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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1914.

Not Misled by Safety First Campaign.

Peter McArthur, in Toronto Globe.

While in the city I was rallied several times because I have not been doing anything for many months about the level crossing death-traps and the campaign to make the railways obey the law about giving signals. I guess I may as well explain why I stopped. I think I realize about as well as anyone else when I am up against a stone wall. About a year and a half ago the Board of Railway Commissioners apparently lost interest in the question—at least along the line of my agitation. I wrote three letters to the board submitting evidence of infractions of the law and inquiring if there is any way in which the railways can be made to obey without leaving all the work of collecting evidence to the activity of private citizens. I received post-cards from Secretary Cartwright, assuring me that in due course my letters would be considered. Over a year has passed since my last communication, and I have received no reply. Even though I knew that people were being killed constantly on the level crossings I was patient, for I knew that the Commissioners were busy and were having their salaries raised and were otherwise delayed. I cannot blame them much for not being interested in the question, for, as nearly as I can determine, a majority of the citizens of the country seem to regard the killing of people on level crossings as one of the vested rights of the railways. Why can't the people who are using the public highways look out? I thrashed that argument to chaff a couple of years ago, and do not intend returning to it now. Many seem to be misled by the Safety First campaign that the railways are making, but as far as I have been able to determine from newspaper reports, that campaign has nothing to do with the giving of signals at dangerous crossings. It has to do with the safety of employees who might have rights under an employers' liability act, and of passengers who are usually present in sufficient numbers at an accident to be able to prove their cases. The lonely farmer, driving on a country road, and perhaps meditating on the wonderful work that the railways are doing in opening up the country and helping themselves when it has been ripped open, receives no consideration. Yes, I have dropped the subject for the present, but if I ever see any way of taking it up effectively again I shall be ready.

Watchman-Warder Please Copy.

In a recent issue the Gazette published a communication signed "Churchgoer," criticising the ventilation of our village churches. The Lindsay Watchman-Warder, which has a nasty habit of copying items from other papers without crediting them, appropriated the communication, holus bolus, and published it, under the caption "Our Medicine Bag," as being written to the Watchman-Warder by a Lindsay churchgoer, neglecting, however, to change the word "village" in the communication to "town." Readers of the Watchman were no doubt surprised to see Lindsay referred to as a village, especially in a newspaper the proprietor of which is President of the Lindsay Advancement Club. Now they know how it happened, and can form their own opinion as to which direction Lindsay is advancing in. The churches of the village of Lindsay may or not be properly ventilated—the Watchman's venture was obviously a wild guess on that point—but a little airing of the Watchman's obliquity may have a beneficial effect. Jake Killcopycot might feature it in the coming winter carnival.

Fenelon Falls Council.

Regular meeting of council, February 9th; members all present and the reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Thompson—Taylor—That the following accounts be paid and the reeve sign orders for the same: E. D. Hand,

Div. Court fees by statute, \$8; Ed. Fitzgerald, returning officer, \$4; John Dennie, work on drain and streets, \$5.75; Terrill Bros., pair of rubber boots, \$2.85; Gazette, printing, \$2.50; J. J. Cooke, work on streets, \$1.50; A. Aulbrook, do. do., \$1.20; Gordon Dennis, do. do., 75c.; H. York, do. do., 96c.; Abe Sackett, do. do., \$2.70; J. Aldous, meals to tramps \$1.20; J. Aldous, snow plowing, \$2.20; Patk Cook, do. do., \$5.25; John Quibell, cartage, 10c.; T. Scott, snowplowing, \$8.74; Thos. Robson, rent of water trough, \$27.50; J. Jones, salary, \$35; E. Fitzgerald, salary, \$8.—Carried.

Applications for the office of assessor were received from Thos. Graham, John Palmer and Hugh McDougall.

Taylor—Johnston,—That a by-law, entitled "a by-law to appoint an assessor," be now introduced and read a first time.—Carried.

The by-law was introduced and read a first time, and, having been read in committee of the whole without amendment, was read a third time, signed and sealed.

Communications were read from the Hydro Electrical Commission, the Standard Chemical Co., Margaret Gordon, M. D., and the Trent Valley Water Conservation Co.

Johnston—Taylor,—Resolved, that the corporation of Fenelon Falls earnestly endorses the principle of water conservation, and urges the Government to continue and enlarge upon its efforts to properly conserve and handle all of the waters tributary to the Trent River, believing it to be of the greatest interest from every standpoint, and especially from the standpoint of navigation and industrial growth.

Thompson—Poulsom,—That this council procure 100 dog tags.—Carried. A communication was read from Mr. E. Johnston, asking \$15 for damage to rig and \$10 for damage to overcoat, and no action was taken.

Johnston—Poulsom,—That this council ask for tenders for stone, to be delivered where required on streets, up to noon on Monday, Feb'y 16th.

Mr. Johnston gives notice that he will introduce a by-law at next meeting to repeal the butchers' by-law.

Mr. Thompson gives notice that he will introduce a by-law at next meeting to amend the dog by-law.

Council then adjourned.

Personal.

