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J. LEWIS THOMAS, C.E., of London and St. Thomas, has been appointed engineer for the Townships of Stephen and East Williams.

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The county council of Peterborough is not in favor of the indiscriminate application of The Anatomy Act. At its last session the following by-law regarding the bodies of persons dying in public institutions in the County of Peterborough was passed :

"Whereas it is expedient to provide for the proper interment of persons dying in any public institutions maintained by the county, and whose bodies are not claimed by relatives of the deceased.

"Therefore the municipal corporation of the County of Peterborough, by the council thereof, enacts as follows : That all members of the county council of the County of Peterborough, shall, pursuant to the provisions of section 41 of chapter 10 of the Ontario Statutes (1904), be deemed to be *bona fide* friends of any person lying in any public institution of the county, for the purpose set forth in section 2 of the Ontario Anatomy Act.

LOCAL OPTION IN OWEN SOUND

The Supreme Court of Canada recently handed out its decision in the case of *Sinclair v. Town of Owen Sound*. The ratepayers last January, by a substantial majority carried a local option by-law. On the application of Mr. SINCLAIR, Mr. Justice MABEE quashed the by-law. An appeal was taken by the town to the Exchequer Division of the High Court of Justice of Ontario, which reversed the decision of Mr. Justice MABEE, and restored the by-law. The latter judgment was subsequently confirmed on appeal to the Ontario Court of Appeal. The Supreme Court of Canada takes the same view, so surely the opponents of the by-law will now be assured that it was legally passed. The main point involved in this case was the right of ratepayers who owned property and possessed the necessary qualification in more wards of the town than one, to vote more than once on the by-law. The judgments of the Divisional Court, Court of Appeal, and Supreme Court decide this question in the negative. We may observe, incidentally, that these decisions are confirmatory of the opinion we expressed prior to the commencement of the litigation, in our reply to clause 3 of question 391 in our issue for June, 1906.



J. A. ELLIS

City Treasurer, Ottawa, President Ontario Municipal Association.

The ninth annual meeting of the Ontario Municipal Association will be held at the City Hall, Toronto, on the 28th and 29th August, commencing at 10 a. m. on Wednesday the 28th.

The sole object of the Association is to improve municipal administration and affairs in Ontario.

Membership is held in the name of the municipality to assure permanency of organization. If your municipality is not a member use your influence to secure such membership and the appointment of delegates. The Legislature recognized the good work the association is doing by passing the following amendment to The Municipal Act at its last session—making it clear that municipal corporations may expend money for membership fees and delegates' expenses :

Membership in Municipal Associations.

19. Section 596 of *The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903*, as amended by section 33 of *The Municipal Amendment Act, 1906*, is further amended by adding thereto the following words : "and the council of any municipality may by resolution for and on behalf of the municipality subscribe for and accept membership in any union or proposed union of Ontario municipalities designed for the object or purpose of furthering the interests of municipalities, and may pay the fees of such membership and make any contributions for the expenses thereof, and may pay the expenses of delegates sent to any meeting of such union or upon the business thereof."—*Municipal Amendment Act, 1907*.

The names of the officers and constitution of the association will be found on another page in this issue.

Copies of the proceedings of last annual meeting will be forwarded on application to the secretary.

Mr. GEO. SNEATH, late of Midhurst, in the county of Simcoe, passed away on the 13th July last, at the age of 87 years. He had served the township of Vespra as its clerk and treasurer, faithfully and well, for over half a century. Mr. SNEATH was born in England and came to Canada in 1842. His life was long, useful and blameless.

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The County's Council of Prescott and Russell will not be satisfied with the nominal attendance of members. Owing to frequent absentees the following resolution has been placed on the books :—Whereas, as many members of this council ask and obtain leave of absence after spending only two days in council, although sessions of council usually last four days, and sometimes five days. Whereas, this practice of members absenting themselves as alleged and asking pay for full sessions is contrary to the interests of this council and an injustice to the members attending the whole session. That it be resolved that in future members leaving before the termination of the session be paid according to number of days attendance.