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## MINUTES

*Of the Proceedings of the Municipal Council, of the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, at the Special and General Sessions.*

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, October 19th, 1852.

The Municipal Council for the United Counties, met pursuant to public notice, at the Huron Hotel, Goderich, for the special purpose of passing a By-Law to authorize the Warden to issue Debentures to the amount of £125,000, for the purpose of taking Stock in the Buffalo and Brantford Railway.

PRESENT.

WILLIAM CHALK, Esquire, Warden in the Chair.

Messrs. MITCTELL, WALLACE, LAMB, CORBETT, WALKER, GIBBINGS, GOURLEY, MILLER, SMITH, (Downie.) Messrs. HAMILTON, DAVIDSON, PENTLAND, COLE, RYAN, McGOEY, HAYS, HOLMES,

The following documents were received and referred to a select Committee seven.

1 Letter from J. W. Gwynne, Esq., to the Warden.

2 and 3 Letter from J. W. Gwynne, Esq., Solicitor of Toronto and Guelph Railroad, to the Warden and Municipal Councillors of Huron, Perth and Bruce.

4 Letter from Secretary of Toronto and Guelph Railroad to Warden.

5 Bill to authorize the Brantford and Buffalo Joint Stock Railroad Company, to construct a Railroad from Fort Erie to Goderich.

6 Bill to establish a consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for Upper Canada.

7 Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, That a Committee of five be appointed to examine and report upon the documents submitted on the subject of the Railroad—carried. On a ballot being taken the committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Smith, Mitchell, Wallace, Lamb and Holmes.

8 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Hays, That Mr. Alexander Hamilton and Dr. Cole be added to the Railroad Committee—carried.

The Council adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning, to allow the above Committee time to report.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, October 19th, 1852.

The County Municipal Council met for general purposes pursuant to advertisement to that effect.

PRESENT.

WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., Warden, in the Chair.

Messrs. MITCHELL, WALLACE, LAMB, CORBETT, WALKER, GIBBINGS, GOURLEY, MILLER, SMITH, (Downie,) with G. ADAIR, Esq., Reeve for Blanshard, in the place of J. ROBINSON, Esq., resigned; also, Wm. ROBINSON, Esq., Deputy Reeve for the same Township. Messrs. HAMILTON, DAVIDSON, PENTLAND, COLE, RYAN, McGOEY, HAYS, HOLMES,

9 Certificate of Township Clerk, Blanshard, in favor of Mr. Adair, as having been appointed Reeve, and of his having taken the oath of office.

10 Oath of office of Mr. William Robinson, and copy of Collector's Roll, for the Township of Blanshard.

11 Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Wallace, That a committee of five be appointed to examine the certificates of the Reeve, and Deputy Reeve, from Blanshard, and other papers connected therewith—carried. On a ballot being taken, the committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Hays, Miller, Ryan, Smith and Holmes.

12 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Hays, That the Council do adjourn until eleven o'clock to-morrow.

13 Moved in amendment by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, That the Reeves from the County of Perth, adjourn to allow the proposals submitted by the Provisional Council of the County of Perth, to be taken into consideration by the Reeves of Huron and Bruce.

The amendment was lost by a majority of five, the motion was consequently carried, and the Council adjourned in terms of the same.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, 20th October, 1852.

The Council met.

PRESENT

WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., Warden, in the Chair.

Messrs. MITCHELL, WALLACE, RASTALL, CORBETT, SMITH, (Downie) GOURLEY, GIBBINGS, MILLER, RYAN, DOIG, Messrs. WALKER, HILL, HAMILTON, PENTLAND, DAVIDSON, COLE, LAMB, McGOEY, HAYS, HOLMES,

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved of.

14 Report of the Committee appointed to report on the election of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve for Blanshard, was received read and adopted.

Mr. Adair Reeve for Blanshard took his seat at the Council Board.

The Council adjourned till four o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, H., P. & B.

COUNCIL ROOM, 20th October, 1852.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment from yesterday to take into consideration the special business upon which yesterday's meeting was called, relative to the passing of the By-Law for raising £125,000.

PRESENT.

WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., Warden, in the Chair.

Messrs. MITCHELL, WALLACE, RASTALL, CORBETT, SMITH, (Downie,) GOURLEY, GIBBINGS, MILLER, RYAN, ADAIR, DOIG, Messrs. WALKER, HILL, HAMILTON, PENTLAND, DAVIDSON, COLE, LAMB, McGOEY, HAYS, HOLMES,

15 Report on Railroad matters was received read and referred to a committee of the whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Rastall to the Chair.

