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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, December 24th, 1897.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas.

The Ontario Budget.

Mr. Harcourt's budget speech last week was as lucid and satisfactory a one as was ever delivered before the Ontario Legislature. It showed clearly that the expenditure of the Province has fallen steadily during the past seven years, and that there are now assets amounting to \$5,291,968, while the liabilities at present payable are only \$33,644, leaving a surplus of \$5,258,324. In the face of these figures it will be exceedingly difficult for the Opposition to convince the electors of Ontario that it will be wise for them to turn out a Government that can show such good evidence of its competency; indeed, about all Mr. Whitney could say, when he was at the Falls in October last, was that if the Conservatives were in power he thought they could do a little better than the Liberals.

The Log Question Settled.

Mr. Gibson, the Crown Lands Commissioner, has introduced and moved for the first reading of a bill providing that Canadian logs shall be manufactured in Canada by Canadian workmen, which is what the opponents of the Government have been almost crying for during the past few months. The bill, if passed, will apply to future licenses, but not to those already in existence, which would be obviously unfair, as they were issued without any such condition. Mr. Gibson's announcement was received in silence by the Opposition, as the bill abstracts one of the chief planks from their platform, leaving a hole through which they probably foresee they will fall.

That Libel Suit.

In this issue is a letter from Quiz, who asks us how matters stand regarding Mr. John A. Ellis's libel suit, and we are happy to be able to inform him that Mr. Ellis has withdrawn the suit and paid the costs. Mr. Ellis was told that, by an expenditure of about \$250, he could compel us to tell him who Quiz was; but, as far as we can figure it out, it has cost him about \$1.66 per week since he entered the suit in March last, and he doesn't know who Quiz is yet. The libel law is very strict, and properly so; but there would soon be a pretty state of affairs if damages could be obtained from the writer or publisher of a letter criticizing the actions of a public official. A story is told about a Yankee who was in a railway smash-up, and who demanded compensation on the ground that, though he wasn't injured, he had been badly scared, for which he thought he ought to be paid at least 75 cents, which amount was handed to him without demur; and we think that Mr. Ellis ought to remunerate Quiz for the sleepless nights the libel suit has cost him. For our part, we weren't scared even 75 cents' worth.

The Wilson-Booth Affair.

Last Saturday there was a report in the village that an elderly man named Robert Wilson, of Galway, had been robbed earlier in the week, two or three miles from his home, and so brutally beaten about the head that he had died on Friday night; and that George (or William) Booth, of Somerville, was seen with him in his waggon a short time before the assault must have been committed. Constable Nevison, who drove out to Wilson's on Saturday evening, found that the alleged dead man was alive, though badly used up, and that the story, as told at the Falls, was wrong in nearly every particular. It appears that early on the night of the 14th inst. Wilson left his home in a one-horse waggon, accompanied by Booth, to get some furniture that was locked up in a house a few miles off, and is said to be the property of a man named White, not now in these parts, though Booth, we are told, alleges that he bought it. They broke open the door of the house and took the furniture to Booth's, where they probably quarrelled over the division of the chattels, for Wilson drove home next morning seated in a rocking chair in his waggon, but so badly injured that his recovery is by no means certain. As he positively refused to tell who assaulted him, Constable Nevison procured a warrant against Booth for stealing the furniture and on Monday arrested him and took him to the Lindsay jail, where he now lies awaiting his trial, which will be held at the Falls on Monday next.

Farming.

A gentleman who is one of the best authorities on agriculture in America, and than whom no one is in a better position to judge of the requirements of the farmer, recently stated that the condition of the Canadian farmer was improving, and that this improvement was due largely to the good work being done by the Farmers' Institute systems and the agricultural press. Every one who has considered this matter carefully will agree with this statement, and especially with that portion of it referring to the agricultural press. Among the many agricultural journals published, none are doing more to improve the condition of the Canadian farmer than *Farming*, published at 20 Bay street, Toronto. It is the only weekly agricultural paper published in Canada. With it is incorporated the *Ontario Agricultural Gazette*, which is the official organ of the Dominion Cattle, Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations, and of the Farmers' Institute system of Ontario. No progressive farmer can afford to be without it. There is no phase of farm work and practice but what he can get information upon by consulting the columns of *Farming*. Among the special features which might be mentioned is the "weekly market review and forecast," and no one who has live stock or farm produce to sell can afford to be without this weekly outlook regarding prices and the condition of the markets. The price of *Farming* is \$1 per annum.

Fenelon Falls Council.

Fenelon Falls, Dec. 15th, 1897. Council met pursuant to statute, all the members present except the reeve.

Moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That Mr. Deyman be chairman.—Carried.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Martin, That the following accounts be paid and the chairman give his orders for the same: J. Heard, hardware, \$22 18; Geo. McGee, do., \$12.44; F. Sandford, work and material etc. and palley for pump house, \$53 67; W. L. Robson, postage, stationery etc., \$1 90; Standard Chemical Co., turning shaft for pump, \$5.00; C. Ley, drawing lumber for pump house, \$1; E. Lansfield, do., \$1; R. Jackett, work on pump house, \$1; H. Puley, account, \$9 80; R. Jackett, breaking 40 loads of stone, \$4.—25 loads gravel, \$6 50—blasting and removing electric light pole, \$1; J. A. Ellis, lumber account, \$71.22; R. Jackett, balance of work on Oak street, \$96; J. A. Ellis, abatement error in assessment, 1896, \$6.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robson, That the financial statement as presented by the treasurer be accepted, and that the required number be printed and distributed.—Carried.

School Board Proceedings.

Fenelon Falls, Dec. 20th, 1897. Board met at regular meeting. Present, Mr. F. McDougall in the chair, and Messrs G. H. Littleton, Dr. Wilson J. Heard and T. Austin. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Dr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Austin, That the following accounts

be paid and the chairman give his orders for the same: Jos. Heard, \$25.53; J. A. Ellis, \$55.13; W. Golden, \$4.50; Wm. Henderson, \$5.62; R. Jackett, \$5; W. Burgoyne, \$1; Mrs. J. Chambers, \$2.88; Sam Sharpe, \$28.22; J. C. Brandon, \$8.50; Wm. Sanderson, \$7; C. Kelly, \$1.20; C. Wise, \$4; Lancashire Insurance Co., \$59; Sam Fox, \$26; Miss Bell, \$18.75; Mrs. Deyman, \$11.25; Mr. Maybee, \$125; Mr. Rowland, \$75; Miss Sullivan, \$68.75; Miss Cullon, \$62.50; Miss Macniven, \$56.25; Miss Bellingham, \$56.25; Paul Sova, \$50; Wm. Jeffrey, \$34.40.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Heard, That the secretary be instructed to collect all fees owing this board by non-resident pupils on or before January 1st, 1898, or place the same in court for collection without further notice.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Littleton, That the fee for non-resident pupils attending the head master's room in future be one dollar per month, payable in advance; that for those attending the lower rooms to remain as previously, viz., fifty cents per month.—Carried.

Somerville Council.

Council met at Burnt River on Dec. 15th. All the members present and the reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Communications were laid before the council from F. S. Spence, re petitioning the Legislative Assembly respecting liquor licenses; and from Mr. T. Matchet, County Clerk, re the County council assuming leading roads. The council decided to take no action with respect to the petition re liquor licenses.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Burtchall, a petition was sent to the Legislature, asking for a grant of money on the roads in this township. Accounts amounting to \$249.31 were passed and ordered to be paid.

On motion, the reeve was authorized to get Mr. Dickson, P. L. S., to locate the proper line along the base line across the 12th concession.

A petition from B. Miller and others asking for the formation of a new school section was laid over till next meeting.

Mrs. W. S. Scott complained that lot north half of No. 1 in the 5th concession has been assessed above its value and asked for a reduction in the arrears against said lot, and on motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Griffin, the arrears of taxes on said lot were ordered to be reduced 50 per cent., and the clerk was instructed to authorize the County Treasurer to write off the arrears charged against said lot, and also arrears against lot No. 3 Wilson Avenue, Kinmount.

The treasurer's financial statement was submitted to the council, and the clerk was ordered to have the necessary number of copies prepared for distribution. The clerk was instructed to have some logs placed along the river bank near Mr. Woolf's place, to prevent persons driving over the bank until such time as the place can be fixed.

The council adjourned to meet again at Burnt River on the third Monday in January next.

The nominations for councillors will take place at Burnt River on Monday, December 27th, at noon.

Burnt River.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

L. O. L. No. 541 held their annual election in their new hall on Thursday, the 9th inst., and elected officers as follows: A. B. Townsend W. M., S. A. Suddaby D. M., Sam Windrim Chap., Sam Suddaby Rec. Sec., Thos. Hodgson Fin. Sec., R. English Treas., Sam Carew D. of C., H. G. Perdue Lect., J. W. Suddaby Sec. Com. It was resolved: That the thanks of this Lodge be tendered to Bro. Lewis Deyman for his generous present to this lodge. The present was a handsome and substantial chair for the Master. It is intended to have a basket social in aid of the building funds, but it was not thought advisable to set the date until there is a reasonable certainty of sleighing.

Powles' Corner.

(Correspondence of the Gazette.)

Another Christmas has come, and we take this opportunity of wishing the *Gazette* a merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous new year.

A shooting match took place last Tuesday at Mr. Thos. Gillis's. There were both shot guns and rifles. The competition between the shot guns created considerable amusement, and Big-Indian-Me captured one turkey. There was some very good shooting done with the rifles, and some of the crack shots secured two each, and some went home without any.

The annual school meeting will be held on the 29th. Mr. Jas. Mitchell is the retiring trustee. It would be better