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The Watchman,

THURSDAY, JAN. 2nd, 1896

OPS COUNCIL.

A Session of More Than Ordinary Interest—The Hopkins' Crossing Inspected and Dealt With—General Business.

We are indebted to Mr. W. F. O Boyle, the obliging clerk, for the following report of the Ops township council, which was held on Dec. 16th. In accordance with the municipal act, Ops council met at an early hour on Monday, 16th inst., but before taking their seats at the council board they went out to view the Hopkins' railway crossing, accompanied by the popular roadmaster of the G.T.R., Mr. Ferguson, who kindly ran a special for their convenience. On arriving at the crossing your correspondent—a passenger, too—was much surprised to see a large number of the leading farmers of north-west Ops already on the ground awaiting the arrival of the council and the railway represenatives. Your correspondent may here remark that to those farmers is due the credit of the first step towards improving this much-talked-of crossing, for at the suggestion of the reeve they had called a meeting in Bryson's school house and appointed a committee to report to the council and unite with it in requesting the railway company to make such alterations at said crossing as would remove the danger for which it has always been known. Such was the committee that awaited us; and at their request the train was run up and down past the crossing a few times by way of illustration, while several teams were passing north and south across the track at short intervals. One would imagine their coming at that particular time had been pre-arranged by the committee were it not for the frightened appearance and unfeigned surprise of some of the teamsters, who, doubtless, by the presence of such a crowd, and by the shunting and whistling of the train, thought another serious acciden had just occured. After carefully inspecting the surroundings, and noting the movement of the approaching train, it was decided that Mr. Hunter's high board fence must go, and also a small cluster of evergreens at the north-east side of his orchard, as well as a few small cedars fringing the north-east corner of ex-reeve Hopkins' farm. On the north side of the track it was shown that the long high bank of excavated earth and the R. R. fence shut off from view the approaching engine, especially in winter, when the snow accumulates. By the report of the committee said bank and fence must be lowered about two and a half feet several rods in lengtht. Nearly all present were of opinion tha if those obstacles were removed the crossing would then be as safe as the ordinary flat crossing. A few, however, advocated the building of an overhead bridge, but it was concluded that the building and maintenance of a bridge twenty-four feet high, with its necessary long approaches, would be very expensive, and that the difficulty of drawing loads over it in winter would be increased by the absence of snow. Mr. Ferguson, on being asked his opinion as to the improvements, said he had no power to act in the matter, but would state the case to the company, who were, no doubt, as anxious for the safety of their crossings as any other people, and did not want their trains to be ditched. A few of the committee men accompanied the council to Lindsay to present their report, the gist of which is here given. The councillors took their seats about 11 a. m., all the members present. The minutes of the last regular and special meeting were read and confirmed.

From Mr. Isaac Smale, chairmam of committee re Hopkins' R. R. crossing.

From A. E. Gregory, sec-treas, of the Riverside Cemetery Company, with resolution stating that said company would not take action in appointing a caretaker of cemetery sidewalk, as requested by Ops council.

From R. Laird, C. E., L. S. saying that he had resigned his position in Toronto and would be ready to accept the office of township engineer in January next if appointed.

From J. H. Hopkins, resigning the office of pathmaster, and recommending John Walden for the vacency.

Collector Graham presented his roll, but as a portion of the taxes is yet outstanding, the council extended the time a few weeks rather than return such taxes against the lands of those in arrears.

Mr. Hutton moved, seconded by Mr. Fox, that Messrs. Jackson and Agnew be permitted to stone 15 rods of 5th con. road north af 5th quarter line.—Carried.

Mr. Rea moved, seconded by Mr. Fox, that Coun. Robertson let a job of stoning on 8th con. opposite lot 24, and about 20 rods on 10 con., lot 29.—Carried

Mr. Roberston moved sec. by Mr. Rea, that the two reeves inspect the weft Cross Creek where it crosses the seconded con. line to ascertain if it is advisable to build a bridge there, as requested by several ratepayers.—Carried.

