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LUNENBURG RATEPAYERS

VOTE TO BORROW $25,000 AND BUILD A WOODEN ACADEMY ON OLD SITE

Adjourned academy meeting was held in the new court house last Saturday night, Mayor Oxner presiding.

In opening the meeting the Mayor read a letter from Dr. McKay, Supt. of Education, flatly denouncing the old site, disapproving of a school in each end of the town and recommended the erection of one building.

Rev. Mr Haslam said he had measured the old site and it contained nearer 3ths than half an acre and he thought the school law had been misinterpreted. The law said that an eighth of an acre was enough for any school.

Inspector McIntosh thought the school law ordained that each department of a school should have an eighth of an acre.

Mr. Mitchell thought that if no sight other than the old could be found then it might be acceptable to the council of public instruction though small.

Mr. Haslam said that the sections relating to the matter were misleading and argued that no building could be placed on less than half an acre.

Mr. McIntosh did not care where the building was placed. He denounced neither of the sites. He wanted to be understood as desiring a building that the people would be proud of in the future.

Mr. J. C. Young suggested the closing up of the street separating academy from jail grounds and throwing the whole thing into a school property.

Councillor Morash was of the opinion that the street could not be closed. He was of the opinion that several other good sites were within reach. Mr. J. A. Hirtle wanted to know where the sites were. He believed the only site was the one suggested by Mr. Young.

Mr. P. Heckman objected to purchasing jail property as it was not in the direction of economy.

Mr. G. A. Parker had measured the old site and found ground enough for a building with 14 rooms and plenty of play ground beside.

Mr. Hirtle asked Inspector McIntosh if he would oppose the old site if the meeting voted for it.

Inspector McIntosh said he would have to oppose it as the Supt. Education had found it wanting.

Rev. Mr. Haslam spoke of having two school houses.

Coun. Morash believed one building preferable. If the jail property could be purchased, build on that leaving the old site for play ground without closing up the street. Mr. Solomon Morash thought the building should be erected on the old site using jail property for play grounds.

Messrs. Haslam and Nash moved that a five department building be erected on jail property and one with eight departments on old site.

Messrs. J. A. Hirtle and J. C. Young moved in amendment that the new building be erected on old site.

Messrs. P. A. Heckman and Geo. Mitchell moved in amendment to the amendment that the Gallows Hill be taken as a site for new academy.

Mr. McGuire suggested that, before more be done, the owners of the old jail property should be consulted. Mr. A. Silver one of the owners said he did not care to sell unless he could obtain another site that would suit him as well.

Mr. J. A. Hirtle withdrew his former motion and with Mr. Wm. Young, sr., seconding, moved that the academy be built on old site and town council empowered to purchase whatever portion of jail grounds available.

Mr. Haslam did not feel like withdrawing his motion, but was satisfied that parties holding jail grounds should sell.

The vote showed four in favor of Gallows Hill site and balance in favor of old site.

Moved by Messrs. McGuire and Hunt that the building be of wood.

Moved by Messrs. Jas R. Rudolf and J. M. Anderson that the building be of brick.

Wooden motion carried by a large majority.

In answer to a question, Mr. Chas. Smith said that his share of jail property could be had at cost.

Messrs. S. A. Chesley and D. J. Rudolf moved that a sum not exceeding $25,000 be borrowed and expended in erection of building on site determined by meeting.

Messrs. W. C. Smith and Wm. Gates moved in amendment that a sum not exceeding $18,000 be borrowed.

Forty voted for the first motion and 35 for the last.

Hotel for Sale

On Saturday, April 14, inst. at 11 o'clock, a. m., the hotel property, situated at corner of Lincoln and Duke streets consisting of three town lots and buildings and known as Bachman's hotel, will be sold at public auction.

The furniture will also be sold but not in conjunction with the property.

J. H. BACHMAN.

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A PUZZLE!

Find Pa, Ma and the Baby.

Then tell them to call and see the great bargains we are offering this week.

HAIR CLOTH PARLOR SUITS

ONLY $28.00.

Curtain Poles and Fittings from 23c. up.

A Carload of Chamber Suits just arrived.

HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

Lunenburg Furniture Co., Ltd. Newtown Store.

STAB IN THE BACK

Argus articles, reproduced in this issue, tell the public that Mr. A. K. McLean is not loved by the gentleman who presides over the editorial department of that paper in the absence of editor Letson. An Argus editorial is supposed to reflect the views of the tory party of Lunenburg. If late Argus editorials reflect the views of the tory party of Lunenburg then we are bound to infer that the tory party of Lunenburg has dwindled into one briefless, brainless, beardless barrister. This brilliant legal candle, at the opening of the campaign, imagined that he was the only light in this end of the county and the people, grit and tory alike, would hang upon his honied accents as the bee hangs upon the flower. On taking the field, this Demosthenes was confident that he would stalk the county making underlings by the score. He was assured, by his own conceit, that he would mow everything down that came in his way and emerge from the contest without as much as a freckle touched. In the gloaming, when the lights were low and dim, this hero wrapped the mantle of his couch around him and reclined only to dream of how he would crush all opposing forces and come out of the affray receiving those honors always gladly bestowed upon the child of the people. With these visions impelling, he rushed headlong into this, that and the other public meeting taking the rostrum to the exclusion of some of his own political friends much better qualified to teach and preach. Having no opposition, like the dude of old, he leant over the well to die of admiration of himself. But this business was brought to an abrupt close. While about enlightening a certain meeting one evening, Mr. A. K. McLean put in an appearance and demanded and received half of the time. The would be great man spoke first. Mr. McLean replied. The would be great man was jeered by the audience as Mr. McLean showed that both the great man and his arguments were fit objects of pity. This stung the very stinger of the man who had dreamt of crushing all opponents and he there and then secretly swore that he would have satifaction in one form or another. Not having the ability to hold his own in open manly debate before even Tory audiences, he sneakingly forsakes the rostrum and as sneakingly crawls into the editorial department of the Argus and there, under cover, in ambush, vents his spleen by shooting at Mr. McLean with the amunition of an animal more loathsome than the skunk. It may not be as pleasant, but it is infinitely more respectable to be the target than to be the skunk. Mr. McLean may rest assured that he will be warmly received by the electors of this county, in public meetings assembled, long after his cowardly assailant has learned that he, himself, is as huge an abortion politically as was the kinsman who openly called upon the electors not to vote for the poor man.

AFFLICTED NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., March 26—Another serious marine disaster threatened this island Saturday night. A large number of men and boys who had been seal hunting on the ice near shore Saturday were carried out to sea by drifting ice. Two of the boys were frozen to death and the entire party badly frostbitten. Towards evening the wind, which had changed to south-east, began to loosen the ice and drive it off the land. There were two or three hundred men scattered about on drifting ice and all realizing their peril hastened towards shore, which a large number succeeded in reaching in safety. Nightfall, however, found many of the hunters adrift and fires out. Beacon fires were lighted to guide them to a place of safety, but when the endangered men reached the edge of pack the ice was so far away from shore their efforts to reach land were unsuccessful. Messengers were despatched to this place after midnight for the purpose of obtaining steamers with which to try to rescue unfortunate hunters still, on the ice, who, it is stated numbered from 25 to 30. During the night, however, the greater part of them succeeded in reaching land, mostly by swimming, when the currents carried the ice near the shore. Nine men and boys were still uncounted for yesterday morning, and two steamers were engaged all day Sunday searching for them. These steamers unfortunately took wrong direction at start, and party was not sighted until morning. Boat was sent to their assistance which managed to reach them after much trouble as they were separated by many miles of ice and water. Seven were rescued alive, two boys named Parsons were dead when found. Others had no food or stimulants and suffered intensely from cold. They had no protection whatever and could have survived but a little while longer.

Before Justice Griffiths, Henry Gerhardt of Kingsburg recently swore out an information accusing Messrs Freeman Spindler, Solomon Winters, Benj. Cook and Josiah Barkhouse of stealing a quantity of salt. The case will be heard on Friday by Justice Griffiths.

