty to address you as a Council, in reference to some matters which I consider requires the attention of the Council, and should be taken hold of and adjudicated upon early in the year.

1st. In the appointment of officers to fill the various offices necessary for the government of the town, I would respectfully ask that good, sober, reliable men be chosen for each and every office, irrespective of personal claims or any other influence. I make this request on account of having had experience in the Council, and having, on several occasions, been led to believe that the interests of the corporation were, to an alarming extent, jeopardized through the excessive use of intoxicating liquor by some of the officers.

2nd. I beg to suggest that each and every member take the trouble to acquaint himself with the duties of the By-laws governing the members of the Council and the officers of the town. This I look upon as a very essential duty for each member to perform, in order that he may be the more useful in conducting the affairs of the corporation.

3rd. The question of fire protection I consider one of the most important questions that this council has to deal with, and I would advise that you take the question up at an early date, and adopt whatever policy you may see fit to adopt early in the year.

4th. The question of bonusing industries should also be taken up at an early date, as it has never been decided by the council whether we should continue still further in that direction or not. This I ask the council to do at an early date.

5th. I would suggest that the council take steps to more clearly define the duties of certain of our employees—or officers, as they may be termed—as the changes which have of late taken place, leave certain officers without their duties being clearly defined by the council, either by by-law or otherwise.

6th. I wish to more urgently request that the members of the council try, on every occasion, to be present on time at meetings, as the by-law is very stringent on that point, and I intend carrying out the rules and regulations during the year as closely as may be possible under the circumstances, and nothing looks worse than for a few members to come here and sit till long after the hour for business waiting for a quorum. This is easily avoided, and I trust will not be practiced by the present council.

7th. I sincerely trust that every member of this council may, at all hours, and under all circumstances, so conduct himself as to bring credit to himself, and that there may never be found, during the year, any of the members conducting themselves in such a manner as to give rise to the suspicion that they are prompted by outside influences, as independence is, I believe, an essential qualification in any public man, without which he can never succeed.

Trusting that these few lines may have the effect of serving as a guide to assist you in the carrying out of the duties of your office, I remain, yours obediently,

M. T. BUCHANAN, Mayor.

The committee appointed to strike the standing committees for the year, through their chairman Dr. Williams, recommended that the following compose the different committees for 1888:

Finance and Assessment—Dr. Williams, H. Richardson, M. L. Stevens, R. W. Smith and S. King.

Board of Works—W. Mills, A. McGill, S. King, F. Stewart and Dr. Williams.

Public Park—L. Thompson, F. Stewart, J. Morrison, O. J. Mitchell and J. W. Holmes.

Market and Public Buildings—H. Richardson, L. Thompson, A. McGill, J. W. Holmes and R. W. Smith.

Fire Water and Gas—S. King, W. Mills, M. L. Stevens, J. Morrison and H. Richardson.

The council went into committee of the whole on the report and adopted it without amendment.

Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by R. W. Smith, that the use of the council chamber be granted to the Masonic ball committee on Feb. 2nd, as requested by C. W. Riley.

Mr. King moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Mills, that it be granted them on condition that it was only used as a dressing room.

The amendment was lost, the Mayor giving the casting vote.

On motion of Dr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the mover was granted leave to introduce a by-law for the purpose of appointing the town officers.

The by law was read a first and second time, read in committee, read a third time and the blanks filled in as follows:

Auditors, Wm. Ewart and C. H. Slawson, salary $20 each. Pound Keepers—Ward No. 1, A. J. McCarty; Ward No. 2, Walter Elliott; Ward No. 3, R. Prezell. Fence Viewers—Ward No. 1, G. Christopher and W. C. Bell; Ward No. 2, T. Brown and A. Snelgrove; Ward No. 3, R. Layton and H. Tobin. High School Trustee, Dr. Williams. Town Clerk, Wm. Tennant, salary $500. Assessor, Wm. McLeod, salary $225. Collector, J. Murdoch, 1½ per cent commission. A. N. Christopher, treasurer, salary $200.

Considerable amusement was created through the efforts of the members to get on the indigent committee. It was finally boiled down to Messrs. Holmes, Mitchell and Stewart.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Holmes, Messrs. Thompson, Mills and the mover were appointed a police committee for 1888.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, Messrs. Mills, Williams, Smith, Holmes and the mover were appointed the industrial committee for the ensuing year.

On motion $1000 was placed to the credit of the board of education.

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Morrison, the finance committee were instructed to ask for tenders for the town printing for 1888 from the different printing offices in town.

On motion of Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Morrison, Messrs. Smith, Williams, Mills, Morrison and the mover were appointed the railway committee for 1888.

On motion the council adjourned.

WATERWORKS FOR INGERSOLL.

A Scheme to Supply the Town with Good Water.

Ingersoll, 7th Jan., 1888.

To the Mayor and Council of the Town of Ingersoll:

GENTLEMEN,—Many ratepayers, among them members of your council of 1887, have discussed the desirability of supplying the town of Ingersoll with plenty of good water, and as the undersigned believe that a plentiful supply of good water would encourage and assist manufacturing and all sorts of town industries, besides supplying municipal and individual wants, both sanitarily and economically, the undersigned now beg to offer as follows, viz.:

1. Supply the town of Ingersoll (either by pumping the water into elevated tanks, reservoirs, or otherwise avoiding the risky system of direct pumping into the supply pipes) with not less than one million gallons every twenty-four hours, of good pure water.

2. Place fifty hydrants at the disposal of the town of Ingersoll at the places mentioned in exhibit "B" herewith, or other convenient places, to be used for municipal purposes only, such as putting out fires, watering streets, public fountains, etc.

