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THE AUDITOR GENERAL.

The Ottawa Government has got even with the Auditor-General. In order to mark its anger at his stand against their scandalous methods of finance, the Government has descended to the meanness of giving him the very lowest pension possible, when a much larger amount should have fairly been granted him, considering the length and value of his services. The country as a whole is not aware of the immense importance of having a strong, capable and absolutely independent man as Auditor-General. Very large sums have been saved the country, owing to Mr. McDougall's watchfulness, but in the future it is very doubtful if his successor will be equally successful, in view of the Government's action.

The law allows the auditor to object to a proposed payment when it is improper. But the same law permits the Government which has ordered the payment to overrule the Auditor's decision.

A committee of Cabinet Ministers, called the "Treasury Board," meets and decides that the payment shall be made, notwithstanding that the Auditor-General has proven that it is illegal, excessive, or whatever may be the fault with it.

The Auditor has claimed that this system is wrong, and has suggested that some authority other than the Government should interpret the law. To this proposition the Government has made reply by introducing a bill making it easier for the Cabinet to overrule the Audit Office. It is within the power of the Auditor to call for documents and evidence to prove that a charge is a proper charge before passing it. If the Auditor thus incurs delay, the Government, under its proposed plan, can pass the account over the head of the Auditor, or without any report from him.

The difference between the Auditor and the Government is, it will be seen, quite marked. By the officer it is contended that no accounts shall pass unless properly certified to, and that in case of dispute between the Government and the Audit Office, an independent tribunal shall find what is right. By the Government, on the other hand, it is claimed that there shall be no reference to an independent tribunal, and that the Ministers shall be at liberty to pay out whatever sums they please, regardless of the opinion of the Auditor with reference to them.

We believe the position of the Auditor is the correct one. His proposition prevents wrong-doing, and is in accordance with the practice of civilized countries.

DISTRICT DOINGS

BLENHEIM

Aug. 3.—In accordance with the wish of a number of the ratepayers Mayor S. H. Bacon has issued a proclamation appointing Aug. 17th as Civic Holiday for the town of Blenheim.

Miss Maude and Hattie Colborne and Miss Ruby Holland are in London attending the old boys reunion. Arthur Faust is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Faust. Art has a good position in Marshall Field & Co. stores in Chicago.

A lacrosse game was played on the fair grounds last evening between the Tecumsthes of Chatham and Kents Blenheim. It was a foregone conclusion before the game commenced that it would be a walk-over for Chatham, and so it was, the visitors winning by 6-3. Our boys were not in shape for lacrosse, not one of the team being in shape.

Rev. and Mrs. Baker, nee Miss Musa Dyer, who have been doing missionary work in Bolivia, South America, for some time, are visiting at Joseph Allison's.

Rev. Geo. McLean left on Tuesday for a short visit to Courtright. The services at the Baptist church on Sunday will be conducted by Mr. D. Baird and Mrs. Thos. Coatsworth; at Cedar Springs Miss Ada Seaman will conduct the services.

On Sunday next the regular quarterly sacrament will be held at the Methodist church.

John MacKay and family, of the Gore Line, have moved in the property they recently purchased from E. M. Thompson, corner Hannibal and Sandys streets.

John Hieneker, who has been out to Staveland, Alberta, on a prospecting trip, returned home on Saturday last.

Mrs. Beeston, of Chatham, is visiting her son, W. H. Beeston.

Miss C. Fox, of Detroit, is here on a visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaver.

Some false teeth look so natural that they ought to ache.

Many men get an idea they know a great deal through women's flattery.

THE LETTER BOX

DEBENTURES.

To the Editor of The Planet:

As you have stopped a discussion as to the actual cost of the Electric Railway bonus given by the city, by your editorial Wednesday night, I, of course, will not touch on that matter. But there are two other sides to the debenture question that, in my opinion, should be examined, or perhaps it might properly be called, exposed.

Those sides are, the bonus paid to the purchasers of the debentures and the amount of the debentures. The debentures are issued for \$50,000.00, repayable in 30 equal annual instalments of \$2,891.50, which total \$86,745.00.

