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TEN SHILLINGS IN ADVANCE. THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER. TWELVE AND SIX PENCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR. VOLUME V. GODERICH, COUNTY OF HURON, (C. W.) THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1852. NUMBER XLIV.

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. MITCHELL, 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 Councilors 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.) Messrs. HAMILTON, DAVIDSON, PENTLAND, COLE, RYAN, MCGOEY, HAYS, HOLMES.

Blanchard, in the place of G. Adair, Esq., resigned; also, Wm. Robinson, Esq., Deputy Reeve for the same Township.

9 Certificate of Township Clerk, Blanchard, 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 Blanchard.

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 Blanchard, 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.) Messrs. WALKER, HAMILTON, PENTLAND, DAVIDSON, COLE, LAMB, GIBBINGS, MILLER, RYAN, DOIG, MCGOEY, 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 Blanchard, was received read and adopted.

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

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

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

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH, } 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 proposed By-Law.

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

Messrs. MITCHELL, WALLACE, RASTALL, CORBETT, SMITH, (Downie.) Messrs. WALKER, HAMILTON, PENTLAND, DAVIDSON, COLE, LAMB, GIBBINGS, MILLER, RYAN, DOIG, MCGOEY, 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 Re-

port 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, McGoe, 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. 3 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, Rastall, Lamb, Smith (Downie), Gourley, Gibbings, Miller, Doig, Hill, Hamilton, Pentland, Davidson, Cole, McGoe, 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. Moleworth and Perceval, for Plans and sections of Wire Suspension Bridge.

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

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

28 do Huron Signal 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. McGoe.

33 do Thomas Mowbray for building Bridge over Warrens Creek.

34 Account of Thomas Rawland, printing.

35 do William McDonald, assisting County Surveyor.

36 do Joshua Caltway, 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, Stationary.

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, Samson, 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, WALLACE, RASTALL, CORBETT, SMITH, (Downie.) Messrs. WALKER, HAMILTON, PENTLAND, DAVIDSON, COLE, LAMB, GIBBINGS, MILLER, RYAN, DOIG, MCGOEY, HOLMES.

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 Trustees of the Huron, Perth and Bruce Railway, and was therefore required to give 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 the Council do sign certain Debentures to the amount of £30,000 for the purpose of Graveling 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 Sable 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 between 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 such a purpose is applied—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 SAMSON KEPPER'S COURTSHIP.

Any shrewd observer of men and manners would have immortalized his name in Grassboro, by explaining clearly and satisfactorily why Mr. Samson 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 Grassboro—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 Samson; 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 twenty—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 Samson waited on Lucretia—and courted her, as the Grassboro 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 meekly from his lips to the door, and back; twisted 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 seated 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 various glances at his mistress, managed to summon courage to say—

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

He visited her, carried presents to her in her affliction; and the young widow dried her tears, planted some flowers on the grave of her departed Brooks, and smiled encouragingly upon her former lover.

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

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 never had made up his mind to do so, an excuse for leaving her back

'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!'

'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—'

'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.'