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MUCH TALKING AT THE PUBLIC MEETING.

RATEPAYERS EXPRESS VIEWS

No Action Will be Taken in the Matter for a While-The Model Schools.

There was a fairly representative gathering of ratepayers at the public meeting in Lamb's hall last evening. The meeting was called by Mavor Knowlton for the purpose of discussing the new town hall site and other matters connected therewith. Several seeches were made and much valuable information secured. In the end, however, it was considered advisable to defer further action for a time at least. The main object in doing this is to await the decision of the government in regard to model schools. It is expected that the number in each county will be reduced to one at least in each county. In this case there would be a possibility of Athens losing the school. School accommodation then would not be serious matter. Among those present at the meeting were Mayor Knowlton, Councillors Smith and Lamb, Messrs. W. G. Parish, B. Loverin, H. H. Arn-S. A. Taplin, B. Nash, I. C. Algoire, J. Thompson, J. P. Lamb, G. Judson, G. W. Brown, J. Ackland, H. Booth, F. Fair, B. Holmes, W. Karley

It was a little after 9 o'clock before sufficient number were present to nake it worth while entering into a discussion. By that time quite a number had arrived and Mayor Knowlton called the meeting to order. He ex-plained the object of the gathering saying that it was for the purpose of giving the ratepayers an opportunity to express their views in regard to site for new town hall, stating that they wanted it to be a credit to the town as well as fill a long felt want. The most important part of the hall accomodation, he thought, was for a fire hall, and possibly a public library and reading room. School accommodation, he said, was also to be considered. He hoped all would be free to discuss the matter.

Mr. S. A. Taplin was the first to extion of council but considered all equally interested. As it was understood, in his mind, in discussing town hall be fore by-law was passed, more school accommodation would be provided in connection with new hall, and, as this influenced many to vote for it, the matter having been advocated and agitated among voters, he considered it well to select a site where this could be carried out. He did not favor building town hall on Main St. He had no choice in regard to site; it was in the interests of all to secure site

Mr. W. G. Parish said be cared more for the hall than the site, but could not give an opinion on site ques-tion. He had not found anyone who was of opinion that both school and hall could be combined legally. If it was understood among voters that school room was to be had in the hall, then that ought to be considered, but he was not aware of that fact. He had not advocated it in working for the by-law. If it could be done permanently and satisfactorily all well and good; but who knows?

Mr. C. L. Lamb was under the impression that some one had said Dr. Kinney did not approve of school being combined with ball. Asked Mr. Thompson if he knew anything about it.

Mr. J. Thompson had not talked with anyone in regard to combining two. The thought, however, that if Dr. Kenny had been spoken to it, he naturally would say it was not a good thing. No building receives more consideration than schools. Ventilation, light and many other things must be considered. Did not think must be considered. Did not think anyone would say school in connection with hall was a good thing. He had located, with the offices in the lower with hall was a good thing. He had no doubt about school being used as an argument at passing of bylaw but had latter should be suitable in every way a success. In regard to sites, he favor- was badly in need of such a place. He

ed Mr. Karley's or Mrs. Addison's. Both have good rock bottoms, sre centrally located and in every way preferable. He did not favor hurried action for the reason that model schools might at a near date be reduced to one in each county; it was but natural large towns would be favored. In a few months Athens might lose the model school.

Mr. H. H. Arnold expressed himself as being surprised at Mr. Taplin's remarks. Was not aware of agitation combining school room with new re combining school room with new hall, some may have done so. He had heard more about post office and thought from this a greater revenue could be derived. What Mr. Thompson had said about model schools, he have the world be constalined into law thought would be crystalized into law In conversation with those in position to know he had been informed that it night be brought about at next session of House; if so, we may lose the model school. This being the case, our school accommodation would be sufficient for accommodation would be sufficient for years to come, unless population increases a great deal, but prospects were not very rosy. If necessary be favored ward school in separate part of town. It was a pity to herd the small children with large boys and girls. If new building is for a town hall only, there is no necessity for having it on Main is no necessity for having it on Main street, so long as centrally located, but if provision is made for post office, then he thought it ought to be on Main was badly needed. He had no particular site in mind.

Mr. J. P. Lamb had not heard the school argument used. He favored provision being made in the hall for post office and fire hall, and thought it should be located where the most revenue can be derived from it. It should be used as a revenue producer. He considered Mr. Karley's site a little out of the way if this is to be taken into consideration. If used for a fire hall it should be centrally located. Public buildings are usually put in public place. He would like to see it on Main street and in some place where we street and in some place where we would be proud of it

Mr. I G. Alguire was not particular whether he sold his lot or not, but thought the best site obtainable should be selected, no matter where. We all wanted a good town hall; he was an-xious for it to be credit in every way to Athens. He would like to see a creditable post office in town; the present one certainly was not. Remembered school question being discussed at public meeting, but later more attention was paid to post office. He did not consider more school accommodation

Mr. Geo. Judson was surprised to been submitted to the School Board for consideration. He was in favor of hall. and if used for post office it should be central—meaning on Main street. As business men we should not insist upon being favored more than citizens in general in its location.

Mr. Rappell had the same impression as Mr. Taplin on school question, Did not consider Main street a good place for the hall. Preferred more central location.

Mr. Kincaid was not here for voting, but thought the school question was considered at the time. He said it was not necessary to have town hall on Main street, and mentioned several neighboring towns where they had their hall on other streets. In answer to a question he said these places did not ave fire hall in connection with the building.

