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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1912.

### Charged With Fraud.

The following appeared among the news despatches in Monday's Globe, and will be of interest to Gazette readers, as Mrs. Rice addressed a meeting in Fenelon Falls on November 1st:

Weland, Dec. 22.—Considerable excitement has been caused by the arrest here of Chester Rice, charged with fraud. He was representing himself as the agent of the Brunswick-Balke Colliery Company, manufacturers of pool tables, and trying to sell the exclusive right to games called billiard pinole, asking part payment in advance. Rice claimed to be trying to raise money to pay his mother's hotel bill here, also enough money to reach Hamilton. Mrs. Rice, who with her son and manager, Horatio White, is staying at a local hotel, is styled the "girl preacher." She was here last summer speaking against local option. Rice claimed his mother was employed by the hotel-keepers of Ontario to preach against local option, that she had been engaged by the liquor dealers in the United States for the same work, but had not been paid as promised. The "girl preacher" has apparently had quite a career, both the Dominion Alliance, Toronto, and the Anti-Saloon League of America having a record of her services to the liquor traffic.

### Ellis's Sentence Commuted.

The sentence of death passed on Hector Ellis, convicted of the murder of his brother-in-law, Lew Porter, near Minden, has been commuted to imprisonment for life. He was taken to Kingston Penitentiary this week.

### Not H. Brooks of Fenelon Falls.

The H. Brooks whose name appears in the return of convictions published in last week's Gazette in a case of breach of the liquor license act, is not Mr. H. Brooks of Fenelon Falls. The fact is mentioned in justice to Mr. Brooks, in order that no wrong impression may exist as to the orderly character of his hotel.

### Somerville Council Proceedings.

Council met Dec. 16th, pursuant to statute. All the members present, the Reeve in the chair.

The financial statement was presented by the treasurer and the clerk was instructed to get 150 copies printed.

The following claims for sheep killed by dogs were ordered to be paid: J. Jones, \$6.00; Wm. Stewart \$3.00; R. H. Henderson \$8.66; and F. E. Taylor \$7.33.

McFarlane—Hoskins.—That the following accounts be paid: Geo. Traill, salary, postage and stationery, \$52; Fenelon Falls Gazette, printing, \$8; Felix Northey, tile, \$7.50; McLaughlin, Peel, Fulton and Stinson, professional services, \$5.64; Sam. Suddaby, salary, postage, etc., \$43.50; A. B. Townsend, selecting jurors, \$3; A. Morrison, councillor's fees, selecting jurors, inspecting work etc., \$13; Messrs. Byrne, Hoskins and McFarlane, \$22.50 each; Mr. Davis, \$15;

Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives, keep of Mrs. J. Askey, \$85.40; Dr. J. B. Austin, salary M. H. O., \$10; Dr. H. B. Johnstone, disinfecting two houses after scarlet fever last year, \$8; Wm. Hughes, repairing culvert, 75c.; James McKay, repairing road after washout, \$2; L. O. L. No. 641, use of hall, \$20.

Two by-laws for allowing subways for cattle to cross the highway were passed; Mr. J. McGee to be employed to clear brush from the roadsides; Mr. T. Byr e t l care the line between lots 12 and 13 from the 8th concession to the Monck road.

The Council adjourned.

### Brewer Brown Coming.

Ensign Brewer Brown, ex-prize-fighter and infidel, will conduct a special campaign on Dec. 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st. On Monday, Dec. 30th, a Local Option meeting will be held in Dickson's Hall. All other meetings in the S. A. Hall. Watch-night service on Tuesday night commencing at 10.30.

### Personal.

Among Christmas visitors at the Falls were: Miss C. Swanton, Midland; Miss Bessie Nie, Orillia; Miss Alice Nie, New Liskeard; Miss Elva Maybee; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mann, Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bishop, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith, Parry Sound; Mr. and Mrs. L. Deyman, Peterborough; Mrs. A. McIntyre, Peterborough; Mr. Burkley Mas n. Ottawa; Mr. Jas. Stevens, South River; Mr. Fred. Keast, Sudbury; Mr. Alex. Smith, Lindsay; Messrs. N. P. Martin, Ray Burgess, Harry McGee, E. C. Calder, Harold Wilson, Toronto; Bert Robson, Lindsay; Wm. Brokenshire, Toronto; W. Carley, Coldwater; Mr. Harry Chamber, Brantford; Mr. E. G. Hand, Cobalt.

