

TOWN FATHERS.

Meeting of the Year 1880.

Meeting of the Year's Business—A Resolving View—The Taxes of the Year—The Fee Question in the High School.

The last regular meeting for 1880 was held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening last. In the absence of the Mayor, Reeve Garrow occupied the chair.

Present—Messrs. Johnston, J. C. Dettlor, M. Hutchinson, John Acheson, T. N. Dancy, L. Elliott, E. Bingham, Gordon, H. Clucas, S. Sloane, M. Nicholson, F. Jordan.

From Mr. Johnston, manager of the G. T. R., offering to work harmoniously with the G. W. R. in the matter of a station at the Clinton Junction.

From Mr. F. Broughton, manager of the G. W. R., similar in effect.

From James Addison, re extension of time for payment of taxes.

From Mrs. Morgan, asking that the taxes be remitted on lots 1256 and 1267, as the proceeds of the rent of the houses on said lots were the only income that she has for the sustenance of a daughter of the late R. E. Miller, and on these grounds asked for said remission.

Referred to Relief Committee.

From Mrs. Quin, Mrs. McSwain, John Newell, Mrs. Wm. Hixon, Mrs. Hilliard, Mrs. Allworth, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Harry Reid, praying for remission of taxes through inability to pay.

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From Thomas Dixon, praying for remission of taxes, on the ground that his houses have been unoccupied for a considerable portion of the year. Referred to Finance Committee.

From William Stewart, showing that he was notified by the assessors that his property was assessed at \$500, and when he came to pay his taxes he found he was assessed on the roll for \$550, causing him to pay \$1 more than he was entitled to; therefore he asked to have the same refunded.

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From John Whitlock and Geo. Fraser, praying that the allowance formerly granted to each of them, and recently stopped, be continued. Both petitions were signed by the heaviest ratepayers in the town.

Mr. Dancy said both the men had friends in good circumstances, and he was in favor of sending them to their friends or sending them to jail.

Mr. Elliott could not see why one man got \$2 and the other only \$1.50.

Mr. Sloan—Mr. Fraser has a cabin to live in; that makes the difference.

Mr. Nicholson thought they could be better attended to in jail; and moved that they be sent there.

Mr. Garrow: The town cannot send persons to jail merely for asking assistance.

Mr. Dancy was in favor of cutting off the supplies and then sending them to jail.

Mr. Sloan did not think jail accommodation good enough for old men. He thought it would be cruel to send them to jail.

Mr. Dancy said some of the people who signed the petition did not wish to have the prayer of it granted.

Mr. Acheson stated that Mr. Fraser could be dead three days without his next door neighbor knowing it. If it got into the papers that one of the poor of the town died on our hands, it would be a disgrace.

The vote was then taken, and stood:—Yea—Messrs. Johnston, Dettlor, Hutchinson, Gordon, Clucas, Sloane, Nicholson, Nay—Messrs. Acheson, Dancy, Bingham, Jordan.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were read and referred to Finance Committee:—D. Runciman, \$12.55; Wm. Lee, \$21; Hart & Co., \$4.14; G. H. Parsons, \$7.81; R. Bonomy, \$9; A. Kirkbride, \$4.90; Buchanan, Lawson & Robinson, \$45.33; Benj. Evans, \$2; The Signal, \$6.25; Peter Nolan, \$24.75; Williams & Murray, \$102.43; T. J. Moorhouse, \$6; Star account, \$2.64; Estate of John Mitchell, \$2.75; S. Weller, \$1.50; F. R. Mann, \$4; D. Gordon, \$5; J. A. McIntosh, \$2.50; G. W. Davis, \$20.78; G. Cattle, \$2.30; G. Robertson, \$1.75; Thos. Robertson, \$4; Geo. Clark, \$2.75; John Hillier, \$1.44; J. A. Cragie, \$1; D. Ferguson, \$10.78; E. Graham, cleaning house, \$2.

An account was also presented from Capt. Cox for injuries received by the falling of an advertising erection, placed on the sidewalk, to the amount of \$70, being the amount charged by the doctor and an attendant. Resolved that said bill be paid.

A statement of the Treasurer was read showing the receipts to be \$16,737.33, and the amount paid out to have been \$14,782.19. Balance in bank, \$1,955.14.

