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The Watchman.
THURSDAY, JAN. 3rd, 1889.

"Ourselves."

It is with no little reluctance that we enter upon a subject that chiefly concerns our own business, and yet we consider it our duty to lay before our readers and the public at large certain facts concerning the publication with which we stand identified. It is now almost one year since we commenced the issue of the WATCHMAN, and during that time we have endeavored to conduct it in the interest of the public, at the same time not descending to any vulgar or abusive language against persons who might feel called upon to differ on subjects of a public nature. Upon our starting in business we expected a sharp opposition from our town conferees and we prepared ourselves for such, but as time progressed we found out that we had more to contend against that what appeared upon the surface. We found out that the slanderer's tongue was at work, and insidious efforts were made in different parts of the county to injure our progress by the circulation of statements entirely devoid of a particle of truth. We were, we might say, aware of the perfidious means taken to injure us nearly as soon as they were employed, but we considered that they were beneath our notice, and now that they have fallen futile about the heads of those who originated them, we give a few of the objections raised against us by very interested parties.

First.—The starting of the WATCHMAN, was going to injure the Conservative party, and it should not be supported, that party not requiring a second organ.

Second.—That the WATCHMAN was started by the firm of Dundas & Flavell Bros. for the purpose of injuring Sam Hughes of the *Warder* particularly, and C. D. Barr of the *Post* indirectly.

Third.—That we ruined the profits of the printing business in the town and county because we refused to enter into arrangements whereby extravagant prices would be obtained from both town and county municipal and merchant printing.

These three charges are the head and front of our offending, and we purpose to deal with them in order. In reference to our injuring the party, we must confess such an idea never struck us, and if the party organ had the manliness to bring it before our notice, we might have devised some means of averting such a catastrophe; but does it not occur to the reader that such a charge, coming from such an individual as Sam Hughes sounds a little ludicrous? We have supported the Liberal-Conservative cause consistently for thirty years in this county, and we have never been accused of injuring the party before. It is true we have not been such a rampant fire-eater as Sam Hughes, but we were still a conservative when Sam was a rampant grit, and we need not go very far back for proof,—it is only a matter of a couple or three years. It was a fortunate thing that we were the founder of the *Warder*, or its present editor would have still been hurrahing for the Mowat government. It was the *Warder* that made him a Tory. It was singularly fortunate for the Reformers of Victoria that his negotiations to purchase the *Post* failed, otherwise he would be to-day abusing the Tories of this county with a vengeance, vastly to their benefit.

The second charge is untrue in every particular. The firm of Dundas and Flavell Bros. know less about our business than many business men in the town, nor has any member thereof ever written or inspired even a paragraph for the WATCHMAN, if we except their business notices. While we regret to have this to say—for we believe they could in many ways forward our interests, we admit we could hardly expect men, who have such a tremendous amount of business to attend to, to give us even a passing thought, more than to have their own work sent to our office, which, by the way, even our contemporaries know is considerable. It is true if we needed financial assistance, we fancy that we would not apply in vain to any member of the firm. The firm never in the slightest manner interfered, or had anything to do, in starting the WATCHMAN.

Now, in reference to the third charge, we plead GUILTY. We will defer for a future issue entering upon this theme.

The Mayoralty.