16 Report of the Committee was read, when it was moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Wallace. That the Report be adopted, on the *yeas* and *nays* being taken, there voted for the adoption of the Report Messrs. Mitchell, Wallace, Chalk, Smith (Downie) Gourley, Gibbings, Miller, Hill, Hamilton, Pentland, Davidson, Cole, McGoey, Hays, Holmes, 15. Against the Report, Messrs. Corbett, Lamb, Doig, Walker, Adair, Ryan, 6. The adoption of the Report was carried by a majority of nine.

The committee rose and the Warden resumed the chair.—By-Law No. 5 entitled, "By-Law to authorize the Warden of the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, to issue Debentures in payment of twenty-five thousand shares of the *Increased Capital Stock* of the Brantford and Buffalo Joint Stock Railroad Company," and which had been advertised in the Local newspapers for upwards of three months, containing the necessary notice in terms of the Statute, was read, and the report of the Committee on Railroad matters again read, when it was

17 Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Wallace, That the By-Law now read do pass, and that the Report of the committee be confirmed. On the *yeas* and *nays* being taken, there voted, *yeas* Messrs. Mitchell, Wallace, Rastell, Lamb, Smith (Downie), Gourley, Gibbings, Miller, Doig, Hill, Hamilton, Pentland, Davidson, Cole, McGoey, Hays, Holmes, 17. *Nays*, Messrs. Corbett, Walker, Adair, Ryan, 4. The motion was consequently carried by a majority of 13.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, H., P. & B.

COUNCIL ROOM, 20th October, 1852.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Warden in the Chair, and the same parties present as in the forenoon.

18 Petition of Leonard Peck and others, was referred to Finance Committee.

19 Four documents from the Provisional Council of the County of Perth, were received, read, and referred to a committee to be appointed.

20 Moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Rastall, That a Committee of five be appointed of the Reeves of Huron and Bruce, to take into consideration the proposals of the Provisional Council of Perth, and report thereon—carried.—On a ballot being taken the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Hays, Wallace, Holmes, Lamb and Cole.

21 Three documents numbered 1, 2 and 3, were referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

22 Surveyor's Report referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

23 Specifications and plans of Maitland Bridge, were referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

24 Moved by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Pentland, That a Committee of five be appointed on Roads and Bridges—carried. On a Ballot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Ryan, Wallace, Mitchell, Miller and Hill.

The following documents were referred to the Finance Committee.

25 Account of Messrs. Molesworth and Perceval, for Plans and sections of Wire Suspension Bridge.

26 Account of Hugh Scobie, Esq., Stationery for Treasurer's Office.

27 Account of Hugh Scobie, Esq., for printing, &c.

28 do *Huron Loyalist* for advertising.

29 do *Huron Signal* for advertising and printing.

30 Letter and account from John Galt, Esq.

31 Account (sudden breach) certified by Mr. Holmes.

32 do do do Mr. McGoey.

33 do Thomas Mowbray for building Bridge over Wairens Creek.

34 Account of Thomas Rawland, printing.

35 do William McDonald, assisting County Surveyor.

36 do Joshua Calloway, repairing Bayfield Bridge.

37 do Henry Beacom, repairing Bridge between Hullett and Goderich.

38 Account of William Phillips, making crossway between Ashfield and Wawanosh.

39 Account of J. M. Graham, Stationery.

40 do William McDonald, (sudden breach) certified (in part) by Mr. Mitchell.

41 Account of Charles McNicholl, (sudden breach) certified by Mr. Mitchell.

42 Account of James Blake, (sudden breach) certified by Mr. Ryan.

43 Memorandum relative to building Bridge over the Maitland.

44 Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Miller, That a Committee of Five on Finance be appointed—carried. On a ballot being taken, the Committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Hill, Smith, Holmes, Corbett and Cole.

The Council adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden, Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, 21st October, 1852

The Council met.

PRESENT:

WILLIAM CHALK, Esq., Warden, in the Chair.

Messrs. MITCHELL, RASTALL, GIBBINGS, GOURLAY, MILLER, DOIG, WALKER, ADAIR, PENTLAND, WALLACE, Messrs. DAVIDSON, RYAN, McGOEY, COLE, HOLMES, LAMB, HAYS, SMITH (Downie,) HAMILTON, HILL.

