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Special Attention given to the Collection of Commercial Paper, and Farmers' Sales Notes.
R. S. WILLIAMS, MANAGER.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

A Word or two About New Publications That Have Come to Hand.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE FOR FEBRUARY.

One of the most interesting features of the latest number of *Scribner's Magazine* is the first of two articles on "John Ericsson, the Engineer," contributed by William C. Church, to whom, at the inventor's own request, a large number of letters and documents were turned over to help him in preparing his biography. Herbert Ward, late an officer in the Congo Free State, writes for this number an article (with illustrations) entitled "Life Among the Congo Savages." "Through Three Civilizations" is an account by W. H. Mallock of a visit to a number of ancient Hungarian castles. The number also contains "A Day in Literary Madrid," by William H. Bishop; "An Archæological Discovery in Idaho," by G. Frederick Wright; "The Minnesota Heir of a Serbian King," a Consular experience, by Eugene Schuyler; "Through the Gate of Dreams," by T. R. Sullivan, and continuations of two serials. Poetry is contributed by Graham R. Tomson, C. P. Cranch, Archibald Lampman, Edward S. Martin, John Hay. "The Point of View" comprises articles on Browning, Men's Women, First Loves, College Men in the World.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.

The numbers of *The Living Age* for the weeks ending January 25th and February 1st contain Robert Browning, Brazil, Past and Future, and A Lumber-Room, *Contemporary*; Pope, and Robert Browning, *National*; Cardinal Lavigerie and the Slave-Trade, A Winter's Drive from Sedan to Versailles and round Paris during the Siege, Browning and Tennyson, and In the Days of the Dandies, *Blackwood*; The Romance of History, Jacqueline de Laguette, *Temple Bar*; Strangers Within our Gates, *Cornhill*; The Father of Low-German Poetry, Granville Sharp and the Slave-Trade, and A Ballad of East and West, *MacMillan*; Children and the Poets, *Leisure Hour*; The Cats of Ancient Egypt, *English Illustrated Magazine*; Housekeeping in Crete, *All the Year Round*; The Intellectual Effect of Old Age, *Spectator*; Browning's View of Life, *St James's*; with "The Green Door," "Zoe" and poetry. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price ($8) is low; while for $10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American $4 00 monthlies or weeklies with *The Living Age* for a year, both post-paid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

THE COSMOPOLITAN FOR FEBRUARY.

Two articles that will have intense interest for a great many of the readers of the February number of *The Cosmopolitan* are one by Grace Greenwood, "An American Salon," giving the author's "recollections of a series of *ante-bellum* Washington reunions," and a sketch by Murat Halstead of the life and character of Horace Greeley. Dom Pedro, the dethroned emperor of Brazil, is the subject of a contribution from the pen of Frank Vincent. "The Romantic Story of a Great Corporation" and "A Cruise around Antigua" are concluded this month. Other articles are as follows:—"A Gentle Maniac," a comedy, by George E. Montgomery; "Mr Joseph Pate and His People," by Richard M. Johnston; "Recent Developments in Gun Making," by Capt. Greer, of the U. S. Army; "The Development of Our Modern Costume," by Edward H. Bell; "Georgetown University," by John J. a'Becket; "King Carnival in New Orleans," by Mary Bisland; "The Vienna Burg Theatre," by William Von Sachs, and poetry. The *Cosmopolitan* Publishing Company, New York, are the publishers.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Opening Proceedings at the January Meeting.

Minutes of the Latter Portion of the Week's Proceedings—Reports of Regular Committees—Adjournment to June.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR TOM.

