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I am faithfully yours,
R. WATKIN-MILLS.

Tecumseh House, London, April 28, 1896.

The Tax Rate.

Finance Committee Will Recommend 21 3/4 Mills.

Between Twelve and Thirteen Thousand Dollars Cut from the Estimates.

Five Thousand Off the Board of Works—Other Estimates Also Considered.

Streets	\$5,000
Public schools	2,100
Off discount	1,500
New building at No. 1 fire station	1,100
Fire alarm boxes	1,000
Street lighting	900
Fire department	800

Total \$12,400

It took the finance committee just two hours and a half on Saturday afternoon to strike the items enumerated above from the estimates of the year and reduce the "trial" rate from 22 5/10 mills to 21 3/4 mills.

The 22 5/10 mills was divided as follows: Wards 1 to 5—Debt rate, 9.15; public school rate, 5; College Institute rate, 1.33; Free Library, .5; other purposes, .62; or 22 5/10 mills on the dollar on an assessment of \$14,039,475. This would have produced \$315,888.13. The rate of the additional \$20,000 school debt, which the committee assented to, was set down as good for \$100 among the receipts. Then the taxation for ward 6, which by reason of an agreement made the year of amalgamation, is 6 mills less than the city proper, will be 15 5/10 mills on an assessment of \$1,523,205, realizing a further sum of \$22,412.63, and bringing the total revenue derived from taxation up to \$338,400.22. From this non-residents' lands, special discount, and a probable loss amounting to \$9,000 has to be deducted, leaving only \$329,400.22. Then to this total is added the other revenues derived from licenses, rentals, waterworks, street watering and other rates, bringing the grand total up to \$419,465.61.

And the committee met with the expressed determination of reducing the "trial" rate of 22 1/2 mills. Ald. Farnell was present on behalf of the Board of Works, and the chairman of the fire and light committee, Ald. John Heaman, also set among the financiers of No. 1. Ald. Armstrong presided, and there were also present: Mayor Little, Ald. Taylor, Ald. Bennett and Ald. Carrothers, Auditor Jewell and Treasurer Pope.

The meeting abounded in figures. Hardly anything was talked of but dollars and cents, and figures are notoriously dry. Still there were several incidents which were interesting. There was a slight ripple of excitement when one alderman announced his intention of resigning forthwith if his estimates were cut to a certain amount, and the mayor created a laugh by chaffingly stating that he objected to the taxation being increased by any more bye-elections.

When the knife was being applied to No. 3 committee's estimates, Ald. John Heaman suggested, not without sarcasm, perhaps, that some money might be saved by doing away with a number of lights in each ward.

"Yes," said the mayor, as he tipped the wink, "I think some lights could be done away with in No. 1 ward."

Ald. Taylor called attention immediately. He turned to the mayor. "Deed," said he, "I would like to see some one move to that effect in council."

Before the committee entered upon the business of the afternoon, Ald. Taylor and Ald. Farnell had a desultory conversation across the table.

Ald. Taylor wanted to cut the estimates for the streets. "You can't keep down the taxes at the expense of the streets all the time," said Ald. Farnell.

"We want to get the engineer's estimate for each ward," said Ald. Taylor.

"Well, we are not dealing with wards this year," rejoined Ald. Farnell.

"Excuse me, but we are," asserted Ald. Taylor.

"We tried to avoid that if possible," said Ald. Farnell.

"Well, it cannot be avoided," said Ald. Taylor.

And so the discussion ran on. In looking over the estimates, the mayor asked why \$900 more was down for electric lighting this year than last.

Engineer Graydon said that he intended if possible to keep the lamps lit every night, owing to the electric cars. They were supposed to be out four moonlight nights each month, but were really out only two now.

It was decided only to allow the same figure as last year.

Mrs. Reid spoke first, and Mrs. Pattullo followed. The latter said that she always had faith in the city council, and knew that they would not cut off the grant unnecessarily.

Ald. Armstrong promised that the committee would give the matter all consideration.

When the ladies withdrew Ald. Taylor was smiling.