Mr. Andrew Marshall was heard in reference to the rifle butts at the north end of William-st., requesting the council to have it removed, as it is very dangerous to people passing or working near it. Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Hutton, that the Rifle Association be notified by the clerk to remove their target from its present position as soon as they can, as it is considered dangerous by people in its vicinity.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that Mr. Rea visit Wm. Gold's family, on whose behalf Messrs. Hickson and Hawkins had addressed the council, and that he be empowered to supply any necessaries they need.—Carried,

Moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Hutton, that the following accounts be paid.—

Wm Meagher, 2 years rent of right of way to Ward's gravel pit	$40 00
J Ellis, seas. all., com., etc	52 20
S J Fox, dep.-reeve sess. all., com., etc	53 10
A Robertson " "	67 10
Wm N Rea " "	65 30
J D Hutton " "	42 70
W F O'Boyle, sur. of Bennet gravel pit $2; for B. of H. $2; expenses $1.25	5 25
Wm Lee, gravelling 33 rods, and 14 cords of stone	27 00
Geo. Griffin, 215 loads of gravel at 6c.	12 90

and sundry small accounts.—Carried.

Mr. Kennedy, treasurer, submitted his annual statement of receipts and expenditures, and after reviewing the same Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Rea, that the report be adopted and that one hundred copies be printed for distribution.—Carried.

Mr. Robertson moved, seconded by Mr. Fox, that the report of the committee appointed to examine the Hopkins' railway crossing be received and adopted; that this council concur in opinion with said committee as to the proposed improvement at said crossing; and that a copy of said report, and of this resolution, be forwarded to the chief engineer of the Grand Trunk, requesting that said improvement be made as soon as practicable.—Carried.

Mr. Hutton moved, seconded by Mr. Fox, that the resignation of J. H. Hopkins be accepted, and that John Walden be appointed pathmaster in his place.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rea seconded, by Mr. Hutton, that the Riverside Co. be notified that Ops council will not be liable for any accident that may occur because of the cemetery walk, and that three posters be put up accordingly.—Carried.

Moved by Mr Fox, seconded by Mr. Rea, that the deputy-returning officers of Ops be the same as last year, and also that the polling booths be the same except that of No. 4, which will be in Mr. J. Simmon's house, lot 10, con. 6, and that by law No. 491, confirming the same, be read a first time.—Carried.

In committee of the whole said by-law was read the second and third time and declared carried.

The council then adjourned after passing the following:—

Moved by Mr. A. Robertson, and seconded by Mr. W. N. Rea, that whereas, in the inscrutable ways of Providence, an old and valued member of Ops council board and his family have lately been bereft of a devoted wife and affectionate mother by the ruthless hand of death; be it therefore resolved, that the sympathy of this council be and is hereby tendered to Mr. David Walker and family in their bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be suitably engrossed, signed by the reeve, stamped with the seal of this municipality, and duly presented to Mr. Walker.—Carried.

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LOCAL NEWS-LETTERS

No. 9—VERULAM.

Special to the Watchman.

SCHOOL REPORT.—Standing of pupils of S.S. No. 9, Verulam, for the month of November. Sr. Fourth.—Katie Whyte, George Middleton. Jr. Fourth.—Ada Middleton, Sr. Third.—Jas. Thurston, Sarah Beatty, Hazel Thurston. Jr. Third.—Albert Whyte, Georgie Thurston. Second.—Ethel Logan, Raland Beatty, Charles Logan, Lindsay Middleton, Annie Thurston, Joseph Thurston. Pt. second.—Emsley Thurston, Letia Thurston, May Murdock, Wesley Thurston, Stanley Thurston.

SOUTH EMILY.

Special to the Watchman.

TRUANT OFFICER.—S. S. No. 9, Emily, has a truant officer.

CONCERT.—On Monday next a concert will be held at Lebanon, Emily. It is expected to be one of the best ever held here.

PERSONAL.—Messrs. George, Isaac and Joseph Fee, of Emily, were in town on business on Saturday; also Mrs. Evans. .....Mr. Robt. Irvine, of town, returned from his visit in Emily on Saturday.

ENGAGED.—Mr. T. Miller, we are informed, is engaged as teacher for the Mount Horeb school. Mount Horeb has made a good choice.

BURY'S GREEN.

Special to The Watchman.

SCHOOL MEETING.—Our ratepayers held their annual meeting on Tuesday last, which was quietly conducted, and our sec.-treas. was not so badly knifed after all. The worthy secretary clearly defended himself and plainly showed that the raising of the sectional tax did not all rest on his shoulders. Mr. D. Curtis is the newly appointed trustee, and a good choice has been made.