To the Warden and Councillors of the County of Huron:—

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present my annual report on the schools under my inspection for the year 1889. During the year I visited all the schools twice, and found the majority of the teachers doing excellent work. A few schools did almost nothing during the year. A statement showing dates of my visits is appended to this report. When visiting the schools I have endeavored not only to test the work done since my last visit, but especially when the teacher is beginning to help him in the discipline, management and instruction of his pupils. Several teachers, including some experienced teachers, do not give sufficient attention to government and discipline. Their pupils are never trained in habits of order, industry and self-control. In a properly conducted public school the child becomes a member of a community in which the will and convenience of the individual must not interfere with the good of the whole. He must be subject to laws and under the control of government which teach him to exercise self control and train him for good citizenship in after life. A teacher who cannot or does not secure good discipline should not be continued in charge of a school.

In the majority of our schools not sufficient attention is given to the health of the pupils. The schools are badly ventilated, poorly heated and not kept clean. The Provincial Board of Health in a report to the Minister of Education in Jan., 1889, says:—"During the cold season all schools in Ontario should be heated with steam, hot water or air heated by a furnace. A regulated system of introducing pure air into the school room and withdrawing foul air, should in all cases be secured. The drinking water used by the school children should be analyzed from time to time, and if found impure it should be immediately discontinued. We would especially urge scrubbing of the school floors *at least* once a week. Sweeping should *always* be done at night, the floors having been first sprinkled, and the seats and desks should be dusted with a damp cloth on the following morning. The desks, seats and walls should be kept scrupulously clean, the latter being brushed down with a damp brush or cloth weekly. In addition to this we recommend that all the cracks in the floors should be filled up with putty. The floors should also be soaked with boiling oil several times, until they become hardened. Hard wood floors are preferable. All privy pits should be cleaned out, disinfected and filled in with dry, clean earth. Where water or dry air systems are not used dry earth closets shall be constructed The construction of dry earth closets may be varied to suit circumstances, but the box or pail must be water tight for the excreta, and dry earth, coal or wood ashes or saw dust scattered over the excreta every day. Pure sand is valueless. Dirty floors and badly ventilated school rooms contribute to the spread of consumption. The bacili of tuberculosis rise with the dust, and enter the respiratory passages, to be introduced into the circulation. Thus the dread disease which heads the list in the rate of mortality in Ontario, causing about 12 per cent. of our annual death rate, may be propagated in the air of the school room." Trustees, teachers and parents should consider all these startling facts and examine carefully the condition of their school house and privies. Teachers and children are often surprised when I speak plainly to them of the danger to their health on account of the filthy state of the school room and closets. Many teachers and trustees never give any attention to these matters, and do not seem to care whether they are clean or not. It is part of the duty of the teacher to look after these things, and report to the trustees when they need attention. Many trustee boards allow, yes compel, delicate children to sit for hours each day in a room which was swept at noon or before nine o'clock. During 1889 at 8.55 a.m. I found on entering two of our best schools, under teachers of several years' experience, children sweeping in a cloud of dust which almost hid the sweepers from view. The pupils were called to their places at 9 a.m., the lower sash of the opposite windows raised as high as possible and the heated children from the play ground compelled to sit in dust and draught for hours. In many schools I find the same state of affairs. How long will children be forced to endure this?

SCHOOL HOUSES AND GROUNDS.—During the year two excellent brick houses were built in S. S. No. 10, Hay, one of them containing two good class rooms. In S. S. No. 4, Ashfield, a good frame building, veneered with brick, has been erected. Several school houses had new maple floor, improved desks, and other improvements made, adding greatly to their comfort and convenience. Many of the schools are poorly supplied with furniture and books of reference. A few schools have no globe. Two of the school grounds, one S. S. No. 4, Stanley, the other S. S No 14, West Wawanosh, are not fenced. In quite a number of the grounds in 1889, thistles, burdocks, etc., were allowed to go to seed. This does not speak well for those in charge of the school. I hope the promised text book on agriculture will condemn this practice.

EXAMINATIONS.—In July and December examinations were held at Goderich, Exeter and Dungannon for entrance to High Schools and Collegiate Institutes. At Goderich 69 candidates were successful, at Exeter 42, and at Dungannon 28. In addition to these, several from this inspectorate wrote at places outside this division, so that during 1889 over 150 young people from the schools of West Huron passed a much more thorough examination than was required of third-class teachers by the county boards fifteen years ago.