Did you hear the lady say she had faith in the council? he asked, in apparent surprise. "She is the only one I ever heard say that."

Mayor Little—am afraid the School Board will not agree to that.

Dr. Campbell addressed the board and asked for favorable consideration for the latest School Board requisition for \$20,000. He said that two-thirds of the School Board favored the requisition, and as for the minority, their strongest argument for sending the question to the people was to maintain the dignity of the School Board.

"Well," said the doctor, "that does not weigh much with myself. Others can fight for their dignity as much as they like. The majority of the board do not care so much about their dignity as they do for justice and fair play. We don't want to keep the children and teachers overcrowded for fear of a little dignity."

Concluding Dr. Campbell asked that politics be not permitted to affect the decision.

Ald. Taylor—Where can politics come in in this?

Dr. Campbell—Well, friends will help one another on account of their color.

Ald. Taylor—I don't think so. Finally the committee decided to reverse its decision of Friday night and recommend the grant. Dr. Campbell also agreed on behalf of the school board to accept \$2,100 less for public schools, making the figure \$18,900 instead of \$21,000.

The uncontrollable expenses amount to \$18,274.74. No change whatever could be made in the controllable expenditure of No. 1 committee.

There was a disposition to cut No. 2 committee's estimates, and Ald. Farnell defended them bravely.

Ald. Taylor found fault with the sidewalk estimate of \$7,500.

The mayor said that he thought less than \$10,000 would suffice for gravel with which to put the streets that are traversed by the street railway company in repair.

The engineer said that that figure only allowed \$1,000 for each ward, and the alderman expected to get \$2,000 on his ward alone.

Ald. Farnell finally agreed to try and get along with \$5,000 instead of \$10,000 for streets and general improvements and street cleaning.

In No. 3 committee's estimates the proposal to build a shed in rear of the fire hall, costing \$1,100, was stricken out.

Eight hundred dollars was cut from the expenses of No. 1, 2 and 3 halls; \$1,000 off fire alarm boxes, and \$300 off the street lighting account.

Mr. Jewell added \$1,500 to the estimated expenditure in case Ald. O'Meara's proposal to cut the tax for non-payment from 5 to 3 cents on the dollar is carried.

Ald. Farnell said that it was proposed to cut \$5,000 on the streets and \$10,000 to institute a new method of taxation. He expressed his determination to vote only for the retention of the present system.

The mayor decided that \$1,500 could be saved in bank discounts by the new method of collecting taxes, and this was also deducted, making \$12,400 in all.

It takes just \$15,397 to make a mill, and the amount deducted being 3-4 of a mill, brought the rate down to 21 3/4 mills. This will be recommended to the council. The rate last year was 20 9/10 mills.

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JOHN ELLIOT.

MILVINGTON, 28th JULY, 1895.

Gentlemen,—For the last ten years I had been troubled with kidney disease, being so bad at intervals that I could not lie in bed at night nor stoop to the ground. I had tried all the remedies I could find without effect, but had used Hood's Kidney Pills and secured a box.

I am most happy to say it for my own sake as well as for others that I am perfectly cured after using four boxes.

JOHN ELLIOT.

Knights of Pythias.

Celebrate the Thirty-Third Anniversary of Their Order.

Rev. F. R. Ghent, Walkerville, Preaches a Powerful Sermon—Parade Started from East London at 3:15.

The five city lodges of the Knights of Pythias celebrated their 33rd anniversary yesterday by attending divine service at the Grand Opera House. The Knights were accompanied by a large number of Sons of England, members of St. George's Society and Foresters. Columbian Lodge left their rooms in East London at 3:15, headed by the Musical Society Band, which refrained from playing while passing the churches on the way to the rendezvous at the K. of P. Hall, at the corner of Clarence and Dundas streets. The parade started from the headquarters at 10 minutes to 4. The route taken was along Dundas to Talbot, Talbot to King, and thence to the Opera House. The house was well filled, a considerable number of ladies being present. A. G. McWhinney, grand chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, H. E. Bates, D.D.G.C., and ex-Ald. F. J. Fitzgerald, P. G. C., occupied seats on the platform.