THE HIGH SCHOOL FEE QUESTION.

Moved by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Bingham, that Messrs. Adamson and Strang be heard on behalf of the High School Trustees. Carried.

Mr. Adamson said the Committee from the Council had met the High School Trustees, but as no satisfactory arrangement had been come to, Mr. Strang and himself had been instructed to wait on the Council regarding the matter. If fees were placed on the High School an additional form would be required in the Public School, and in that case no saving would result to the town. If a fee was put on it it should be as light as possible—certainly not more than \$5. Of the 105 High Schools in Ontario only 22 charged fees. After explaining the financial position, and contrasting the position of Goderich High School with the schools of Galt, Hamilton, Kingston and other points he resumed his seat.

Mr. Strang, the Head Master of the High School, on being asked to explain the position of affairs to the Council, stated that an erroneous impression existed that his salary was endangered, and that, therefore, he had a direct personal interest in the result. Such was not the case, as the question of fees or no fees had nothing whatever to do with his salary. The High School was certainly an institution in the interest of the town, and as there were from thirty to forty five pupils attending from outside points who would not otherwise come to Goderich, at least \$100 a week was paid by them for board and lodging,

not to speak of the money spent in the town for books, stationery, etc. If fees were imposed, the number attending would be reduced from one-fourth to one-third, and this of itself would necessarily entail a reduction of the Government grant. The pupils in both Public and High Schools now progressed more rapidly than formerly, and he knew of eleven cases where two of a family had been attending the High School in one year. During the ensuing year he believed we would have fifteen cases of two or three of a family occupying places in the High School, and if fees were imposed, were it only the small sum of \$5 a great hardship would result to the poorer class of parents, and draw a line between the rich and poor in the matter of education. If the fees were put on in the High School the parents would insist upon another form being added to the Public School, and the employing of an additional teacher there would entail an expense that the imposition of fees in the High School would scarcely more than compensate for. We get at the rate of \$2.50 a head from the Government for each pupil, and it was, therefore, in our interest to have as few barriers as possible against those seeking admission to our High School. Circulars were being sent from High Schools at other points, offering liberal inducements to our best pupils to entice them from us, and the matter of a fee of \$5 or \$10 would have a tendency to turn the scale against us. The real difficulty arose from the fact of the Government having broken faith with the educational institutions. In 1876 when they were paid from the Government an appropriation by results, the amount per capita on Upper School pupils amounted to \$40. The appropriation had, however, been kept stationary, while the Upper School pupils were annually increasing, and the consequence was that now the amount per head was only \$2.36 for the half year. The increase in the number of pupils had necessitated a larger staff of teachers, and improved accommodation, thus entailing a great expense; but while the efficiency had been doubled, the Government aid had been, as had been shown, materially lessened by the stationary grant being subjected to a far larger divisor than in 1876. The Council should join in a remonstrance to the Government against the grant-remaining stationary, or being decreased. There were at least three good and sufficient reasons why fees should not be imposed on the High School, viz:—(1.) A certain loss to the town in the matter of board, school books, stationery, etc., obtained by pupils attending the High School of Goderich from outside points. (2.) In the event of fees being imposed the efficiency of the Public School would be made up as far as possible, and an additional teacher engaged. (3.) Practically the working population would be disadvantagedly situated in comparison with the more wealthy neighbors, so far as the education of their children was concerned, and this was of itself a great hardship. The funds of the High School at present were \$4,450; amount per head of average attendance \$2.50 per annum; additional amount per head for Upper School pupils, from \$4 to \$5 per annum; the County also gives dollar for dollar with the Government, and the remainder is made up by the town.

On motion it was decided to leave the matter over for discussion at the next meeting.

From the Fire Company, praying for the Council to take into consideration the furnishing of a fire alarm.

Mr. Dettlor said the Howard Company when putting in the clock would have put in the fire alarm attachment for \$25 extra.

Mr. Dancy said it was understood we were to get the clock and fire alarm combined, but in the last contract the fire alarm was thrown off. In the second arrangement with the Howard Co., we paid \$50 more and threw off the alarm. The present alarm was not a satisfactory one. The town at present possessed a good fire company and nothing should be done to militate against its efficiency. The alarm bell was not a good one and could not be heard at a distance.

