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**The Fenelon Falls Gazette.**

**Friday, March 18th, 1898.**

### The Yukon Bill.

The bill to confirm the bargain made between Hon. Clifford Sifton and McKenzie & Mann received its second reading last Friday morning, and the majority in its favor was 39, the vote standing 111 to 72. One of the only two Conservatives who voted for it was Sam Hughes, who is believed to have been in McKenzie & Mann's employ for some time past, and is not the kind of Sam to sacrifice a soft sit for such a little thing as a vote. Five Liberals—supporters of the Government in everything else—opposed the bill, and no doubt many others would have done so if they had followed their convictions. All over the Dominion there are Liberals who are dissatisfied with the deal, looking upon it as a deliberate attempt to divide several million acres of the richest part of the Klondike region between a band of conscienceless conspirators, and it is to be hoped that the Senate will exercise its right and throw out the bill, as opposed to the interests of the people. The bargain, we repeat, is unpopular, and the Government was furnished with a good ground for receding from it by the Fort Wrangel difficulty, but did not choose to take advantage of the opening. Now it is said that McKenzie & Mann have agreed to take a very moderate subsidy in cash, instead of the 25,000 acres of land, per mile, but what their idea of "moderate" remains to be seen. Our opinion is that the Government ought to build the railway, or, failing that, that the contract ought to be let by tender; and that the very worst thing that can be done is to pay for it in land, to the ownership of which, in large areas, by private individuals or corporations, we have a deep-rooted objection. The proposed grant of four or five million acres to McKenzie & Mann is defended on the ground that they are running a great risk, as the land may not be worth anything; but all the available evidence goes to show that the chances are ten to one that the grant would make them so inordinately wealthy that they would be almost a menace to society, for no one need be told the power of money. Let the bonus be in cash, by all means, as we shall then know what the railway costs us; and a very small sum per mile ought to be sufficient, as there is no doubt about the line paying, especially as the owners are to be allowed three times the ordinary passenger rates, and any amount they think fit for freight.

Because the *Gazette* is opposed to the Yukon railway bargain it is accused by a few over zealous Liberals of having turned Conservative, but the charge is utterly without foundation. The *Gazette* is all right and as true to its principles as it always was, but the Government appears to have turned Conservative, inasmuch as it is following the objectionable practices so much condemned in that party, and the *Gazette* considers it its duty, not to any particular individuals, but to the Liberal party, to say honestly what it thinks. It entirely agrees with the following remarks in the *Toronto Telegram* of Saturday last:

"Soon or late the policy of every party must be tried at the polls by the people, who are the sovereign judges in the High Court of public opinion. Why, then, should high-minded party

leaders be so anxious to suppress word or deed which can interfere with the immediate fulfillment of their designs. The best friend, both to the country and to the Liberal party, is the private in the ranks who speaks against an evil policy. The policy which harms the country cannot really help the party, and men who stand up and refuse to go with their party in the wrong are better politicians and better patriots than the men who are with their party, right or wrong. Followers who are independent enough to keep their leaders on the right track do more to perpetuate the life of a Government than the dumb driven Ontario Grit members, whose subservience encourages the Clifford Siftions of Liberalism to outrage the sentiments of the country, and so ensure the defeat of the party."

### He Ought to be Jailed.

The following account of a homicide at Morrisburg was telegraphed to the *Toronto* papers on Monday:

"Saturday night Fred Holden, a young man of this town, was accidentally shot in mistake for a burglar. He died Sunday morning. About midnight or shortly after a light was discovered in the office of Bradfield Bros. & Co.'s hardware establishment. Burglars being suspected, Mr. Harry Bradfield was notified, and with the assistance of a couple of constables well armed, surrounded the store. A few moments later a form was seen to come out of the office, and Mr. Bradfield, who was stationed at the front door with a Winchester rifle, fired. The man dropped to the floor and a lamp was secured. It was found that the suspected burglar was none other than the firm's clerk and grandson of the senior partner, and that a terrible mistake had been made. A physician was summoned, and it was found that the bullet had passed through the upper part of one leg and lodged in the other. The bullet was easily extracted. The patient, from loss of blood, together with the awful shock, was in a very weak condition, and passed away about noon on Sunday. Great sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing mother and family, and for Mr. Bradfield's unfortunate connection with the sad affair. The deceased was only twenty years of age, was well liked and very popular. His untimely end has cast a gloom over the entire community."

It is absurd to say that the shooting of the young man was "accidental," and in our opinion Mr. Bradfield ought to be sent to jail long enough to give him time to reflect upon the sacredness of human life. He was in no danger whatever, and, if he had been, two armed constables were close at hand; there was no evidence that the man in the office was there with criminal intent; no close look at him was taken, nor was he ordered to surrender; but he was undoubtedly guilty of being in the office (with a light) after business hours, and for that crime he was promptly put to death, without being heard in his own defence. There are men who are glad to get a chance to kill a fellow creature without danger to themselves, and Mr. Harry Bradfield is probably one of them. But we suppose he's well off; and so he gets sympathy instead of being tried for manslaughter.