Rev. F. R. Ghent, of Walkerville, grand prelate for Ontario, preached the sermon. He was accompanied by Mayor Bott, J. Marshall and R. Cameron, Walkerville Knights. Mr. Vanneck, of Huron College, read the Litany.

The grand prelate's sermon was a masterly exposition of the aims of the order and their identification with the lessons of the Bible. Many of his remarks bore a double meaning to the Knights present, and all agreed that the sermon was one of the most powerful addresses ever delivered to the order in London.

The grand prelate, whose text St. Luke, xiii, 18, was: "Then said he unto what is the kingdom of God like? Whereunto shall I resemble it?" "Brother Knights, I think I might from the sister societies," said Mr. Ghent, "it affords me great pleasure as well as privilege to be called upon to preach to you on this anniversary sermon. I consider it a privilege because the Knights of Pythias order, in my estimation, is one of the most benevolent organizations on the face of the earth. We understand that, although it is a comparatively young society—being founded in 1841, on Feb. 19, in the city of Washington—yet it has accomplished great work. Our order is ruled by a supreme lodge, or representatives from the grand lodges which are numbered over 80. The subordinate lodges number over 7,000, and to give you some idea of our growth, I will make a comparison of the statistics for two years. In December, 1891, the total membership was 357,924; in July, 1894, the total membership was 465,741, an increase of 72,625 members in two years, which, as you are all aware, have been years of great distress and financial depression. We have also in connection with our order a uniformed rank that has a membership of over 50,000, and comprises 1,142 divisions, 21 brigades, 92 regiments, and one squad of cavalry in command of a major. We have in connection with this order another grand feature, namely, an endowment fund. And we can get some conception of its magnitude secured in the fact that the endowment fund has paid out \$9,522,138, and the amount paid for death benefits for two years was \$1,700,000. I say no such thing as a young man should remain unprotected when benefits can be so easily secured, because in prosperity we ought to prepare for adversity.

"But just at this moment a question arises in a great many minds, and it is this: I think it right to become a member of a secret society? The only evidence that I have, and I am able to give you from Scripture, is this. That written by Solomon, the wisest man the world ever saw. We find him in his old age, when on account of multiplicity of wives or hot we do not know, but we find him distinctly saying in one of his wisest proverbs: 'Discover not a secret, one to another.'

"Therefore it is in sympathy with the Christian religion because it is founded on the great three corner stones: Friendship, Charity and Benevolence."

The preacher then took up the words of the psalmist illustrating friendship by the parable of the Good Samaritan. Charity was held to be the greatest of all the principles of Christianity.

"I liken the Kingdom of God," said Mr. Ghent, after repeating the query contained in the text, "unto a benedictory order similar to the Knights of Pythias. I think beneficiary societies are but imperfect copies of the Kingdom of God. The chaplain of the Kingdom of God is Christ, who is also Supreme Grand Chancellor, and the life for his members. It is not necessary to pass any medical examination to enter into the lodge above. All are admitted—the lame, the blind, the halt and the palsied. The invitation fee is composed of the blood of Christ. The knock is a desire to enter the kingdom, the initiation garment a robe of holiness, and the password 'In Christ's name.' Brethren, you never rest satisfied until you have reached the higher order, and when you have become a member of the higher order, be not yet satisfied until you have taken the highest degree—O and O—out and out for Christ."

"I implore you to make preparation for that day for which all other days are made," said Mr. Ghent. "Although, brethren, you are members of this grand order, and as you have the password to let you into the portals, there is a password to let you into the portals above. Do you know what that password is? Jesus! They say in that name, and they stand before the throne of him that sits upon the throne. You shall hear him say, 'I now confer upon you the rank of eternal life, joy and blessing,' and as he places the crown upon your brow the whole multitude of the redeemed join in by exclaiming, 'Amen!' I close with those beautiful words of the poet:

"Go labor on; spend and be spent, With joy to do the Father's will; Shouldst thou the servant tread it still? It is the way the Master went."