Mayor Walters threw a bomb into the nominations for the mayoralty which, to use a common expression, may have a boomerang in it. Towards the close of the proceedings, he entered a protest against the qualifications of Mr. Smyth, on the ground that the conditions attached to the purchase of the town lot opposite the market by Mr. Smith, constitute a contract with the town etc. It will be remembered that Mr. Smyth last fall bought the property, at the corner of Kent and Cambridge Sts. south for \$900 from the council, at the same time entering into a bond to erect within a given time a building thereon of certain dimensions and of certain quality. It will be noted that Mr. Smyth paid \$900 cash for the lot, and the building to be erected is Mr. Smyth's, not the town's. The conditions referred to, however, it would appear come under the statute, and there's the rub. As would be expected of Mr. Smyth by those who know him, he decided not to be a candidate with a shadow of suspicion about his qualifications, and retired in favor of Mr. Wm. McDonnell. Mr. Smyth owns absolutely freehold assessed at \$3500, pays taxes also on \$7500 rental etc, in addition to his late purchase from the town. It is to be greatly regretted that the technical objection referred to should exist, but Mr. Smyth has taken the honorable course under the circumstances. The loud boasting of Mayor Walters and his friends, especially the "coterie," for several days before the nomination that "Smyth would be snowed under" stands in ugly contrast to their louder boasting now that they knew all along of the legal technicality by which they were ready to stop the contest. The care with which the secret was kept until the very last moment, shows that the object of Mayor Walters was to steal a march upon the ratepayers, and seize the mayoralty for those Walters by acclamation once more. The empty boasting and the sly dodge show clearly what little confidence Mayor Walters has in the feelings of the ratepayers towards him or his record. But he and the "coterie" have reckoned without their host. Mr. Wm. McDonnell, in response to the urgent appeal of a large number of the ratepayers, has manfully come forward to vindicate the right of the electors to choose for themselves to whom they shall entrust the mayoralty of their town, and to decide by their votes whether the reckless mismanagement and worse that has marked the record of the past year shall be encouraged by the return of Mayor Walters to the council board or not. All honor to Mr. McDonnell for his manly stand. He will receive the united support of Mr. Smyth and his friends largely supplemented by many of the late supporters of Mayor Walters, whose eyes have been opened by the "smart" ruse attempted on nomination day to disenfranchise the electors. The "shivery shaking" which almost overcame Mayor Walters whilst struggling to read the "protest" is not to be wondered at on the part of one who allowed himself to be elected by acclamation last year, knowing full well that his own \$800 qualification was imperfect at the time and had to be doctored up in order to enable him to retain his seat. His insinuation at the meeting in the evening that Mr. Smyth had sinister objects in view was a sublime piece of effrontery. Had Mayor Walters' fine sense re qualifications only developed itself earlier, he would not this year have presided over a council in which no less than five members deliberately disqualified themselves by direct acts of jobbery with the council. Let the ratepayers consult the statement of expenditures lately published by the council and mark the names. To the Mayor is entrusted the general conduct of the council. Upon him rests the responsibility of protecting the town against any illegal or improper acts on the part of the members; and yet Mayor Walters has allowed no less than five councillors to do job after job for the council, to be paid for the same out of the funds of the town, and to retain their seats without a single remonstrance even his part. Nay more, Mayor Walters endorses the record of the council; and asks for a third term in order to "vindicate" that record! Apart from the \$7000 school by-law episode and brother Harry's connection with it, and the fact that Mayor Walters as a member of the School Board as well as Mayor of the town has known all along that the School Board has been illegally borrowing money on the quiet to the tune of \$7000, the record we have submitted is quite sufficient to place before the electors to aid them in their decision.

In Mr. Wm. McDonnell, Mayor Walters has an opponent with qualifications to his heart's content. One of the largest property holders in town, with his time all absolutely his own and not paid for out of the public purse, and with the ability for which he is so well known, Mr. McDonnell's claims commend themselves to the ratepayers for the mayoralty at this critical period of the town's history.

Journalistic Amenities.

It is said by the highest authority that "from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Were the public to gauge the utterances of the extreme party journals of the day by this rule, what a fountain of "malice, hatred and all uncharitableness" they would regard the editorial bosoms that control said journals. We say the extreme party organs, as the independent or truly liberal portion of the public press is not as a rule open to the charge. With whatever justice our remarks may apply to the political press generally throughout the Dominion, the public in this district will readily note how applicable they are to the