The W. M. auxiliary intend holding a concert in the basement of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening next, April 10th, commencing at 8 o'clock. The programme will consist of readings, recitations, dialogues and good music, vocal and instrumental. A small admittance fee.

Stove Repairs.

Don't throw away your Stoves because some unprincipalled dealer trying to sell you a new one, says you cannot get repairs for it. I have in stock and can furnish repairs for nearly every stove in existence in the county, and if you will call or mail me the name of your stove I will furnish the **Needed Repair, at Shortest Notice.**

Frank Powers

DEATHS

At Indian Point, March 5, Jas. M. Andrews, aged 32 years, after six days illness.

SUDDEN DEATH

About nine o'clock last wednesday evening it was announced on the streets that Mr. Freeman Bachman, manager of the Bachman hotel, had just dropped dead. As Mr. Bachman had been seen but a few minutes before in the lobby of the post office, for a while the correctness of the announcement was doubted, but time established its soundness. It is supposed that death resulted from internal injuries sustained at the academy fire of a few months ago. He was among the most active fire fighters on that occasion and was rewarded by a thorough drenching followed by a dry hacking cough. Some three weeks ago, for the first time, after an attack of coughing, he spat blood. On the Sunday preceding his death he coughed up a scab and more blood. Less than an hour before his demise, he visited the post office, secured the mail matter and returned to his private room. While lying on his bed reading, coughing again set in. Persons in adjoining rooms said it was uncommonly severe and terminated with a rush from the room on part of deceased toward dining room. Mr. Belcher, commercial traveller, was in the dining room at the time and saw the unfortunate man come to the dining room door with basin in hand into which blood was flowing freely from his mouth. Even before Mr. Belcher had time to offer any aid the subject of this sad report fell on the floor and expired instantly. It is believed that he was choked or smothered by the rush of blood. Doctors are of the opinion that the scab above referred to was due to rupture of a blood vessel brought about by overwork at the fire and when the scab came away it left the vessel too tender and, thin to withstand the severe coughing attacks that so frequently set in. The body was buried on Sunday. After the usual Episcopal ceremonies had been performed by the Rev. Mr. Haslam, about 100 Bridgewater and Lunenburg Oddfellows surrounded the grave and performed the ceremony peculiar to their order. Rising Sun Lodge, of which deceased was a member, laid on the coffin a wreath of natural flowers from the Halifax nursery.

The masonic body met in regular session last evening.

It is rumored that Zwicker and Co. are doing 67 bankers.

Schr. Atlanta, Capt. R. Silver, sailed for the Banks on Monday, via Halifax.

Mr. C. Richard is on a business trip to Lockeport representing Mr. Frank Powers.

Latest Boston styles in Bar Pins, Shirt Studs and Scarf Pins just received at E. L. Nash's.

Mrs. Wm. C. Acker and Miss Mary Acker go to Truro to-morrow to spend a few weeks.

The town appeal court disposed of 32 cases on Monday, raising none but correcting many clerical errors.

A. K. McLean returned by boat of to-day from Halifax and W. T. Lindsay returned from same place by train of last evening.

One of the large glass plates in the front of Gormerly's tailoring establishment was broken on Monday by a stone thrown by a boy.

A new schooner will be launched from Smith's yard this evening. She will join the bank fleet with A. Young, Lillydale, in command.

Rev. Mr. Shaw, of Mahone will assist in conducting the evangelistic services to be held in the Baptist church this and to-morrow evening.

Mr. Alex Bachman, after an absence of some years in the U. S., returned home by train of Saturday evening to attend funeral of his brother.

Mr. Herbert Silver, representing T. & E. Kenny, is in town. Mr. Silver is a Lunenburg boy by birth and is always warmly welcomed by his friends here.

Among the curiosities to be found in the store of John Lindsay in the future is a rat trap costing $1.50 This trap has caught as many as 20 of the pests in one night.

Schr. Vivian was broken into on Monday night and a number of oranges taken. Between Saturday and Monday two barrels of beef were also stolen from the schr. Yucatan.

While a three masted schooner, coal laden from New York was beating in the harbor yesterday, she ran on Battery shoal where she remained a short time. She was docked this morning.