The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved of.

45 Petition of Isaac Adamson and others, referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

46 Letter and other documents from Commissioner of Canada Company, referred to Finance Committee.

47 Treasurer's Report, Abstract of accounts to 1st October, and correspondence with Canada Company—referred to Finance Committee.

48 Moved by Mr. Gourlay, seconded by Mr. Doig, That whereas the late George Brown, Senior, Esq., was one of the Sureties of George Brown, Junior, Esq., Treasurer of the United Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, this Council therefore require that George Brown, Junior, Esq., furnish a Bond with Sureties to the satisfaction of the Warden and Council for his office as Treasurer of these Counties—carried.

49 Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Wallace, That whereas the Warden of these Counties was instructed by this Council to sign certain Debentures to the amount of £30,000 for the purpose of Gravelling the leading roads in these Counties, and whereas the Warden did sign such Debentures, and whereas the By-Law authorizing such, has been repealed, this Council, therefore, request that the said Debentures be brought before this Council and destroyed—carried.

50 Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Corbett, That the Surveyor be instructed to let the contract of building the Bridge on the Big Sauble between the Townships of Stephen and McGillivray immediately—referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

51 Moved by Mr. Pentland, seconded by Mr. Davidson, That the line of Road betwixt the Townships of Ashfield and Wawanosh, and betwixt the Townships of Wawanosh and Colborne be included in the line of Road to which the By-Law for sudden breaches will apply—referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

52 Moved by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Gourlay, That the County Surveyor be instructed to put the Bridge over the River Thames at Mitchell in such a state of repair as will ren-

## Literature.

### UNDER THE STUMP.

OR SAMPSON KEPPER'S COURTSHIP.

Any shrewd observer of men and manners would have immortalized his name in Grassborough, by explaining clearly and satisfactorily why Mr. Sampson Kepper remained a bachelor at the age of two score.

The facts of the case are as follows we think;—

Samson Kepper, Esq., at five and twenty, was looked upon as a prize by all the marriageable young ladies of Grassborough—possessed of good looks, an excellent farm, agreeable manners, and a large comfortable house, a pair of whiskers, and two yoke of oxen, Samson could have taken his pick among the maidens of Grassboro' any one of whom would have been delighted with his preference. He was a kind hearted man, was Sampson; and I have often heard him described as having distinguished fondness for gooseberry pies, nice children, fine horses and ladies in general.

At that very delightful age—five and 20—he actually betrayed an inclination for conjugal happiness.

He commenced paying his distresses to the amiable Miss Lucretia Lane; a worthy and pretty lady; who it was said by every body—except a multitude of rival beauties. would make him a most excellent and amiable wife.

Now Sampson waited on Lucretia—and courted her, as the Grassborough gossips termed it for five years; and it was well known to Samson's friends that more than fifty times he was on the point of offering her his hand.

But Samson did not make such an offer for reasons which Grassboro would have been glad to know.

The Lanes lost patience with the heir of the house of Kepper. Lucretia, they said was at his disposal; but they could see no sense in requiring years to make up his mind to marry.

They threw out certain hints, which offended Samson and distressed his faithful mistress; hints designed to hasten the approach of lazy-paced hymen, but which had the effect of a chilling shower bath on the ardour of Mr. Kepper. He avoided her sight for a month. At the end of that time convinced of the impossibility of living without her, he called upon her one Sunday night, as in former days. To his astonishment he found her occupying the little parlour in company with Mr. Brooks a wealthy widower of thirty five.

Mr. Brooks and Lucretia sat together in the chimney corner, and Samson in a seat opposite.

Fine evening, said Samson in an awful voice.

'Nay,' said Lucretia changing color rapidly and then casting a glance at the back log.

It was snowing and blowing at a great rate.

The widower settled down his chin in his neck cloth; with a pompous air, and tried to look unconcerned.

Lucretia changed colour, coughed and moved about in her chair, as if she had eaten something which had distressed her while Mr. Kepper glanced uneasily from his hat to the door, and back; twirled his thumbs, picked his teeth, pulled up his shirt collar, wriggled around on his chair as though he had sat down on a kettle of hot soap, and dare not rise,—and acted like any timid young man, who intended to go to an oyster supper, should find himself snugly ensconced in the centre of a Quaker meeting.