Mrs. Pinkham left this week for a couple of months' visit to Rochester relatives.

Miss Pearl Austin is in Toronto visiting her sister, Miss Marjorie Austin, who has been on the sick list.

### Verulam Council.

The Verulam Council met at the Town Hall in Bobcaygeon, on Monday pursuant to statute, the Reeve, J. J. Devitt Esq. in the chair, and Councillors W. Green, W. Hetherington, Isaac Lewis, John Mitchell.

The usual bunch of correspondence was presented.

On motion of Green and Mitchell, the Reeve was authorized to sign the agreement of owners re outlet for Graham ditch.

Mr. Griffin's assessment had been raised \$200, though he understood his assessment was the same as last year, and therefore did not appeal. He wished refund of taxes, but Council could not see its way to take such action.

Mr. Arthur Bell complained that his road was in a dangerous condition, and it was moved by Mitchell and Lewis that the Commissioner and Reeve inspect and if found necessary, they make the repair, half cost being charged to the Commissioner.

Messrs. Green and Hetherington moved in amendment that a grant of \$50 be made for the repair of the road, provided the Div. Com. make a like grant. The amendment carried.

Wm. Hunter was allowed a rebate of \$1 for a dog assessed to his tenant, who had gone west.

Mr. Archie Murdock wished a road opened, but the question was laid over. He complained of water flooding his land, and the trouble was referred to the Div. Commissioner. Mr. Murdock also had a claim for a buggy injured by running over some tile piled on the road, and this claim was laid over till the buggy was repaired.

On motion of Hetherington and Mitchell, W. H. Graham is to be notified to level the stone on the side of his road, and be instructed not to place any more stone on the road without permission.

On motion of Mitchell and Green, a grant of \$10 was made to Mrs. Bundy towards burial expense of infant, grant to be at disposal of the Clerk.

On motion Robt. Kittle and Walter Fiske were allowed a rebate of \$1 each for dogs assessed in error.

Messrs. Mitchell and Green moved that cheques be drawn for following: Walter McGregor, burying dog, \$1.50; Solon Finley, sheep killed by dogs, \$8; Chas. Kelley, repairs to stone crusher, \$2.45; J. Mullen, extra work Lamb's bridge, 50c.; W. Dunn, extra work Lamb's bridge, \$6.50; W. Tiers, extra work Lamb's bridge, \$2.75; Jos. Heard, 2 gal. oil, \$1.30; J. Knox, digging ditch, \$6.00; Clerk, telephoning and postage \$2.57; W. Green, to pay others Lamb's bridge, \$12.50; W. Green, Britton's bridge, \$1; J. J. Devitt, sess. allowance \$22.50; Lamb's bridge \$12, Irwin swamp \$6.90, Com. on App. \$21—\$36.40; Isaac Lewis, sess. allowance \$22.50, Commission on Appropriation \$21—\$43.50; John Mitchell, sess. allowance \$22.50, Com. on App. \$15—\$37.50; Wm. Hetherington, sess. all. \$20, Com. on App. \$22.65, commission Lamb's bridge, \$12—\$41.65; Wm. Green, sess. all. \$20, Com. on App. \$27.65—\$47.65; Clerk, balance salary \$125, preparing voters' list \$10.00, selecting jurors \$4—\$139; Sec. Treas. S. S. No. 7, Trustee order \$30; Sec. Treas. S. S. No. 8, Trustee order \$30; A. Dunsenath, selecting jurors \$4.