journalistic enterprises that preside over the destinies of the extreme party wings in Victoria county. From week to week and month to month, epithets are hurled backwards and forwards and mutual courtesies interchanged, which if in any sense deserved, would entitle the objects of them to a residence in Castle Jackson, or in bedlam. But the patient public have long since come to regard such exhibitions of editorial warfare as mere school-boys' squabbles, where one says, "you're another" and vice versa, and where the onlookers feel satisfied that everybody's perfectly safe, and "laugh consumedly." Were these extreme party editorial gladiators to confine the exercise of their eccentricities to their own particular corporeal developments (metaphorically speaking, of course) the public would not care a fig if they would "fit and fit" until like the Kilkenny cats, "there would be nothing left but their tails." The small portion of the public who unfortunately care for such exhibitions might shout: "Go for him, Charlie," or "Slug him, Sam"; but the vast majority would be infinitely obliged if they could be spared the sight of the whole business. But it is when these mighty journalistic sluggers turn their attention to our public men or private citizens, that their performances become matters of real public interest. Of our public men this is especially true. No sooner does a citizen step out of private life into the position of a representative than the journal of the party to which he is opposed at once sets to work to transform a reputation hitherto untarnished into the opposite; every ordinary or innocent act or move into a matter of suspicion or even a crime; and, in short, to make the man jump out of his own skin and his own boots into surroundings of an entirely different composition and ownership. We do not know that there is much choice, in this regard, between the past record of the ultra-radical commercial union and that of the ultra-imperial-federation Lindsay organs. We leave the decision of this delicate question to the public during the leisure hours of the holiday season. But we wish at this stage to enter our protest against the treatment Mr. John A. Barron has been for some time receiving at the hands of the *Victoria Warder*. We shall not characterize in the language deserved the incessant "hounding" of Mr. Barron's footsteps, and the everlasting insinuations against his personal motives and character which weekly adorn the pages of the *Victoria Warder*. One thing we do know, the course of the *Warder* towards Mr. Barron is not endorsed by the Liberal Conservatives of South Victoria by a large majority. As an instance of how difficult it is for them to put a check upon the new patent combination of which the *Warder* is the head, we may mention that Mr. Barron's name was third upon the list of the speakers for the late Imperial Federation meeting; but was eliminated from the list, by whom the public can easily guess. The Peterboro Federation League extended to Mr. Barron a hearty invitation; and the South Victoria Liberal Conservatives intended a similar courtesy. It may be a misfortune that North Victoria is represented by a reformer; but this we will say that the electors of that constituency did themselves infinite credit in choosing Mr. Barron as their representative, and Mr. Barron is a credit to North Victoria. With many of the political views advanced by Mr. Barron we are not in sympathy; but no doubt when he becomes as old and as wise as we are, the points of difference will have disappeared and we shall be in a position to endorse him fully. In the meantime, however, whilst ready to discuss his opinions, we shall do justice to the man, and would like to see all his opponents act on the same lines. To the Lindsay public who have known Mr. Barron for years, any reference to his many excellent qualities as a citizen, or to his high standing in the profession to which he belongs, would be superfluous; and as to the electors of North Victoria, they are having frequent opportunities of studying the man as well as his political opinions. If they are satisfied with the latter, they cannot be mistaken about the former. We are particularly jealous of the fair fame of our Lindsay representative men, and we shall always demand fair play for them, and see they get it.

Communications.

To the Editor of *The Watchman*.

It having been stated to us that misrepresentations are being made respecting the amount of Messrs. McNeely and Walter's contract for erecting the Collegiate Institute Building, we deem it advisable, on behalf of the Board of Education and the Building Committee, to place the following facts before the public. On 19th January 1888 the first plans and specifications, as prepared by Mr. Duffus, Architect, were accepted by the committee. Tenders were then asked for the whole work and materials to complete the building, exclusive of furniture, by advertisement in the "Mail," "Globe" and "Empire" and in the town papers. In response to

the notice, tenders were received as follows:—

McNeely and Walters \$28000.
John Forin, Belleville \$24878.

Tenders were then asked for the separate trades, by advertisement in the "Globe" the town papers and by posters put up in town and sent to Contractors in Port Hope and Peterborough. On 3rd March the committee met and opened the tenders received, 19 in all, and found that the aggregate of the lowest tenders for the different trades, including the Architect's estimate for slating for which no tenders had been received, was \$25164.06 and the highest \$28814.61. A tender was also submitted from Mr. James McWilliams for the whole building amounting to \$27290. The building committee then reported to the Board that the building could not be erected and equipped for the money at their disposal, viz: \$20,000. The plans and specifications were then modified to as great an extent as possible but it was still found impossible to proceed.

The architect was then instructed to prepare plans and specifications for a building less expensive in style, but more commodious than the one first designed, the hope being entertained that a building and equipment, sufficient in all respects might yet be provided for the amount appropriated. Tenders were asked on the new plans and specifications by advertisement in the *Globe* and *Empire*, the *Peterboro Review*, *Port Hope Guide* and the town papers and by circular mailed to all the contractors in the district whose names could be obtained, including Peterboro' Port Hope, Cobourg and Port Perry. On 12th of May the tenders were opened, and for the whole work, they were found to be as follows:—

Robert Blaine \$22,682.
McNeely & Walters \$21,800.