Mr. J. P. Lamb here stated if we were looking for revenue from the hall many things in addition to the post office should be considered.

Mr. Nash had been doing so Mr. Nash had been doing some fig-uring and considered it in the best interests of the ratepayers to have a read. ing room, lodge rooms, Clerk's office, vault and other things which would be good revenue producers. He thought a place for fire engine and a small room for council meetings and court purpose should also be considered. He favored

Mr. Karley's site. Rev. Mr. Wright thought hall should have a fire hall, court room, rooms for Judge and Clerk, vault, reading room and hall and a place for public records. To have a school room in connection, in nguine that such would be for first class entertainments. Athens



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wanted to know what security there was that the postmaster would rent quarters in the new building. There would be more revenue from public

Mr. Holmes said reference had been made to school question by parties canvassing in support of bylaw, but could not say what influence it had on the voters. He thought Mr. Taplin's lot would make a good place for building, being a nice elevation.

Mr. Booth said he had been amuse while listening to the speeches. When the question was first mooted, he said, the school question was taken up with it, but the post office was also discussed He favored Mr. Karley's lot.

Mr. B. Loverin said there was a feeling in both town and township that some arrangement be made to secure the township ball for school purposes Judging by statistics however, he said there did not appear to be much cause for worry in regard to school accommo dation. Last year only six births were registered, and for first six months of this year only two. Did not consider it necessary to have post office on Main street. He would like to see town hall erected on Dr. Cornell's lot.

There was then a short discussion or what the seating capacity of the auditorium should be, running all the way from four to eight hundred.

It was then considered advisable to defer further action until something definite is received on the model school

Councillor Smith, in a few pointed remarks, expressed himself as being pleased with the addresses and the interest displayed in this important question by so many of the leading ratepayers. He concluded by moving hear the school question discussed in that a vote of thanks be tendered the connection with the hall; that was a ratepayers for coming and discussing matter, he thought, that should have the questions so freely and offering suggestions; the Council would undoubt-

edly act accordingly.

This was seconded by Councillor
Lamb, announced carried by Mayor Knowlton, and then the meeting closed

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

The coronation will take place on August 9.

Ottawa barbers now charge 25 cents for a hair cut. King Edward's progress continues to

surprise his doctors. A civilian rifle association is being formed in Renfrew.

A passenger rate war in eastern United States is imminent. Aguinaldo, the Filipino leader, will lecture in the United States.

William Sharpe, of Belleville, wa struck and almost instantly killed. Ralph Ferguson was drowned Kingston Mills Saturday afternoon, King Leopold, of Belgium, visited King Edward on the royal yacht.

A man. 92 years old took third place in a foot race at Montreal a few days ago.

John W. Mackay, of San Francisco

one of the richest men in the world, is The Governor-General and Lady

Minto have sailed from Liverpool for Canada. girl injured in the cyclone at Chester.

gone down 3 cents a pound wholesale.

Newfoundland would come into

The overdue steamer, Belgenland, was towed into Halifax with her shaft

Several Toronto druggists are to be-prosecuted for selling soda water on Sunday.

The tourist travel among the Thousand islands is very quiet compared with

Fred Lee Rice was hanged in Tor-onto for complicity in the murder of Constable Boyd. The management of the Hull elec-tric railway has been formally assum-

ed by the C.P.R. In future steamers will not be allowed to land Sunday American tourists

at Canadian ports. Robt, Gaw, of Prescott, was given six months in the Central, Prison for stabbing his father.

start on their journey to India about the end of November. Ten or twelve leading old country editors will visit all important points

The Prince and Princess of Wales

in Canada next month.

The Algoma Central Steamship Co. launched their new steel steamer, Agawa, at Collingwood.

By the tall of a coronation flag-pole Miss Strathy, of Montreal was killed on the streets of London.

The body of Geo. Mercier, who suicided in the Chaudiere, has been found floating in the Ottawa river.

The Canada Atlantic will commer the erection of a new station at Ottawa this summer to cost \$250,000. Several shocks of earthquake were

experienced at Kingston, St. Vincent, Saturday. No lives were lost. Carleton Place board of education

have asked the council for \$7,500 for school purposes for the coming year.

Mrs. Charlotte Goodman, aged 110 years, died in the House of Reage at Hamilton, Ont., on Wednesday last. Games are played in Dawson City at night. Play is called at 10.30 and 11 p. m. That's the land of the midnight

Dr. Steyn, ex-president of the Orange Free State, is a physical wreck. He intends going to England for medical

The cruiser Petrel seized 50 gill nets containing 1,000 pounds of white fish Erie.

A black chipmunk was caught at Norway Bay by David McFarlane. It was sent to the geological museum at Ottawa.

Fruit merchants in the west and northwest are finding great fault with the methods used by Ontario fruit packers.

The C.P.R. has introduced a motor car on the railway for the accomodation of the summer tourists on the

The coal strike has seriously affected the traffic in the Rideau canal. Not a

boat load of coal has arrived in Ottawa Port Hope merchants close their places of business every Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock during the sum-

mer months. Smith's Falls council will borrow

\$8,950 on the Elgin school with which to purchase more property and erect an addition to the school. It is officially announced that there

have been 96 cases of cholera and 50 deaths from that disease at Moucha, The Ottawa Free Press reports from capital of upper Egypt, near the Nile. butchers are to the effect that beef has There were also 107 cases at Assioot during last few days; half were fatal.