'Hem,' thought I'd call in, and see how you were, observed Samson, after a long pause, turning in his chair and crossing his legs.

'Thank you—hope you will—come often said Lucretia.

Not another word was spoken for half-an hour.

At length Samson, after a series of Preliminary 'hems,' and anxious glances at his hat, managed to summon courage to say—

'Guess I'll be going,' and a move for the door.

'What is the hurry?' asked Lucretia in a feeble voice.

O nothing particular—guess that I had—had much better be agoing. Good evening.

Good night.

Stumbling over a chair in his endeavors to appear unconcerned, and buttoning on the right hand lappel of his sturtout to the left hand tassel of his dress coat; an error he did not discover till he reached his own door—he took his departure leaving Lucreaia with the widower in a ragular courting attitude.

No sooner was our hero gone, than Miss Lane, who kept gradually hitching her seat from the widower, made an errand to the fire, an excuse for hitching it back again.

'Nice young man,—Mr. Kepper,' observed the widower, glancing at Lucretia, and laying his arm upon the back of her seat.

'Nay,' said she placing a stick on the fire.

Mr. Brooks then happened to perceive that the glow of the fire made her cheeks red.

'Used to be pretty neighbourly, I understand?'

'Yes.'

Lucretia was crimson.

'Only a friend I suppose.'

'Oh, no.'

'Hem! and if I should—that is, if any one else should wish to marry——

'What.'

'If any one else should wish to marry you why, I suppose that he would be in the way eh?'

'I don't know why he should,' faltered Lucretia.

The widowers arm slipped from the top of the chair, and fell, somehow, around her waist; and the widower being an absent minded man, neglected to put it back again.

Would anything else be in the way, my dear?'

'That's according'——

'Oh how the fire did glow into Lucretia's face.

'—According to who the person is, and ——and——

The clasp of the arm around her tightened.

'Ah hem.'

A poke at the fire.

'If it was *me*.'

'You?'

'Yes.'

'You,' ha, there is no danger of that, I guess,' said Lucretia, trying to laugh it off.

Another movement of the arm, and Lucretia's head lay upon the widowers shoulder.

'I am in earnest,' exclamed the widower.

'Oh! I didn't suppose—if that's the case stammered Lucretia, pretending to struggle a little.

This afforded the widower an excuse to clasp her waist tighter.

He laid his whiskers against her wet cheek, to the imminent peril of Samson's future happiness, and the smoothness of his own Sunday Dickey, and then you might have heard a kiss.

'You say you will have me, exclaimed he.'

'If you want me to——

She thought of Samson and hesitated; she had a lingering regard for that gentleman, but then he had really exhausted her patience.

Samson was certainly a desirable man, but she was twenty three. It would be indeed sweet to become Mrs Kepper, but to think of becoming an old maid was awful.

The widowers affections at that moment struck Lucretia as a happy medium, a comfortable certainty, although they promised no uncommon happiness; and she murmured——

'I will,'.

And this is the manner in which Samson through a habit of too much caution and indecision lost the fairest maiden in Grassboro' after courting her for a period of five years.

Mr. Brooks took his young bride home, to fill the place of a mother to three children; and Samson, who had a married sister, with a family, in straitened circumstances, resolved to give his poor relations a home in his house and live with them an old bachelor to the end of his days.

On loosing Lucretia, Samson in despair, had made a vow to never marry or attempt it.

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Time rolled on. Eight years afterwards however, Mr. Kepper had occasion to reconsider his vows.

Mr. Brooks was taken sick and died suddenly, leaving Lucretia the mother of three children and the step mother of as many more. Samson was very fond of children, and Lucretia was more of an angel in his eyes than ever.

He visited her, carried presents to her children, and did all in his power to console her in her affliction: and the young widow dried her tears, planted some flowers on the grave of her lamented Brooks, and smiled encouragely upon her former lover.

People began to talk again. Samson and Lucretia married, and married now, at all events, said the gossips.

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Two years passed; every body was puzzled; and the fact that Mr. Kepper was a bachelor of forty, was a mystery. Samson had not been cured of his old habit of procrastination.

To marry the mother of six children, and to take her and them home—for Samson could never have made up his mind to settle down on the Brooks estate—would be to disturb the peace of his sisters family, who had been living upon his nearly ten years. Besides, Jane, his sister, and Mr. Bunker his brother-in-law, who had great influence on his irresolute mind, discouraged him from assuming such a responsibility, as the matrimonial station would of course be.