Mr. Jordan asked if the alarm had been tried. If the bell did not come up to the guarantee, we had the privilege of returning it.

Mr. Clucas believed the fire alarm was all right if it could be made to strike quicker.

Mr. Dancy understood a change had been made in the contract.

The Chairman—No change was made in the contract. It was merely a changed offer.

Moved by Mr. Dancy, seconded by Mr. Jordan, that the matter be referred to the Fire Committee.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Acheson, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the matter be referred to the Clock Committee. Carried.

Yea—Johnston, Dettlor, Hutchinson, Acheson, Elliott, Bingham, Gordon, Clucas, Sloane, Nicholson, 10. Nay—Dancy, Jordan, 2.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Mayor and Council of Goderich:—Your committee beg to recommend as follows:—That the account of John McCallum for services for pumping water during four months, be referred back to the Council, and would recommend that as the Public Works Committee had to do with the matter, explanations should be received from it. We recommend the payment of the following accounts:—J. J. Moorhouse, \$66; The Signal, \$6.25; Buchanan, Lawson & Robinson, \$45.33; Benj. Evans, \$2; Wm. Lee, \$21; R. Bonomy, \$9; Star, \$2.64; G. H. Parsons, \$7.81; F. R. Mann, \$4; Estate of John Mitchell, \$2.75; A. Kirkbride, \$4.90; D. Runciman, \$12.55; Hart & Co., \$4.14; James Bailey, \$1.50; G. N. Davis, \$20.78; The Signal, \$6.25; Williams & Murray, \$102.43; J. Hillier, \$1.44; Geo. Clark, \$2.75; Thos. Weatherald, \$4; Geo. Robertson, \$1.75; Geo. Cattle, \$2.30; J. A. McIntosh, \$2.50; D. Gordon, \$5; James Craigie, \$1; D. Ferguson, \$10.78. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. DETTOR, Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Dancy, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that the account of John McCallum be also paid, amounting to \$80. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, that the income tax of

Rev. E. L. Elwood be remitted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lewis Elliott, seconded by Mr. James Gordon, that no person but an adult be allowed to impound a milch cow, liable to be impounded under the By-law of the Town of Goderich.

The chairman ruled the motion out of order.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Dettlor, that the Council do petition the Dominion Government, asking them to do the dredging required at the entrance to the piers, at the earliest possible moment in the spring; and that they construct a breakwater or pier in the harbor from the east end of the north pier to the new breakwater on the north side of the harbor, in order to prevent the sand from washing into the harbor; and that a pier be built on the north side of the present river outlet; and that the petition be drawn up by the Mayor, Mr. Garrow and Mr. Johnston, and forwarded to the Government. Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Colborne.

A public examination of the pupils of S. S. No. 2, was held on 23rd ult. The teacher, Mr. P. Cantelon, assisted by Messrs. Morrish and McDonald examined the pupils in their different exercises. At close of examination several of the visitors in attendance expressed themselves pleased with the proficiency of the school and the accuracy with which the pupils had mastered the several difficult problems and questions propounded. Mr. Cantelon received a unanimous vote of thanks for the success which has so far accompanied his efforts as teacher in the school. —Cont.

"George Elliot" the famous novelist, is dead.

Miss Anna Heblon, of Hamilton, while on a visit to her brother in Chicago, shot herself on Christmas day. No cause is assigned for the rash act.

MARRIED.

Campbell-Dickson: At the residence of the bride's father, on the 28th inst., by the Rev. P. Musgrave, Mr. John Campbell, Teacher of Goderich, to Miss Sarah Dickinson, daughter of Charles Dickinson, Esq., of McKillop.

Ament-Rock: On the 14th by the Rev. Mr. Meit, at the Goderich public school, by the list of March, 1881. Tenders to be for not less than ten cords. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to December, 1880. Wm. MITCHELL, Sec. Board.

CORDWOOD WANTED.—THE UNDERSIGNED, having purchased the Dominion Salt Block, now prepared to take orders for cordwood, for which cash will be paid. For further particulars apply to Chas. A. Nairn, the Square; or at the Star Block, JOHN SCOBIE.

NOTICE.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned on behalf of the County until the 14th of October p. m. for the purpose of erecting a Court Room. Plans and specifications may be seen in my office. The lowest or any tender not necessary.