At the Model School examinations in December 61 candidates were awarded third-class certificates by the county board. The certificates of 13 others who had obtained second-class non-professional certificates were extended for two years in accordance with the regulations of the Education Department.

During 1889 a definite course of study for each of the classes in the public schools of Huron was prepared, and a copy sent to each school. I learn from the teachers of my inspectorate that this curriculum has been of great benefit to them, especially to the younger teachers. A set of examination papers for promotion was prepared and sent to each school in October. It is expected that by means of these examinations the work in the different schools will be made as nearly uniform as possible, and that the teachers will be aided in the difficult work of promotion. The examining of the pupils still remains with the teacher. I am convinced that these examinations, if properly carried out, will be of much advantage to the pupils of the public schools of Huron. I believe it will be well, if the Teachers' Associations of Huron desire it, to have a committee of three from each association to aid the inspector in preparing papers, etc., for future examinations.

I am sorry so many of the teachers do not comply with the school act in the matter of public examinations (see Public School Act, sec. 154, 8). Teachers who hold public examinations are amply repaid by the increased interest parents take in the school work. Trustees should see that these public examinations are held, and it is the duty of parents to encourage both pupils and teachers by being present. In several schools I was the only visitor during the year.

Two successful meetings of the Teachers' Institutes were held during the year, one at Exeter and one at Goderich.

I send herewith the usual statistics from all the municipalities except Colborne. The annual report from No. 8, Colborne, was only partially filled, and had to be sent back. It has not come back. As soon as returned I shall give the clerk the returns for Colborne.

ABSTRACT OF SCHOOL REPORT FOR EACH MUNICIPALITY.

	Ashfield.	Colborne.	Goderich Tp.	Hay.	Stanley.	Stephen.	Usborne.	W. Wawanosh.	Exeter.	Bayfield.	Goderich.	Total.
Total receipts for the year 1889	$9207.35	$6901.25	$6453.47	$10383.49	$6911.18	$7354.07	$5285.31	$3933.00	$4357.98	$1030.65	$5380.20	$66813.04
Total expenditure for "	$7499.74	$5931.84	$5931.77	$9572.22	$5243.08	$6193.50	$4771.80	$2898.74	$2996.61	$963.94	$5380.29	$56356.21
Balance on hand from 1888	$1044.00	$2113.24	$314.83	$1280.11	$765.85	$1035.21	$583.31	$409.09	$841.13	$270.65	.....	$9295.42
Amount paid teachers' salaries	$5363.35	$3430.15	$3930.00	$4955.00	$4590.80	$5018.52	$3724.35	$3011.11	$2096.60	$700.07	$3793.68	$46826.65
Rate per pupil for school age	$4.06	$5.76	$5.44	$3.83	$3.46	$5.13	$5.69	$6.88	$4.37	$4.14	$4.59	$5 21
No. of pupils on register, 1889	1337	720	1070	1499	923	1432	746	664	440	195	1143	10141
No. of pupils employed, 1889	1191	597	722	1292	712	978	654	436	443	160	825	9022
No. of teachers employed	17	11	10	16	14	13	10	10	6	2	13	132
Teachers holding public exam's	13	10	8	5	3	7	3	8	6	0	0	63
Teachers not holding "	4	1	2	11	11	6	7	2	0	2	67	50
Average attendance	49	56	49	49	51	46	53	50	66	52	101	55
Percentage of average attendance	258	338	197	421	83	83	57	53	252	16	16	1890
No. of school visits during the year	179	49	79	104	70	165	45	60	....	10	....	761
No. of trees planted "	$115	$110	$410	$500	$310	$430	$300	$425	$700	$450	$750	
Highest salary paid any teacher	$193											

If you desire any further information, I shall be pleased to furnish it on notice from the clerk.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN ELGIN TOM.

REPORT OF JAILER DICKSON.