Mr. H. R. McDonald sang very effectively "One Sweetly Solenn Thought."

The lodges marched back to their rooms by way of Richmond street, Queen's avenue, Wellington and Dundas streets.

The church committee comprised Messrs. George Burgess (chairman), E. B. Galpin, Wm. Brock, J. Stilling, T. Parkinson, Hicks, Arthurs, Smeaton, Farnand, Cooper, Cranston, Johnston and Smith.

R. Ironside, C.C., was grand marshal, and Messrs. G. Galpin, G. Park and J. Stilling, grand marshals.

At the lodge rooms, after the parade, votes of thanks were tendered to the c. g. yman, sister societies, the church committee, Mr. McDonald and the marshals.

Cheese and Politics.

What Causes Cheese to Be So Low in Price.

The Prince Edward Island Deal Condemned by Brookville Diarists.

Brookville, May 16.—At the last meeting of the Brookville Cheese Board there was a good attendance of both buyers and sellers, and quite a good offering of cheese. The discussion, which largely developed into a criticism and defense of the Dominion Government's policy carried out by the dairy commissioner, was started by the president of last year, who is an ex-employee of the Government at Ottawa. He was followed by Mr. A. W. Grant, president of the Montreal Butter and Cheese Association, who expressed the opinion that cheese would hereafter be made in the English people could purchase cheaper food products.

Mr. G. D. Warrington replied to a statement of the president that there was a great disparity between the price obtained for cheese by the Canadian maker and that paid for it by the English consumer. He said no such disparity existed, as Canadian cheese was retelling in England at 10 cents per pound.

The last of the Montreals called upon was Mr. W. T. Ware, Cheese, he said, was lower in England today than it was in this country. It was low, too, in Canada, and in his opinion two causes could be assigned for this fact. The first was that cheese last year came into competition with other products which were very cheap. The second and the powerful cause why the cheese producers of Canada received less for their product than they should have received was due to the injudicious action of the Dominion dairy commissioner. In holding 25,000 boxes of Prince Edward Island cheese as a wet blanket over the business of the year. This was the reason, and it was this, he thought, that the farmers had been obliged to take such a low price for their cheese, as it had taken at least one-half cent per pound out of every factoryman in this section. It was all right, he said, for the Government to foster the cheese industry in a legitimate way, but when they went into direct competition with the trade it was nothing short of injudicious. There was no use of the Government trying to shirk the question of purchase, as some of the cheese had not yet been paid for, and suits for payment were now being threatened. The speaker said that if the Prince Edward Island cheese came in to contact with Ontario cheese, and said the butter bonus was well-sent money.

Mr. Everett asked if it was a good thing, why creamery butter was selling today in Montreal for 14 cents.

Mr. Geo. Taylor, ex-M.P., was there to defend the Government, and said it had simply acted as a banker would act in the matter. It had been decided to assist the island makers in some way, and \$10,000 was voted without opposition with that object in view. The dairy commissioner said that if the Government could make an advance on them until sold. Down at the eastern end of the island the cheese had been held and the advance made. Every dollar was paid back, and the people of this Province had suffered no loss.

Mr. Cluff, another Conservative, said he was surprised to hear Mr. Taylor talking about something he evidently knew nothing about, and trying to fool the public. The Prince Edward Island cheese had had a bad effect on the Canadian cheese market in England. When in England recently he had met Mr. Hodgson trying to sell the cheese for the Dominion Government. They were never sold to Hodgson, but were given to him on consignment. Hodgson was doing his best to sell the cheese, and in order to do so was underselling others in the trade. He could tell them that those in the cheese trade in England did not feel at all kindly towards Prof. Robertson. The butter bonus business was not clear. He had seen today a letter from Prof. Robertson, which satisfied him that Prof. Robertson was acting in a very peculiar manner regarding cold storage on the steamers. In his arrangements on behalf of the Government for cold storage on steamships he had excluded Warrington from using it on account of some little difficulty he had with them. The whole system adopted by the Government was rotten.

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