PETER ADAMSON, County Clerk, Goderich, Jan. 6th, 1881. 1768-2.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held in the Grand Jury Room at eight o'clock p. m. on Thursday the 14th January, for the election of officers, etc.

PETER ADAMSON, Secretary, Jan. 3rd, 1881. 1768-1.

NOTICE.

The Annual meeting of the West Riding of Yorkshire Agricultural Society will be held in the Court House, at Goderich, on Wednesday, Jan. 13th, 1881, at one o'clock p. m. for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report of the Directors, electing Officers and Directors for the ensuing year, and other business.

JOHN VANCE, Colborne Twp., Jan. 4, 1881. 1768-2. Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Goderich Petroleum and Salt Company will be held at the office of Cameron, Holt & Cameron, on Saturday, 12th January, at 7 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year.

HORACE HORTON, Secretary, Goderich, 10th Dec., 1880.—1768-3.

NOTICE.—HAVING BOUGHT OUT the right, title and interest of Robt. Runciman and Wilson Salkeld in the Goderich Foundry, the firm of D. Runciman & Co. is therefore dissolved. All monies due or become due, are to be paid to D. Runciman; who will pay all legal debts contracted by said firm. All Book accounts must be paid on or before the 15th January next. DAVID RUNCIMAN, Goderich, Nov. 12th, 1880.

TO THE ELECTORS OF ST. PATRICK'S WARD.

I desire to express my warmest thanks to the hearty support you gave me in electing me as one of your representatives at the Council board for the year 1881.

Yours truly, R. W. MCKENZIE. 1768.

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MORTGAGE SALE OF HOUSE & LAND, in the town of Goderich, in the County of Huron. Under and by virtue of a Power of sale contained in a certain Mortgage made by Mary McQueen, and Allan McQueen, her husband, which will be sold by Public Auction, by J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer, at the Auction Mart, in the town of Goderich, on SATURDAY, JAN. 16th 1881.

At the hour of 12 o'clock noon, the following property, namely, Lot No. 1075, in the said town of Goderich, containing one-fifth of an acre of land more or less. There is upon the said Lot a substantial Frame House, with Kitchen attached, and good well. Title perfect.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent, down at the time of sale, and the balance to be paid within one month, and upon such payment the purchaser shall be entitled to a conveyance and to be let into possession. The purchaser at the time of sale shall sign an agreement for the completion of the purchase. A portion of the purchase money may remain on Mortgage upon said land. The property will be put up subject to a reserved bid. The other conditions will be made known on the day of sale or on application to the Vendor's Solicitors.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or to GARRROW & PROUDFOOT, Goderich, Dec. 17, 1880. Vendors Solicitors.

Auctioneering.

J. C. CURRIE, THE PEOPLE'S AUCTIONEER, Goderich, Ont. 1751.

FRANCIS GRAHAM, LICENSED Auctioneer for the Counties of Huron and Middlesex. Terms reasonable. Office Hamilton Street Goderich, opposite Colborne's Bank. At Signal office will be attended to. 1751.

Estray Animals.

STRAY HEIFER CALF—CAME into the enclosure of the sub river, Port Albert, about the 1st September, a red and white steer calf. The owner will please prove property, pay expense and take it away. Wm. RICHARDSON. 1764.

STRAYED FROM THE PREMISES of the subscriber, during September, two steers one year old; one grey, and the other red with a white star in face. Well marked on both ears. Any information leading to their recovery will be suitably rewarded. ROBERT YOUNG, lot 3, 600, Colborne. 1764-1.

The People's Column.

JOB PRINTER WANTED IMMEDIATELY. None other need apply. Steady employment. Apply to THE SIGNAL, Goderich.

ANY PERSON HAVING A GOOD Buffalo or other robe for sale, leave word at THE SIGNAL, stating price. 1767.

CAUTION.—THE PUBLIC ARE hereby cautioned against negotiating a note in favor of Second & Cozena by J. P. Fawcett, bearing date of Dec. 2nd, 1880. The note has not been endorsed by us, is not negotiable. SECOND & COZENAS.