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith I submit for your consideration a report of the prisoners at present confined in the county jail. These are 21—two females and 19 males. Of the females one, Mary Brady, is a vagrant from the township of McKillop, committed for six months for the seventh time on Dec. 5th. She is 57 years of age, weak-minded, and as far as we know entirely without friends. The other female is awaiting trial for murder Of the 19 males, three are insane, and have been examined, the necessary papers made out and they are awaiting removal to the asylum. Of the others, one is under sentence for larceny, two for assault, one for contempt of court, and one debtor. The remaining 11 are all vagrants. Three of the male vagrants are old and feeble, their ages being 67, 68 and 80 years. At present five males and one female are under care of the jail surgeon, all influenza, but only one severe.

W. DICKSON,
Jailer.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

Gentlemen:—The following report embraces all business from June 30th to Dec. 31st, that was under contract at your June session, and the following contracts let since:

Edward Sharman, vault for county registry office, $1245.

F. Gutteridge, Seaforth, wing wall to Egmondville bridge, $9.25 per cubic yard, total $322.77.

J. & C. Bear, Doon, bridge over Sauble river on boundary of Usborne and Hibbert, jointly with county of Perth, $5 50 per lineal foot; and mason work for same, to raise abutments, to Joseph Hambly, $50.

Other contracts for smaller jobs appear in the pay roll. All the contracts have been completed in a satisfactory manner, and the county bridges all appear in a good state of repair and likely to so continue during the present winter unless something worse than the ordinary freshets occur.

The following are the orders I have issued since the June session:

Robert Jamieson, first and second payments on contract for Wingham North bridge, $893; John Forster, bridge on Zetland creek, boundary of Turnberry and East Wawanosh, $86; George Hughes, approaches to Wingham bridge, $93; John Forster, furnishing and driving 30 piles at Kippen bridge, $92; John Forster, Rodgerville bridge, boundary of Tuckersmith and Hay, $195; Thomas Stewart, repairs at Bluevale bridge, $240; Chester Prouty, repairs to approaches and bridge on Stephen and Hay boundary, $15; J. J. Anderson, fence while erecting Wingham bridge, $12; Alex. Mustard, 1420 feet flooring at Bayfield, $17.75; John Glen, gravel on bridge south of Dungannon, $3; George Johnston, gravelling at Craig's bridge, Bayfield river, $5.50; Jno Forster, tightening Black's bridge and moving pile driver, $15.70; Robt. Jamieson, Huron's half for erecting Henfryn bridge, $196.50; Abry & Edwards, flooring bridge north of Kirkton, Huron's half, $20.30; John Walker, 80 yards gravel at Wingham bridge, $4.80; village of Exeter, gravelling bridge, $12; John Brennan, use of land for road while erecting Wingham bridge, $5; Richard Bailey, repairing Hall's and Bayfield bridges, $53.33; James Lockhart, repairing approaches to Grieves' bridge, $9; J. H. Cornell, approaches to Grand Bend bridge, Huron's half, $6.75; L. Hardy, repairing same bridge, $137.50; ditto, reflooring Black Creek bridge, $10; Robert Grieves, gravelling at Londesboro bridge, $14; Ben. Taylor, 23,500 feet flooring at Maitland bridge, $340.75; W. F. Kelly, repairing stonework at same, $63; Wm. Arbuckle, approaches to Zetland creek bridge, $13; Wm. Moor, making and fencing deviation road at Wingham bridge, $22; Wm. Mitchell, repairs to bridge on Howick and Turnberry boundary, $1.50; Richard Tichbourne, laying floor at Maitland bridge, $51.46; James Yates, spikes used at same, $23.55; township of Stephen, repairing approaches to Mud Creek bridge, Huron's half, $15; H. Junor, reparing stone work at Clinton bridge, $28.60; Robert Sharman, extras at County registry office, $57; James Moffat, repairing approaches to Morrisbank bridge, $7; John A. Mitchell, fencing approaches to Warren's Creek bridge, $8.46; Alex. Calder, flooring Blyth bridge, $38.20; John E. Sparrow, repairing approaches to Turner's bridge, $25.10; Wm. Aupett, approaches to Henfryn bridge, Huron's half, $7.50, Wm. Steep, repairs to Rathwell's bridge, $5.78; Jos. Neagle, repairing stone work of Manchester bridge, $26; village of Brussels, repairing bridge, $33.61; Robt. Jamieson, repairing Day's bridge, $18; Mark Cassele, filling washout on Wingham prairie, $15; Jas. Dunn, planking Bain's bridge, Ashfield, $8; Martin Whitty, repairing approaches at Kentall bridge, $5; Chas. O'Conner, ditto at Port Albert bridge, $6; William Walter, repairing Buckley's bridge, Ashfield, $15; Charles Barber, graveling approaches to bridges near Wingham, $45; D. McQuaig, repairs to Clinton bridge, $5.50; Wm. Moore, graveling at bridge on Wingham gravel road, $8.12; John Mole, cleaning drains, etc., Manchester bridge, $5; Goderich township, on account of bridge at Holmes' flats, $100; Wm. Glen, approaches and fence to Sauble bridge, $5; Alex. Fraser, Huron's half of approaches to Henfryn bridge, $28.50; Benj. Blair, approaches to Kippen and Mill road bridges, $4.50; James Paulin, flooring Mitchell's bridge, and repairs to Wroxeter bridge, $17.14; Thos. Stewart, repairing Bluevale bridge, $2.05; Wm. Dixon, repairing Grey's bridge, Tuckersmith, $6.50; R. M. Robinson, repairing ploughs broken in County work, $7; Wm. Wren, snow fences at two bridges near Chiselhurst, Huron's half, $18.50; Wm. Mitchell, flooring bridge north of Seaforth, $21.45; John Barker, graveling at Young's and Allan's bridges, $32.75; McLean & Son, reflooring and repairing bridges south of Wingham, $22.24; James Young, reflooring Manchester bridge, $38.25; James Gillespie, gravel at Blyth bridge, $13.06; Joseph Allinson, approaches to Clinton bridge, $6.

