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BRITTON BROS
OPTICIANS
LINDSAY'S LEADING JEWELLERS

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

THE PURCHASE OF THE LINDSAY
WATERWORKS TO BE
CONSIDERED.

Will the Corporation Own and Control
Its Own Electric Light Plant.

ACTION BEING TAKEN TO ERECT A NEW
FIRE HALL AND PURCHASE THE
HOME FOR THE AGED.

The regular meeting of the "city
fathers" was held in the council chamber
on Monday evening last. Mayor Taylor
presided, and the following members were
present:—Reeve Brady, Deputy-reeves
Wilson and Smyth, and Couns. Crandell,
Burrows, Baldwin, Gilgoly, Mallou,
Horn and O'Neill; absent, Graham and
Magwood. The attendance of ratepayers
was very small. The minutes of the
previous meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The clerk read the following communi-
cations:
From St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterboro,
reporting the cases of Miss Brooks and
John Meeshow.—Received and filed.

From W. H. Jackson, Fred Oulton and
F. M. Britton re poll tax.—Finance.

From A. C. Babcock, re taxes.—Finance.

From W. Doherty & Co., to John
Wilson, with reference to locating in
Lindsay. Reeve Wilson explained that
he had met the agent of this company,
who stated that their organ factory was
at Clinton, and he had written them with
a view of getting them to locate in Lind-
say. They employ some 75 men.

Mr. Mallou thought it would be well to
refer the matter to the finance committee.
It would not cost much and no one could
tell what would take place.—Referred to
the finance committee.

From W. G. McKendrick, with refer-
ence to concrete walks in Brockville.—
Board of works.

At the request of the mayor the clerk
was instructed to write the clerk of Brock-
ville, Geolph and other points for further
information.

From W. G. Crocker, Orillia, giving
information re fire hall.—Town property.

From Geo. W. Fraser, with refer-
ence to installing an electric light plant.—
Police and light.

From Thos. Bell, asking for police
uniforms or a grant to purchase same.—
Police.

From James Keith, asking for the usual
\$200 guarantee to the South Victoria
Agricultural society.—Finance.

From T. H. Shepperd, mayor of
Orillia, enclosing copy of memorial to the
Dominion government re Trent Valley
canal.—Laid on table.

Clerk Knowlson gave notice that the
corporation insurance expires on April
1st.

ACCOUNTS.

A number of accounts were read and
referred to their respective committees.

PETITIONS.

From A. P. Devlin and others, asking
for a drain on Durham-st., from St. Law-
rence to the river.—Board of works.

REPORTS.

Chief Constable Bell reported fines
amounting to \$8 collected in February.—
Police and light.

Market Clerk Callaghan's report for
February showed weigh fees amounting to
\$28 30; tolls, \$28 38.

Auditor Egleson's report to date was
read and referred to the committee on
finance.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

A request for \$25 for payment of minor
accounts was read from the board of
health.—Finance.

TOWN PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Capt. Crandell read the report of the
town property committee certifying to
recommending payment of a number of
accounts.—Adopted.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Reeve Brady read the report of the
board of works committee as follows:—
Your committee had before them the
by-law regulating cellar gratings and trap
doors. The by-law being incomplete, it
was moved by Mr. Smyth and seconded
by Dr. Burrows, that the town solicitor
be instructed to prepare a by-law regulat-
ing trap doors and cellar gratings in
accordance with the regulations of council
passed at a previous meeting.

Your committee recommend that no
action be taken at present as to granting
\$50 for improvements on the eastern
boundary, and that the clerk notify the
Ops township clerk to this effect.

Total expenditure on streets from Jan.
1st to March 7th, \$329 28.

Dr. Burrows thought the expenditure
for cleaning the gutters was pretty high.
The times were hard and there was no
employment for the laboring classes, and
he thought the committee should hustle
and see if they could not provide work
for them.

Capt. Crandell had great faith in the
chairmen of the different committees and
would not like to dictate to them how
they should perform their duties.

The report was adopted.

POLICE AND LIGHT.

Chairman Horn read the report of the
committee on police and light as follows:
The report of the chief of police was
examined and found correct.

The account of the L. H. & P. Co. was
examined and recommended to be paid,
subject to the deduction of \$8 50 for
lights reported out.

The committee recommend the council
to authorize the chairman of the police
and light committee to have the street
overseer brand all the poles owned by
the town, and also to keep a record of the
poles purchased and where located.

The matter of street lighting was dis-
cussed, and prices reported from various
companies for machinery compared.

The purchase of the waterworks plant,
to be owned and operated by the town in
connection with an electric light plant,
was also discussed.

Moved by Capt. Crandell, seconded by
Coun. Mallou, that the council be
requested to consider the advisability of
appointing a joint committee of citizens
and councillors, which committee shall be
recommended to at once proceed to collect
facts and data with regard to cost of pur-
chase and working of said plants. In the
event of a favorable report from the com-

mittee the council may then have the
option of submitting the matter of the
purchase of the waterworks to a vote of
the people.