ICE.—HAVING JUST FILLED MY ice house with some beautiful clear ice, I invite the public to examine my stock, and get my rates for summer delivery. Call early, before the stock is exhausted. For Wm. McCaig, milkman, near the M. E. Church, Goderich. 1768-3.

MUSIC—MISS SKIMMINGS WILL resume her class in music for Piano and Cabinet Organ, on Monday, 23rd Jan. after the Xmas Vacation. Vacancies for two or three pupils. Terms \$5 per quarter in advance. Goderich 28th Dec. 1880. 1767-4.

BOAR FOR SERVICE.—A PEDIGREE Berkshire boar (from Bow Park) for service. Terms \$1 to be paid at time of service. F. SEEGMILLER, Huron Road.

WOOD WANTED.—100 CORDS OF green wood, good maple and beech, four feet in length, free from limbs and back logs, to be delivered at the Goderich public school, by the 1st of March, 1881. Tenders to be for not less than ten cords. Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to December, 1880. Wm. MITCHELL, Sec. Board. 1765.

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BRITISH ASS. COY. TORONTO—Established 1833.

PHOENIX INS. COY. OF LONDON (England)—Established 1762.

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Risks taken in the above first-class Offices, at the lowest rates by HORACE HORTON. The undersigned is also Appraiser for the CANADA PER. LOAN AND SAVINGS COY., TORONTO. Money to loan on first-class security, from 7 to 8 per cent.—Charges moderate. HORACE HORTON, Goderich, Sept. 10, 1880. 1751.

Dentistry.

M. NICHOLSON, SURGEON DENTIST. Office and residence, West Street, three doors below Bank of Montreal. Goderich 1752.

Tonsorial.

W. KNIGHT, PRACTICAL BARBER and Hair-dresser, begs to return thanks to the public for past patronage, and solicits a continuance of custom. He can always be found at his shaving parlour, near the Post Office, Goderich. 1753.

Medical.

H. G. MACKID, M. D., PHYSICIAN, Surgeon and Accoucheur. Graduate of Toronto University. Office opposite Cameron & Cameron's Bank, Lucknow. If not in office, enquire at the Bank. 1763-7.

DR. McLEAN, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, CORNER, &c. Office and residence on Bruce Street, second door west of Victoria Street. 1751.

DRS. SHANNON & HAMILTON, Physicians, Surgeons, Accoucheurs, &c. Office, Crabb's Block, near the Jail, Goderich. G. C. SHANNON, J. C. HAMILTON. 1751.

JAIKENHEAD, V.S., SUCCESSOR to Dr. Duncan Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College. Office, stable and residence, on Newgate Street, four doors east of Colborne Hotel. N. B.—Horses examined as to soundness. 1751.

Legal.

GARRROW & PROUDFOOT, BARRISTERS, ATTORNEYS, SOLICITORS, &c. Goderich. J. T. GARRROW, W. PROUDFOOT. 1751.

B. L. DOYLE, BARRISTER AND ATTORNEY, Solicitor in Chancery, &c. Goderich, Ont. 1751.

SEAGER & MORTON, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, &c. Goderich and Wingham. C. Seager, Jr., Goderich. J. A. Morton, Wingham. 1751.

S. MACLEOD, BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR, Office—Corner of West Street and Market Square, over George Acheson's. 1751.

E. CAMPION, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer, &c. Office over Dettlor's store, Goderich, Ont. Any amount of money to loan at lowest rates of interest. 1751-7.

CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS in Chancery, &c. Goderich and Wingham. M. C. Cameron, G. P. Holt, M. G. Cameron, Goderich. W. C. Macara, Wingham. 1751.

Miscellaneous Cards.

JAMES SMALL, ARCHITECT, &c. Office, Crabb's Block, Kingston at Goderich. Plans and specifications drawn correct. Carpenter's plasterer and mason's work measured and valued.

E. R. WATSON, HOUSE, SIGN and Ornamental Painter. Parlor decorated and a specialty. GRASSING, GLAZING, SHOP on North Street, opposite the Registry Office, Goderich. 1751.

STRATFORD BINDERY—ESTABLISHED 1869. This establishment is chiefly devoted to job and library work, especially to those unique and economical half and morocco styles. In all cases the best of stock and workmanship, with strength and beauty combined. Bindery over John Dutton's drug store. GEORGE STONE.