The total amount of orders issued from Jan. 1st, 1889 to January 1890, is $4,972.99. I have received and paid to County Treasurer for sales of old material, $41.

The following bridges should be rebuilt early in summer of 1890: Grey's bridge, east of Brucefield, and Buckley's bridge on L. S. road in Ashfield, as they are old and not quite safe for heavy teams. They are not more than 22 feet long each, and should be built of cedar throughout. The south span of Clinton bridge should be rebuilt, and a stone wing wall added to the north. I also recommend that inside shutters be put on the vault windows of registry office, to give greater security to the records.

JOHN ANSLEY,
Commissioner.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT,

containing the various financial statements, from which it appears that the sinking funds are almost wholly invested, there being a balance on hand of only $552.36. There was loaned out during the year $26,316, these mortgages bear interest at the rate of either 6 or 6½ per cent., and the total investments of the sinking fund now amount to $125,916. The estimated and actual receipts and expenditures corresponded very closely, the total unexpended balance being $951.12.

W. J. R. HOLMES,
Treasurer.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY.

The council resumed, pursuant to adjournment, the warden in the chair. All the councillors present except Messrs Proudfoot and McMurchie. The minutes of previous day were read and approved.

Moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr Bissett, that the warden and clerk petition the Dominion Government to appoint a permanent railway commission, and that the clerk telegraph the respective county clerks west of Toronto the action this council has taken. Referred to special committee.

Moved by Mr McKenzie, seconded by Mr Bissett, that the names of Messrs Manning, Kelly and Wilson be added to the special committee—Carried.

Moved by Mr Milne, seconded by Mr Oliver, that Christina McMartin, of Grey, an insane, indigent person, become a ward of this county. Referred to finance committee.

