

Lambton Municipal Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Lambton County Municipal Association was held at Petrolea on 21st June with about sixty delegates present. The president, JOHN FARRELL, presided, and opened the proceedings with a short speech.

Mayor GRANT, of Petrolea, welcomed the visitors, and was replied to by Warden DONNELLY of Alvinston, and ex-Warden WATSON of Sarnia. The Association then took up its regular order of business and appointed the various committees, after which the election of officers took place, resulting as follows—Honorary president, J. H. FAIRBANK, of Petrolea; president, JOHN FARRELL, Forest, (re-elected); vice-president, WILLIAM NESBIT, Sarnia; treasurer, D. N. SINCLAIR, Sarnia, Secretary,

choosing Sarnia as the next place of meeting.

At 9 o'clock in the evening the members of the association and their friends, to the number of about eighty, were tendered a banquet by the Municipal Association of Petrolea at the Hotel Iroquois, when a splendid programme of toasts was given.

Mayor GRANT presided and had posted on his left Hon. W. J. HANNA, Provincial Secretary, and Warden DONNELLY, while President FARRELL and F. F. PARDEE were seated on his right. Messrs. PARDEE and HANNA replied to the toast of "Municipal bodies, and their relation to the Dominion and Provincial parliaments," and the latter seized the chance to explain some features of



CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Chatham Public Library was erected in 1903. The first story is of stone coursed ashlar, and the second pressed brick. The main floor contains a stack room, reference library, librarians' room, mens' reading room, ladies' reading room, delivery hall and two lavatories. In the basement is an assembly hall, a board room, newspaper reading room, fuel, unpacking, boiler and store rooms. The cost of the building, was \$16' 852. 39 exclusive of site; and of the furnishings, \$2, 147. 61. The steam system of heating is employed. The first floor is finished in red oak; the basement, Georgia pine; and quarter-cut oak used in fittings.

JOHN DALZIEL, Sarnia. Auditors, W. A. GRAHAM, Weidmann, and F. C. WATSON, Sarnia; executive committee, Messrs. WATSON, GRAHAM, McMAHON and BROCK.

The association adopted a constitution which made all municipal officers and ex-officers members of the association and also fixed a fee of 25 cents per year for members who are not officers or ex-officers, but who are interested enough in municipal matters to wish to join the association.

Addresses were then given by H. J. PETTYPIECE, ex-M. P. P., on railway taxation; education as part of our municipal system, by C. A. BARNES, P. S. I.; our school system, by D. D. MOSHIER, P. S. I.; the purpose of our municipal institution by WM. NESBITT, all of which were closely listened to and discussed in an interesting way by the members. These addresses and discussions closed the business and the association adjourned after

the municipal law which adversely affected municipalities in relation to damage suits for non-repair of the highway. Both gentlemen made good speeches and were attentively listened to. Other toasts and speeches were: "The Lambton Municipal Association," responded to by President FARRELL and Mr. WM. NESBITT; "Agriculture," responded to by Mr. J. H. FAIRBANK, ex-M.P.P., W. A. GRAHAM, of Weidmann; H. J. PETTYPIECE, of Forest, and W. A. BROCK, of Enniskillen; "Industries of the County," responded to by J. E. ARMSTRONG, M. P., and "The Corporation of the Town of Petrolea," responded to by Councillors STIRRETT and CLARKE.

Between the speeches songs were acceptably rendered by Messrs. W. F. COOPER, J. A. PEAT, S. POLLARD and A. McQUIEN. The singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.—*Post*.