A few tenders were received for separate trades, but the amounts were so low, or the trades covered sufficiently to warrant the committee in accepting them. The committee having thus exhausted their efforts to erect a building and equip it for \$20,000 decided the council should be asked to grant an additional \$7,000 and the amount having been placed at the disposal of the board, a contract was entered into with Messrs. McNeely and Walters for the sum of \$21,800 the amount as above stated.

The balance amounting to \$5,200 is needed for and is being expended in providing a gymnasium to comply with the regulations of the Education Department, and for furnaces, desks, seats and other necessary furnishing and equipment.

Yours etc.

ADAM HUDSPETH,
Chairman Board of Education.
J. R. McNEILLIE,
Chairman Building Committee.

St. Peter's Church, North Verulam.

The funeral sermon of Charles Henry Fell, son of James Fell, of Verulam, will be preached in the above church on Sunday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock, by the Rev. J. G. Dean, of Fenelon.

FENELON FALLS.

MUNICIPAL.—The old council and school trustees, with exception of Reeve, were elected by acclamation. The aspirants for that office are S. Swanton and John Austin.

TEA MEETING.—At the Baptist Church, Fenelon Falls, a most successful tea meeting was held. Tea was served from 6 to 8 o'clock. After which Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Lindsay Baptist Church took the chair. Speeches were made by the resident ministers and others. The choir rendered very acceptably a number of musical selections, which were well received. The attendance was very large, and the proceeds will net a good sum for the parsonage fund.

The rifle match which took place here on Tuesday, between the Lindsay and Fenelon Falls crack shots, resulted in a victory for Lindsay by 11 points.

On Sunday evening next the subject in St. James' church will be, "Religion in Amusement."

PETERBORO.

Peterboro', Jan. 1.—There were four Scott Act cases at the Police Court yesterday morning. Three fines of \$50 each were imposed and one case enlarged. According to a statement made by the mayor at the nominations, the town has received the following amounts from this source: In 1886, \$1,950; in 1887, \$88,131 in 1888, \$7,500.

Commandant H. H. Booth, son of the general, conducted meetings in the Salvation Army temple yesterday, assisted by Commissioner Coombs Col. Bailey, Staff-Capt. Allen, Staff Capt. Marshall and others.

Councillor Wm. Wand, of Ashburnham, is seriously ill.

GLANDINE.

Special to THE WATCHMAN.

RECOVERED.—Our worthy post mistress, Mrs. Stalker, who was slightly indisposed, has recovered so as to be in her place of business with her usual vigor. We are all pleased to learn of her recovery.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.—We hope no person will think this head line is the epitaph of some of our friends who have passed over to the majority, for such is not the case. We wish to inform the outside world, through the medium of THE WATCHMAN, that our estimable school teacher, Mr. Joseph McNabb, has decided to go elsewhere. During his stay with us he made numerous friends, who will remember him with respect. However we do not mourn as those without hope, as he is to be succeeded by a Miss Emmerson, of Valentia, who comes well recommended.

PARING-BEE AND ENTERTAINMENT.—Our worthy neighbor, Mr. Robert Webster, who resides north of our village, had one of those time-honored gatherings, known as a country paring-bee, where a very pleasant evening was spent by the youth and beauty of our neighborhood.



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GROCERY AND GLASSWARE DEPARTMENT

had to go—no help for it, and it must go at once, as the new stock will be to hand shortly, and the goods must come off the shelves even if we have to pile them into bushel baskets and stow under the counter.

When we announce this Peremptory Close-out Sale it may be taken for granted that goods will be sold cheap. Everything must go.

Dinner Sets of 200 pieces, usually sold for \$14 and \$15, may be taken away for \$8.

Goblets, usually sold for 60c. per dozen for 40c.

Plain Tumblers, usually sold for 50c. per dozen, for 30c.

Plain White Dinner Sets, usually sold for \$2.50 for \$1.50.

Chamber Sets, usually sold for \$2.50 for \$1.50.

Fancy Chamber Sets, usually sold for \$4, for \$2.75.

One extra fine China Set for \$6, usually sold for \$10.

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