### Fenelon Falls Council.

Fenelon Falls, March 14th, 1898. Council met at regular meeting, all the members present except Mr. Martin. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. John T. Thompson waited on the council in regard to a sidewalk on Murray street.

Mr. McKendry appeared to solicit charity for Mr. Aulbrook.

Moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. McKeown, That Mr. McKendry's application for charity for Mr. Aulbrook be referred to the charity committee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Clark, That Mr. Thompson's application for sidewalk be referred to the street and bridge committee.—C'd.

Moved by Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Clark, That the following accounts be paid and the receipt give his orders for the same: "Municipal World," assessment notices, 90c.; E. D. Hand, printing, \$17; W. Burgoyne, charity for Tebo, \$3; N. M. Keith, work on drain, \$1; John Ingram, repairing Queen street bridge, \$1.25; A. Torrance, repairing road, 25c.; F. F. Electric Light Co., account, \$52.10.—C'd.

By-law to lease a part of road allowance to C. J. Thornton introduced, read and passed in the usual manner, Mr. McKeown in the chair.

By-law to extend the time for returning the collector's roll introduced, read and passed in the usual manner, Mr. Clark in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Austin, That the auditors' report for 1897 as presented be adopted, and that

the clerk be instructed to have the village and cemetery accounts printed, and to hand the school accounts to the school secretary, and that the auditors receive the sum of \$10 each from the village funds and \$2 each from the cemetery funds.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Clark, That the treasurer's securities, viz., Messrs. Joseph Heard and Findley McDougall, be accepted by this council.—Carried.

The council then adjourned.

### Fenelon Council.

Cambray, March 8th, 1898. Council met pursuant to postponement notice, all the members present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved, also several communications.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Parkin, That the account received from the township of Verulam for certain fencing done on Brandon's hill on the boundary cannot be entertained.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Webster, That the order given by Mr. Parkin for \$6 for board for E. Fieldhouse be confirmed, and that \$10 be left in charge of E. Lytle for the same purpose.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Webster, That material for covering McLaren's creek bridge be procured and put on forthwith.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Webster, That the collector be allowed an abatement of \$3.07, error in general school rate charged against R. Moore; S'c., error in J. Raby's school taxes; that Mr. C. B. Taylor be allowed an abatement of \$2 in statute labor charged in error, and that he is hereby authorized not to collect the taxes charged against Aaron Gilson, he having lost his barns and crops by fire; and that he is hereby instructed not to collect the taxes charged against lot 3 south of Mill street, Cambray, as the said lot was assessed to Mr. T. Wood without his instruction or knowledge, and he was not a tenant of the said lot; and that he shall be allowed an abatement of \$3.15 for taxes charged to A. Johnston.—C'd.

Moved by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Parkin, that Mr. H. Reazio be refunded \$5 for statute labor charged on roll of 1896, the same having been performed, and that Mrs. Angus be refunded \$2 charged for statute labor.—C'd.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Webster, That Mr. Parkin be authorized to let a contract by tender for supplying and laying covering on McLaren's creek bridge, the cedar to be twelve feet long and six inches thick.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Webster, That the clerk is hereby instructed to ask for tenders for the printing required by this municipality for 1898.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Webster, That Mr. Hall's resignation as a member of the Board of Health be accepted, and that Mr. Perdue be appointed to the vacancy, and that Mr. Parkin be reappointed for three years.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Webster, That a grant of \$5 be given to the Sick Children's Hospital of Toronto.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Webster, That Mr. McLaughlin's bill of \$40 for legal services be paid.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. McGee, That the clerk be instructed to notify the Grand Trunk Railway that they are required to put in a crossing where their track crosses the 6th concession, as per our previous request.—Carried.

The auditors' report was read. Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Webster, That the auditors' report be received and adopted, and that the auditors receive \$8 each for their services.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Parkin, That Mary McFayden, Sarah McFayden and Mrs. Wells receive \$5 each out of the poor rate.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. McGee, That a by-law to authorize the appointment of an arbitrator to arbitrate on the differences existing between this municipality and the council of the County of Victoria regarding expenditure incurred by this municipality in the erection of the Rosedale bridge, be received and read a first time.—Carried.

By-law read and passed in the usual manner, Mr. McGee in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Perdue, That Mr. McGee be authorized to inspect the bridge at lot 25 concession 2, and have the necessary repairs made.—Carried.

Mr. C. J. Thornton addressed the council re lease of part of road allowance between the 9th concession and Fenelon Falls boundary.

Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. McGee, That a by-law to authorize