Moved by Mr Manning, seconded by Dr Rollins, that a committee of seven, viz: Messrs Cook, Kelly, Rollins, Eilber, Wilson, Sanders and the mover, be appointed to consider amendments to the rules governing this council, with the view of improving the same; that said committee be authorized to obtain the rules governing the county councils of the counties and submit a report at the June session—Carried.

A number of accounts and orders of road commissioners were referred to the finance committee.

Moved by Mr Eilber, seconded by Mr Beck, that the clerk be instructed to procure a copy of the Ontario Statutes for the present year for each reeve and deputy reeve in the council, to become the property of their respective municipalities. Carried.

The account of C. Prouty was referred to the finance committee.

Moved by Mr Wilson, seconded by Mr Kelly, that the road and bridge committee be instructed to report as to the advisability of retaining the services of a county engineer. Carried.

The council then adjourned.

At four o'clock the council resumed, the warden in the chair.

The report of the road and bridge committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE

recommended (1) that the engineer act with the engineer of Perth in having a bridge over the Maitland on boundary of Grey and Elma, 4th con. (2) that the Council send no deputation to Toronto re widening sleighs; (3) that Grey bridge and Buckley's bridge be rebuilt as recommended, and the north span of Clinton bridge rebuilt. (4) that the engineer's report be printed in the minutes and the repairs recommended carried out (5) that the Council retain a county engineer.

THOMAS GREGORY,
Chairman.

The application of Mr Wilson for the use of the spile driver was read and granted.

The account of Andrew Sproul was referred to the finance committee.

A circular and book on financial calculations of Mr Wm. Powis were referred to the finance committee.

A telegram from the warden of Bruce re two sessions of council per annum was read.

Moved by Mr Wilson, seconded by Mr Sanders, that in reply to the telegram sent by the warden of Bruce asking whether the adoption of only two sessions per annum is working satisfactorily we state that there is a division of opinion in this council, but that the majority is favorable to two sessions. Carried.

Moved by Mr Dulmage, seconded by Mr Graham, that the special committee make a representation in reference to the difficulty of obtaining a conviction under the Hawkers' and Pedlars' Bylaw in case of an appeal from the local magistrates' decision, and that their finding be submitted to the Provincial Legislature, praying for amended legislation to make the Act workable. Referred to the special committee.

Moved by Dr Rollins, seconded by Mr Ratz, that the warden and clerk memorialize the Ontario Government, asking that legislation be provided whereby the cost of the Ontario school system may be materially reduced, as this council is of opinion that our school system has become burdensome from the multiplicity of calls on public funds for its maintenance, and that copies of this motion be sent to each of the members of the county of Huron in the Ontario Assembly. Carried.

Moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr McLean, that in the opinion of this council the amount realized by the registrars in large counties in Ontario is excessive, and that some legislation should be enacted whereby the fees for registration should be lessened or a larger percentage should be paid into the county treasury; that a copy of this motion be sent to the Attorney-General of Ontario, W. R. Meredith, M.PP., and also to each of the members representing this county in the local Assembly. Carried.

The report of the school and printing committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF SCHOOL AND PRINTING COMMITTEE

recommended (1) that the tender of F. G. Neelin for the county printing be accepted, the rolls to be of as good quality as those of 1889, and all work to be done to the satisfaction of the county clerk. (2) that the report of J. E. Tom, Inspector of schools in West Huron, be adopted and printed in the minutes and that 150 copies of said report in pamphlet form be printed at same price as for minutes of Council sessions, for distribution by the Inspector. (3) that the usual advertisements for County Council meetings, teachers' examinations, etc., be inserted in all the local papers.

D D. WILSON,
Chairman.

The report of the special committee was read, when the council went into committee of the whole, Mr Castles in the chair. The report was adopted and the warden resumed the chair, when the report was adopted by the council.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee recommend that the Warden and Clerk sign the petition received from the County Council of the county of Brant in regard to the exemption of certain stock from taxation, and forward same to Hon. A. M. Ross for presentation.