Mrs. Wm. McIntosh left last week for Florida.

The Misses Louisa and Helen Heard spent part of this week in Toronto.

Miss Cora Henderson, of Lindsay, was here last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Thos. Sadler.

Mrs. Jos. Thurston and her brother, Mr. Thomas Martin, of Bobcaygeon, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Mitchell, at the Falls.

Miss Alice Nie returned on Saturday from Kirkfield.

Mr. Russell Howe, of Lindsay, was here last Sunday.

Messrs. Percy Suggitt and William Brien, of Lindsay, were at the Falls on Saturday last.

Miss Lena Atcheson, late of Highland Grove, went to Toronto last week to join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Atcheson, who removed there a short time ago.

Miss Vera Sharpe visited Pleasant Valley last week.

Mr. J. H. Brandon attended the funeral of the late Thomas Stevenson at Omamee on Thursday.

Dr. E. H. Wand, M. R. C. V. S., of Toronto, arrived here on Wednesday, and will have charge of Dr. Mason's practice during the session of the Local Legislature. Dr. Wand is an experienced veterinary surgeon, and only three or four others in the province have equal qualifications.

Burnt River Telephone Co. Prosperous

The annual general meeting of the Burnt River Telephone Co., for the report of which we are indebted to the energetic Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Sam. Sudaaby, was held at Burnt River on February 3rd inst. There was a fair attendance of shareholders who take an interest in telephone work and extension. The President reported that between five and six miles of new lines had been built during the past year and fifteen phones put in. The treasurer's books as audited showed the receipts of 1913 to have been \$1439.84, of which \$230 was for stock sold and \$135 for telephones installed for shareholders. The payments were:

For new lines, repairs, trouble work and telephones purchased \$724 00
Dividends and interest 180 94
Bell Telephone Co. 118 90
Operator's salary 130 00
Postage, stationery, etc. 6 91

Total payments \$1169 75
Balance on hand 269 59

1439 34

If the money could be found to accomplish all the work that is offering for extensions, the number of telephones would be very largely added to. However, the company has to be content to move along as it is able. While the company is paying a dividend of six per cent., it seems as if there should be someone with public spirit (and money) to help along the telephone movement. With past experience as an aid to successful future extended operations, there appears to be no reason why the company should not continue to pay a dividend equal to or perhaps better than the dividend it has been paying.

Hockey Tournament.

Three good games of hockey were the result of the tournament this week in the rink here. The extremely cold weather was no doubt largely responsible for the failure of more teams to put in an appearance, Little Britain and Victoria Road being the only outsiders present. The Fenelon Falls junior team had no trouble in disposing of Victoria Road, and Little Britain, as was expected, defeated the home seniors, though not without a hard tussle, and afterwards won from the local juniors. Little Britain will consequently retain the cup for another year. The feature of the tournament was the work of the Fenelon Falls junior seven. They are a classy aggregation, and will be heard from next winter.

Curling

Bobcaygeon won out on the Stanton cup games by holding the Fenelon Falls rinks down to a gain of nine shots on the second round. Bobcaygeon was eighteen up on the first round, and therefore won by nine shots. . . . Fenelon Falls is one up on the McFadyen cup competition with Lindsay, the first round of which was played last week. This cup has been a rare visitor to the Falls, and hopes are entertained of capturing it this year.

Accidents.

On Friday last Miss Elizabeth Jeffrey, while out at the coal shed, slipped and fell on the steps, breaking one of her hip bones and dislocating the joint. Miss Jeffrey was carried into the house, and Drs. Graham, Gould and Johnstone were summoned. Miss Jeffrey is progressing favorably, but the injury is serious, and recovery will necessarily be slow.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Lloyd who is living with her nephew, Mr. A. A. Cameron, fell down stairs in the house and broke both bones of her left leg above the ankle. Dr. Johnstone was summoned, and set the fracture, and the patient, though eighty-five years of age, is getting along nicely.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The regular meeting of the Fenelon Falls Women's Institute will be held on Friday afternoon, Feb'y 20th, at the home of Mrs. A. E. Minthorne.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

On Sabbath evening next a service of song will be held in St. Andrew's Church, with a short address by the Pastor. During the week, beginning Sunday a. m., a series of preparatory communion services will be held as follows: Sunday, 10.30 and 7; Tuesday, 7.30; Thursday, 7.30. On Sunday morning the preacher will be Rev. Dr. McTaggart, Victoria Church, Toronto. Everybody welcome.

DOGS POISONED.

Two valuable dogs, a hound and a collie, belonging to Mr. Walter Stevenson, were killed by poison, one on Sunday last, and the other the previous Friday. The poisoned meat was found near the barn, where it had evidently been placed for the purpose of poisoning the dogs.

ST. ANDREW'S LADIES' AID.

The members of St. Andrew's church Ladies' Aid were entertained by Mrs. Edward Chambers on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 4. An enjoyable feature was delightful music by the orchestra. Miss Della Deyman gave a vocal solo, which was also enjoyed very much. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Gilmour, Miss Gilmour and Miss M. Quibell.