### L. O. L. Election of Officers.

L. O. L. No. 996 held its annual election of officers on Tuesday, Dec. 10th, which resulted as follows: W. M. Thos. Johnston, re-elected; D. M. Wm. Cassidy, re-elected; Rec-Sec., H. Nelson, re-elected; Fin-Sec., S. Corbett, re-elected; Treas., Dr. Mason, re-elected; D. of C., Jos. Nevison, re-elected; Chap., L. Deyman, re-elected; Lec., John T. Thompson; S. Com., Wm. Golden; J. Com., Geo. Jackett, J. Johnston, E. Wilkinson, and Arthur Willock. The treasurer's report showed a balance of over \$150. It was decided to celebrate next 12th of July at Bobcaygeon. The steamer Lintonia has been chartered, and another boat may be secured.

### I. O. F. MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the I. O. F. in their lodge room on Monday evening, the 30th inst. Election of officers and other important business. A full attendance requested.

T. Austin, F. S. Jas. Billett, C. R.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

#### The Bobcaygeon Repeal Question.

Bobcaygeon, Dec. 12th, 1912

To the Editor of Fenelon Falls Gazette, Dear Sir:

In your issue of Nov. 29th you published an article from your Lindsay correspondent under the heading "Bobcaygeon Satisfied with Local Option." In justice to your paper's reputation for veracity, and in justice to those citizens of Bobcaygeon who look with favor upon Local Option, I ask you to be good enough to print this letter if by any chance you can find space for it.

As presented by your correspondent, you have given an entirely erroneous impression with regard to the feeling of the people of our village in regard to the by-law.

I have several objections to make to his articles, and, before presenting them to you I wish to state that I am in favor of any law which will tend to minimize the drinking of liquor, but that under the system in vogue in Bobcaygeon I find it exceedingly hard to keep from drinking.

My first objection to his article is that he says 77 names were required in order to FORCE council to submit a by-law to the people to repeal the Act, and only 59 names were presented.

I have gone over the voters' list myself, and have the word of our esteemed Notary Public, Mr. G. W. Taylor, that to the best of his knowledge the number required was 62, not 77.

2nd. The article says "THE NAMES ON THE PETITION SHOW THAT THEY HAD BEEN ALL OVER THE VILLAGE, BUT WITH ALL THEY LACKED 18 VOTES TO MAKE IT OF ANY USE." I admit that we cannot FORCE council to submit a by-law without having 3 more names on the petition, but I wish to point out that the petition was virtually as much use as if signed by half the ratepayers, inasmuch as the law distinctly states that the council has the legal right to submit such a by-law without any petition whatever, and, besides, we were advised by at least one of the council that it was only necessary to show enough signers to justify council in putting the question to a vote of the people. Also, the petition was not "all over the village," as many citizens never heard of it who would gladly have signed it had they known of its existence. There was absolutely no organization, and everyone who signed it did so without the least amount of canvassing or coercion.

3rd. Your correspondent says: "THE COUNCIL RECEIVED THE PETITION AND PUT IT ON FILE, BUT TOOK NO ACTION IN THE MATTER." Why? I have canvassed every member of the council and the Reeve, and, to a man, they wish to have Local Option repealed. They claim that their object in filing the petition was not to favor Local Option, but that, if laid over until another year, and if Fenelon Falls and Lindsay both decided against Local Option, we would be certain to get the by-law repealed here. I repeat, EVERY MAN ON THE COUNCIL AND THE REEVE IS AN OPPONENT OF LOCAL OPTION.

4th. Your correspondent says, "If Fenelon Falls and Lindsay carry Local Option it will work still better." I admit that it would be impossible for it to work worse than it has, but I claim that such a statement is not a fact, cannot be proven true, and is nothing but the idle speculation of a Local Option (not temperance) crank.

Why, we can get liquor from Toronto as quickly and more cheaply than we can from either place.

5th. I emphatically deny your correspondent's imputation that the temperance people are all in favor of Local Option. I am in favor of temperance, and voted for it three years ago. I know a lot of men who voted for Local Option three years ago who are disgusted with it and want a chance to vote against it. (None of the names are on the petition.)

6th. In conclusion, I demand this: How can your correspondent say "Bobcaygeon is satisfied with Local Option" when we have no chance at the polls to prove that statement.

Yours very truly,  
CITIZEN OF BOBCAYGEON.

### DIED.

KNOX.—In the township of Fenelon, on Wednesday, December 25th, 1912, Mrs. John Knox, aged 87 years.

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