That no action be taken upon the petition received from the County Council of the county of Welland in regard to assessment of railroad property.

That we recommend the adoption of the resolution in favor of the appointment of a railway commission, moved by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Bissett. And we also recommend that the memorial of the County Council of the county of Simcoe upon the same matter be signed by the Warden and Clerk and duly forwarded.

We recommend that no action be taken upon the letter of Chas. Chamberlain asking this Council to join in petitioning for an act imposing a license fee on owners of non standard stallions doing public service.

That the petition received from Senator McCallum relating to amendments to the Railway Act so as to compel railway companies to permit of all necessary drains across their lands being constructed and repaired, and further to compel said companies to contribute towards such construction and repairs, be signed by the Warden and Clerk and duly forwarded for presentation with the amendment noted.

That the memorial of Dr. Ure and others in regard to a house of industry stand over for consideration at the June session, as legislation may take place upon the subject at the present session of the Legislature.

In regard to the letter of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities referring to one Thos. McPhail, we recommend that the clerk be authorized to make suitable arrangements for his keep at a rate not exceeding $2 per week, and that if this cannot be done he be allowed to remain at the gaol.

That in view of possible legislation upon the matter of hawkers' and pedlers' licenses no action be taken upon the motion of Mr. Dulmage, but that in any special case the Warden be empowered to employ the County Solicitor to conduct proceedings against parties violating our law.

That in the matter of the report of the delegates to the convention on Tax Exemptions and the circular of the Provincial Secretary in regard to the same, your committee have answered said questions and herewith submit said questions and answers to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H MANNING, Chairman.

On motion of Dr Rollins, seconded by Mr Mooney, the council adjourned until 10 o'clock a.m. the following day.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

The council met pursuant to adjournment, the warden in the chair. All the members were present except Messrs Proudfoot and McMurchie. The minutes of the previous day's meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mr Kelly, seconded by Mr Lochart, that the treasurer be requested to procure a duplicate return from the registrar in accordance with section 107 of the Registration Act, and that the clerk have the same printed in the minutes annually. Carried.

The application of the reeves of Wingham for the use of the spile driver was read and granted.

The account of F. Jordan was referred to the finance committee.

The report of the goal and court house committee was read and adopted.

JAIL AND COURT HOUSE

To the Warden and Council of the County of Huron:

Your Jail and Court House Committee beg to report as follows: That they have visited the jail and found everything neat and clean and the prisoners well satisfied with the treatment they receive from the officials. We have found the jailers report correct and recommend that it be printed. We recommend that the following articles be supplied for jail use: three dozen towels, one dozen shirts, one-half dozen chemises, one dozen sheets, one dozen pillow slips, one-half dozen bed ticks, one dozen pillows (ticking for), three dresses, three underskirts, sewing for the above, and four cords of dry wood.

We recommend that a porch be built under the engineer's supervision over the door of the dining room on the south side of the jail, as the snow and rain drift in so as to flood the floor. This could be effected at a small cost and would be a great improvement.

We visited the registry office and consider the new addition has been completed in a satisfactory and substantial manner. We recommend that the old shelving 9 ft., 8 in. wide be placed along the east side of the new addition and the balance of space on the same side be fitted up with new shelving. We would recommend as a matter of safety that inside iron shutters for four windows be supplied as soon as possible under the superintendence of the engineer.

We recommend that inside windows be placed in the office of the Deputy Clerk of the Crown, as the windows as they now are allow the wind to play freely through the room.

With regard to the sheriff's communication in reference to Mr. Justice Rose's demand at last assizes for better lighting the Court House, as this matter has been repeatedly referred to, we recommend that a committee composed of County Clerk Adamson and Reeves Proudfoot and Beck, be appointed to have the Court House properly supplied with electric lights. Also that hose be procured to connect with the water pipe to wash the windows, also a water service in the Judge's private room upstairs.

With regard to the heating of the Court

OVERSTOCKED WITH WINTER GOODS!
Sweeping Reductions
will be made in all lines of
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