Now, if the principal, \$50,000.00, be divided by 30 it will show that it will require \$1,666.66 2-3 paid annually for 30 years to pay off the original \$50,000; then if the interest of this thirty-third part be deducted annually, the total interest which will be required to pay off the entire \$50,000.00 will be exactly \$31,000.00; this added to the \$50,000.00 principal shows that only \$81,000.00 are required to pay off the loan in full. By the system used by the debenture purchasers it requires \$86,745.00, or \$5,745.00 more than by paying it off by the equal instalments of principal with the reduced interest each succeeding year.

Then, in addition, our debentures have not sold at par value, but at \$99.75 per \$100.00, a profit to the purchaser of \$12.50 more on the whole \$50,000.00, which, added to the other \$5,745.00 makes \$18,245.00, or nearly 12 per cent. of the \$50,000.00 for one year, over and above the original 4 per cent. that the debentures were supposed to have cost.

Then, as to the other side, in your editorial you state that the Railway Company consider that that \$50,000 loan is only worth to them in cash \$24,319.53. If that is the case, why all this haggling the people? Why borrow \$50,000 to go a round-about way to pay less than \$25,000? Why publish to the world that Chatham has added to her debenture debt \$50,000 which in the 30 years totals almost \$87,000 to pay off a present to the Railway Company of only \$24,320? Why not stop all this nonsense now and borrow the exact sum required and stop all this manipulation? How can the people think that they are being honestly dealt with when they are led all around the bush in this manner. And will it not be natural for them to ask themselves the question—Have any other of our debentures been handled on the same system as this one?

These, Mr. Editor, are matters which the people of this city will feel that they are interested in, as they undoubtedly pay the price.

W. K. MEERFIELD.

Chatham, Aug. 3, 1905.

CURE FOR HAY FEVER

The Central Drug Co. Say Hymel Will Give Relief—Sold Under Guarantee.

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Alas, Poor Girl!
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Whatever comes out of life is most easily put to life.

Egotism is a stranger to discontent.

Blood will tell for a blush often gives a girl away.

TOWNSHIP COUNCILS

CHATHAM TWP. COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Twp. of Chatham Council was held in Township Hall on the 4th day of July, pursuant to adjournment.

The members were all present and the minutes of the last meeting were read, adopted and signed.

A report was received and read from Robert Warnock, commissioner, Brown drain.

Petition for new drain proposed to be constructed on Con. 3, gore, at lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, signed by Albert Johnston and others, was received and read.

The Court of Revision on assessment roll was then taken up, considered and following resolution passed:

Moved by Templeton and George, that following changes be made in assessment roll as returned by assessor for year 1905:

E pt lot 8, con. 1, be reduced \$100. W h f e h f lot 22, con. 6, be reduced \$150.

E q r lot 22, con. 5, be reduced \$150. L f n h f lot 1, con. 10, be reduced \$300.

S h f lot 14, con. 7, be reduced \$250. P t lot 1, con. 19, be reduced \$150.

P t lot 15, con. 1, gore, be reduced \$200.

T. Kenny's pt lot 15, con. 1, gore, be reduced \$200.

W p t lot 14, con. 1, gore, be reduced \$50.

S h f lot 16, con. 1, gore, be reduced \$300.

And the assessment as thus amended be confirmed and the court finally closed.—Car.

Moved by Templeton and George, that the petition of Albert Johnston and others for a new drain be entertained, and if the Clerk find a majority of the names of the owners in the area described to be on the petition to notify W. G. McGeorge, C. E., to make an examination and survey of the site and location of the proposed drain and make a report thereon as soon as convenient.—Carried.

Moved by Abraham and Irwin, that the matter of the Haggerty arrears of taxes be referred to the Reeve and Clerk with power to make a settlement.—Carried.

Moved by Irwin and George, that as a notice and petition has been received to the effect that the Campbell and Henderson drains have not a sufficient outlet from the Prince Albert drain to Little Bear creek, the Clerk notify W. G. McGeorge, C. E., to make a survey and to examine the said drain and report on the best means of repairing, or of constructing a new outlet for the said drain, and of the costs of the same.—Carried.

Moved by Abraham and George, that the Reeve and Councillor Irwin be hereby appointed commissioners to let and superintend the work of repairing the Gray drain, according to the specifications and profile of the engineer.—Carried.