'I should be so glad to see you married and happy, dear,' Mrs. Bonker would say; 'for notwithstanding all our affection for you, I am afraid you are often times dissatisfied with our present mode of living.'

'Oh, I can assure, you, again, sister, I anticipate your attentions,' Samson would say.

'And I am sure we delight. Still if you desire to marry, take somebody worthy of you and there is nothing would suit me better.

'But Mrs Brooks.'

'A widow of six children! I beg of you if you value your peace of mind, don't marry another man's family. Look for somebody else.'

Jane could safely give her brother this advice, for she well knew he would never marry any one but Lucretia.

'So Samson hesitated. Although he sighed for the widow, he felt that it would be ungrateful of him to marry against the wishes of those who did everything to make him happy; who were so kind and disinterested in furnishing his comfort; and who thought so little of the property which would fall to them, provided that he died a bachelor, and they were perfectly willing—almost anxious—that he should marry—anybody except a widow with six children.

Such was the state of affairs, when Samson went one day to cut a saw-log out of the trunk of a large maple, which the wind had torn up by the roots, not far from the House. Having thrown his vest on the ground, and rolled up his sleeves, Mr. Kepper commenced chopping off the log, about eight feet from the butt.

It was a 'hard job,' Samson afterwards said—and as the sun came pouring down upon him, he was quite exhausted, and heated. Leaving the main portion of the trunk hanging by a 'chip' to the stem, in order that blocks might be placed under it to keep it from falling quite to the ground, Samson struck his axe into the log, and began to look for a shady place to sit down.

Near by grew a stately basswood, from the roots of which sprung up a luxuriant growth of shoots, surrounding the parent tree. Reflecting that these would not only shade him from the sun, but also serve as a protection against the swarm of flies, he determined to find a resting-place among them, and began accordingly to push them aside, in search of the most comfortable spot.

At that moment a chirping of a squirrel attracted his attention to the vast mass of of earth, which adhered to the upturned roots of a fallen tree. The little animal was sitting on the summit of this mass, talking saucily to Mr. Kepper, who thinking of the corn it would consume the coming autumn, picked up a club, and with a well aimed blow, knocked it into the deep cavity left by the exhumed roots of the tree. Mr. Kepper, with an eye to pleasing his little nephews, jumped into the hollow picked the kicking squrriel out of the mud, and having thrown it down by his vest, proceeded to ensconce himself in the bushes.

Mr. Kepper found a most comfortable spot where he was quite concealed from the sun and flies; and there leaning himself against the ancient basswood, he indulged in a reverie, in which a nice widow, a delightful family of children, were charmingly mixed up together.

Mr. Kepper was started from his pleasant reflections by a dull cracking sound, in the direction of the tree on which he had been chopping; and pushing aside the bushes, he saw the 'chip' breaking, by which he had left the log hanging to the stump.

'There goes the log to the ground,' he muttered with some impatience.

No sooner had he spoken than the trunk dropped off, and instantaneously the huge mass of roots and earth overbalancing the stump, which was no longer attached to the tree, turned slowly back and with a heavy report, into its original bed.

'The dogs!' muttered Samson, "it is lucky I didn't happen to be picking that squirrel out of the hollow just at that time!'

And he shuddered to think what a horrid death to be crushed under an avalanche of roots and clay.

Mr. Kepper however, sat still, and was soon lost in another reverie, from which he was aroused by a most extraordinary occurrence.

It afterwards appeared that Joe Symes, the 'hired man,' who was at work repairing a fence near by, had twice or thrice cast his eyes in the direction of the fallen tree. Hearing the sound of Mr. Kepper's axe no longer, Mr. Symes looked sharply after, and saw that worthy man in the whole, under the roots of the tree; and a little while startled by a smothered concussion, he looked again, and beheld the stump turned back. At that moment Mr. Bunker appeared and inquired for his brother-in-law. Both looked in the direction of the stump and seeing nobody. Mr. Symes suddenly exclaimed—

'I vow!'

'What'

'I bet Kepper's been ketched under the butt of that tree!'

'Mr. Bunker thought it could not be; but Symes assured him that the last time he saw Mr. K. he was in the hole, both an to the spot.

'Good Lord!' cried Symes, 'here's his jacket—there's his axe—I vow, he's a goner.

'Impossible!' said Mr. Bunker nervously. 'Can't be.'