RETURNED.—Our own shanty boys who went north have returned, not making a big haul by their adventures.

LOSS.—Mr. Walker Lamb lost a good horse very suddenly. Though horse flesh is cheap the loss will be heavy on Mr. Lamb.

GONE WEST.—Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lamb bid their friends adieu and started for Manitoba.

SUCCESSFUL.—The entertainment in the Presbyterian church was a success throughout.

WASCANA—N.W.T.

Special to the Watchman

GRAIN.—Mr. C. Henderson shipped a car of wheat to Fort William last week, via Commercial Union.....Messrs. Cullander & Lytle are shipping a car to-day.

RECOVERING.—Mr. M. Henderson is recovering slowly from a kick received from a horse some five weeks ago....Mr. W. E. Cooney has been laid up for some time, the result of loosing a finger in the gearing of a thresher.

SPORTING NOTES.—Master Bruce Purcell killed seven prairie chickens with three shots.....Mr. Fred Kitchen saw six fine deer about half a mile from where he was working last week. At the rate one deer was killed here last fall it would only have taken seventy-eight shots to have killed this fine herd. "What cheap venison."

PERSONALS.—Miss L. Mullon is visiting friends in Regina.....Mr. Lewis James leaves to-day for Strathroy, Ont..... Mr. W. E. Cooney is visiting his sister, Mrs. Hamilton, in Qu'Appelle Valley.

BALSOVER.

Special to the Watchman.

SCHOOL.—School closed on Friday the afternoon of which was occupied in program delivered by the pupils. A number of visitors were present who were highly delighted with the proceedings. The teacher, Mr. A. Harvey, was then surprised by the pupils, who brought forward an address and presentation. The presentation consisted of a beautiful study lamp, after which the following address was read:—

Mr. Harvey,

DEAR TEACHER.—It was with feelings of deep regret that we, the scholars of this school, learned of your departure from our midst. For three years you have labored with us, during which time we have learned to love and respect you, not only as our teacher but as a personal friend. While you have been among us we have proved you to be all we could desire as a teacher as well as a helpful traveller to that haven of rest, where we trust all will join at last. We would like you to know that your efforts to help us have not been unappreciated by us.

We ask you to accept this lamp, not for its mere worth, but as a slight token of our regard for you. We wish you every success in the pathway of life, and may God's blessings ever rest upon you.

Signed on behalf of the scholars,

LILLIE FOLLIOTT
ELLA JACK.

LITTLE BRITAIN.

Special to the Watchman.

PRESENTATION.—Scene: Sunday school teacher's residence. Time: Christmas morning. Enter group of S.S. scholars. Spokesman: "Minister teacher, us boys what is Sunday school pupils under you wishing to show our preciation of the pains you have took with our moral trainin' durin' the past year, beg you will accept this here book as a token of our love an' esteem. Its "The life of Jim Corbett" an its found as hansomely as we could get it did, an we wish you a merry Christmas and happy new year."

HOW TO SAVE MONEY.—One way to save money is to buy your furniture at home and thus save railway fare and freight charges. RICHARD SMITH, furniture dealer, Little Britain, offers you just as nice parlor and dining room furniture, bed room sets, chairs, tables, fancy rockers, matrasses, springs, etc, as you can get any where else and for far less money. Then why not buy here? You can certainly save money by doing so. Repairs of all kinds made promptly. Undertaking in all its branches.—48—tf.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—J. B. Weldon, issuer of marriage licenses, Little Britain, Ont.—48 tf.

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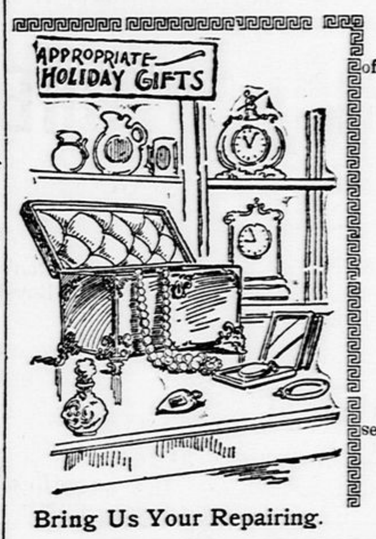

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