Moved by Abraham and Irwin, that the Clerk advertise for the construction of a concrete culvert across the Louisville tap drain at the 3rd concession.—Carried.

There were a number of accounts passed. Meeting adjourned.

A. MCARTHUR, Clerk.

DOVER COUNCIL.

The Council met at the Clerk's Office, July 8th.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and adopted.

The Cadotte drain repair, and the Boyle drain improvement by-laws were read.

A certified statement of the Township Treasurer was, that H. N. Bechard, collector for the 2nd and 3rd divisions, has accounted for the total amount of his rolls for 1904.

Moved by Emery and Bourdeau, that the Cadotte drain repair by-law be provisionally adopted, and the Clerk serve printed copies of same on the ratepayers.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and Bourdeau, that Alex. McDonald be paid \$3 for help in surveying the Quillette drain east of McFarlane drain.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and Emery, that the Reeve and Clerk be appointed to attend to the matter of appeal to the county judge on Mills drain repair.—Carried.

Moved by Bourdeau and Boyer, that the Chatham Dredging Co. be paid \$336 for 56 hours' dredging on the River Road.—Carried.

Moved by Bourdeau and Boyer, that the Blonde Lumber Co.'s account of \$16.70 be paid, for material for two culverts re 5th Con. mechanical drain.—Carried.

Moved by Bourdeau and Boyer, that H. N. Bechard, collector, having accounted for the total amount of his roll for 1904, be paid his salary, \$90, and \$5 for extra work.—Carried.

The Council adjourned and met at the Town Hall, July 24th, as Court of Revision on the Brown drain assessment and for general business.

The members were all present except Mr. Emery.

Moved by Lewis and Boyer, that having considered the appeal on the Brown drain repair assessment and examined the appellant in evidence, the following changes be made in the assessment:—\$12 be taken off h f e h f 22 in 2nd con.; 33 ac. each off o pt s h f s lots 23 and 24 in 2nd con. be assessed at 50c. an acre, and 16-1-2 acres each of n pt s pts sh f s lots 23 and 24 in 2nd con. be assessed at 40c. an acre, and the Court of revision be closed.—Carried.

The Council met and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Vanance Cartier was heard in reference to the proposed improvement of the Boyle drain; from Lewis & Richards on behalf of George T. Crow re free ferry. The committee reported on the grievance of Wm. Handson and others. Mr. Bourdeau reported on the grievance of Jos. G. Thomas. The committee reported

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the estimated cost of repairing the washout of the 13th concession bridge over Little Bear Creek drain at \$30 and also reported on Donald Henderson's grievance. A notice was read from Mrs. Maria West re the Hendrick tap drain, which is badly out of repair, and requesting that said drain be put in an efficient state of repair.

Moved by Lewis and Bourdeau, that A. H. Patterson's account, \$1.85, be paid for supplies for Dolson Creek mechanical drainage work.—Carried.

Moved by Lewis and Boyer, that the application of Maria West to repair the Hendrick tap drain be entertained and that J. W. Shackleton be instructed to examine said drain, make an assessment, etc., and report to the council.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and Lewis, that Roderick McKenzie and John McDonald be each paid \$1 for pathmasters' returns.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and Lewis, that Judge Dowlin's account, \$5, be paid for hearing John Grant's appeal on Mills drain repair.—Carried.

Moved by Lewis and Boyer, that Alexander Kennedy be paid \$6 for help in survey of Clackett drain.—Carried.

Moved by Bourdeau and Lewis, that the council be appointed a committee to have the low parts of the Jacob road filled in and graded.—Carried.

Moved by Bourdeau and Boyer, that the Reeve and Mr. Lewis be empowered to sell the work on a derch along a portion of the 16th concession road between the Baldson street and Chatham and Dover Town Line.—Carried.

Moved by Boyer and Bourdeau, that Wm. Mills be paid \$15 for one year's rent of road across lot 14 in the 14th concession from May 12th, 1905.

Moved by Lewis and Bourdeau, that the grievance of Albert Crowder be referred to the commissioner of the third division with power and report.—Carried.

Some small accounts were paid. The council adjourned.

J. WELSH, Clerk.

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