3. Supply water for all purposes at reasonable rates, comparable with other towns.

4. Commence the waterworks within one year and have them completed within two years of the execution of a legal agreement with the town of Ingersoll, or said agreement shall be null and void.

5. Provided the corporation of Ingersoll will first execute said agreement, vesting the undersigned, after the works have been completed, the sum of twenty five hundred dollars per annum, as rental for the sole use of said fifty hydrants. (This amount is less than one half the estimated cost of pumping one million gallons for town supply, necessarily including fuel, engineer and firemen's salaries, oil and waste, wear and tear, &c.

6. The said corporation to first execute an agreement to exempt said waterworks from all municipal taxes.

7. The said corporation to have the right to acquire by purchase the said waterworks at a valuation based upon the legally certified expenditure thereon, by giving one year's notice after the completion of said works.

"B" PROPOSED LOCATION OF INGERSOLL HYDRANTS.

No.	Location.
	Thames St. Hydrants.
1	Near Southern Limit
2	Corner of Catherine St.
3	Between Catherine and Ann Sts.
4	Corner of Ann St.
5	Between Ann and King Sts.
6	Corner of King St.
7	Between King and Charles Sts.
8	Corner of Charles St.
9	Corner of St. Andrew's St.
10	Corner of Hamilton St.
11	Near Noxon's Foundry
12	Near Grand Trunk Depot
13	Corner Victoria St.
14	Corner Catherine St. N.
15	Corner of Bell St.
16	Corner of Alma St.
17	Corner of Cathcart St.
18	Corner of Waterloo St.
	Queen and Charles St. Hydrants.
19	Corner McCarthy St.
20	Corner John St.
21	Corner Carroll St.
22	Corner Mill St.
23	Corner Duke St.
24	Corner Church St.
25	Corner Wonham St.
	King Street Hydrants.
26	Corner King and Merritt Sts.
27	Corner King and Burnett Sts.
28	Corner King and Church Sts.
29	Corner King and Duke Sts.
30	Corner King and Mill Sts.
31	Corner King and Carroll Sts.
32	Corner King and McCarthy Sts.
33	Corner King and Oxford Sts.
	Other Streets.
34	Corner Catherine and Mutual Sts.
35	Corner Catherine and George Sts.
36	Corner John and Victoria Sts.
37	Corner Victoria and Union Sts.
38	At Grant's Pork Factory
39	Corner Union and Bell Sts.
40	Corner Margaret and Bell Sts.
41	Corner Francis and Oxford Sts.
42	Corner Albert and Francis Sts.
43	Corner Concession and Mill Sts.
44	Corner Canterbury and Mill Sts.
45	On Canterbury near Smith's Pond
46	Corner Ann and Oxford Sts.
47	Corner Ann and Albert Sts
48	On Oxford St. between Catherine & Ann
49	Corner Oxford and Catherine Sts.
50	Corner King and Oxford Sts.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The annual convention of the County of Oxford branch of the W.C.T.U. was held in the Baptist Church here on Tuesday afternoon. About seventy-five delegates from different parts of the county were present. The secretary reported the work as being in a very satisfactory state of progress, twelve new unions in different parts of the county having been formed during the year. The afternoon was passed in discussing the different plans and methods of the work and the best way of furthering the same. The following officers were appointed for the year: President, Miss Garnet, Tilsonburg; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. Wallace, Woodstock; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Holtby, Woodstock; Treasurer, Mrs. Williams, Ingersoll; Mrs. Fawkes, Ingersoll, was also appointed superintendent of the temperance instruction branch of the work, and was instructed to see that it was introduced into the county schools as provided by law. In the evening a temperance mass meeting was held in the town hall, presided over by Mrs. Bates of Woodstock. The meeting was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Brown. Miss Fraine delighted those present with several pleasing recitations, exceedingly well rendered, and addressed the audience on the woman's work, dwelling on the evils of moderate drinking, the necessity of more earnest work on the part of church members, and the formation of a band of hope and temperance society for the children in our midst. The meeting was also addressed by Rev. Mr. Maitland on the prohibition question. He complimented the ladies highly on their work and was pleased to see that they were going to make a house to house visitation with the view of converting drunkards.

NOTES OF THE TURF.

The past has been a most prosperous year among Kentucky trotting horsmen. During the year 1,245 head of trotting horses were sold at public auction in Kentucky for $395,078, while the private sales will foot up at least that much more, one breeding establishment alone having realized over $50,000 on the sale of trotting colts and fillies in 1887.

The twin colts sired by Onward, Dam Adele Clark, formerly owned in Buffalo but now in Kentucky, will be two years old in June, and now stands about 15 hands, and weighed 1,375 pounds one day last week with nothing but their halters on. They are both bays, and it is almost impossible to tell them apart. Where is there another team in the world of horses the same age out of a mare and by a stallion that both have records of 2.25?

The California *Breeder and Sportsman* thus describes the record breaking performance of the 3 year old Sable Wilkes, by Guy Wilkes: "Once he jogged past the judges' stand, came back on his customary 'shack' when going slow, turned about the three in five distance, and before fifty yards were covered he was moving rapidly and with action which showed that limbs and feet were fully under control. The runner accompanying him was kept a little way in the rear, and 35 seconds was the mark of the first quarter. An acceleration of pace was visible on the back stretch, and 1.09 was the time for the half mile. The further turn was made in 35 seconds, which gave 1.44 for the three quarters. Hitherto he had been trotting so easily that it was evident that he had still a link to let out. The runner ranged alongside when the straight was reached, and Goldsmith began to drive. The