Mayor Taylor thought that the brand-
ing of the electric light poles was an
important matter, and if attended to at
once would likely avoid trouble in the
future. He requested Capt. Crandell to
look after the matter promptly.

The report was adopted.

FINANCE REPORT.

Dep.-reeve Smyth read the report of
the finance committee, recommending
that THE WATCHMAN tender for corpora-
tion printing be accepted.

The constable's report of electric lights
out during December and January was
considered, and recommended that \$8 50
be deducted from the current account.

The communication from Sister M.
Vincent respecting Miss Charlotte Brooks,
now in St. Joseph's hospital, was duly
considered, and your committee recom-
mended that the mayor have her removed to
her home at once.

Your committee recommend payment
of the following accounts:—

W. Webster	75
John Douglas	1 00
L. Newson	2 20
W. E. Rescor	8 50
A. Higinbotham	1 50
M. J. Carter	5 25
J. Boxall	3 86
M. W. Kennedy & Co.	65
L. H. & P. Co.	208 44
Bell Telephone Co.	55
Geo. W. Mills	50
R. Bryans & Co.	3 25
Geo. A. Little	2 65
Alex. Fisher	1 00
St. Joseph's hospital	41 60
Sam Hughes	41 75
F. Knowlson	1 00

Mr. Smyth explained several accounts
and requested time to look into a couple
of minor matters, after which the report
was adopted.

PUSHING THE PURCHASE OF A HOME.

On motion of Coun. Mallou, seconded
by Dr. Burrows, Mr. Thos. Connolly was
heard.

Mr. Connolly stated that he was one of
a deputation appointed from the com-
mittee in charge of the "home" to press
upon the council the necessity of pur-
chasing the present home or some other
place for the purpose. He was not par-
ticularly struck upon the home, but did
not know where there was a more suitable
building. As they knew the owner would
not make any improvements, and if the
town purchased the building, certain
repairs would be necessary. There was
at the present time some \$327 that has
been purchased to the home, in addition
to the government grant, in the treasury,
which could be utilized to make the need-
ed repairs deemed necessary by the gov-
ernment inspector. The present rental
would pay five per cent. on \$3,500 of
debt, besides allowing \$5 for insurance.
Now, all the owner asks for the
whole property is \$2,000. The owner
refuses to make any improvements, and
the property needs attention. In answer
to Capt. Crandell he stated that he con-
sidered \$500 for the house and lot was
very reasonable, but he thought \$500 for
the adjoining lot was a high valuation.

Dr. Burrows stated that the matter
had been favorably considered by the
council last year, and he favored the pur-
chase at once.

Dep.-reeve Smyth stated that the
scheme had not been favorably considered
by the late council. The

Capt. Crandell stated the proposal to
purchase the home was looked upon very
favorably by all connected therewith, and
he was glad to know that it was favorably
considered by the late council. If they
proposed to do anything in this direction
they should do so at once. The roof was
leaking, the plaster falling off and the
repairs should be made at once.

Reeve Brady had nothing to say against
the purchase, rather did he consider the
price high, but he failed to see any neces-
sity for rushing the matter through.
There were members present who did not
know anything about it, and he favored
sending the question to the finance com-
mittee.

Coun. Baldwin could not see the neces-
sity for purchasing the extra lot. The
inmates were all old people, and they did
not want extensive grounds. They would
make a saving of \$500 by not purchasing
the lot, which could be utilized in making
the repairs.

Dep.-reeve Wilson had no objection to
the home, but he thought if they were
going to give \$2000 for a home, erect a
fire hall, purchase the waterworks and
install an electric light plant we would
send drive the people out of Lindsay, and
he thought they were going fast enough.
We are now carrying \$260,000 in debt, and
these additional expenditures would mean at
least another \$75,000 more, which would
drive all the ratepayers out of Lindsay.

Capt. Crandell thought that Dep.-reeve
Wilson was not up in the question of
finances, and recommended him to look
into the matter, and he would see that
they were going to save money.

Dep.-reeve Smyth maintained that the
purchase had not been favorably consid-
ered, and pointed out that the ratepayers
would not favor any further bonding of
the town. Unless Mr. McIntyre had
changed his mind he would not favor the
purchase.

The matter was referred to the finance
committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Capt. Crandell gave notice that he
would at the next meeting introduce a
by-law amending the butchers' by-law.

Dr. Burrows gave notice of by-law
repealing the exemption by-law.

Coun. Horn gave notice of by-law
amending by-law regulating the duties of
fence-viewers.

Coun. Mallou gave notice that he would
introduce a by-law for the appointment of
a street overseer.

NIPPED IN THE BUD.

Dr. Burrows stated he had given the
necessary notice to introduce a by-law
amending by-law No. 749, but as there
was a great deal of business before the
council and as there were two or three
members absent, he would prefer to leave
the matter over for one week if the council
would agree to an adjournment. It was
an important by-law and he wanted every
member to share his full proportion of
responsibility.

Mayor Taylor stated that it was the
intention to hold another meeting in
about two weeks.

Mr. Brady did not see any reason for
delay if the by-law was ready.

The doctor stated that he wanted every
member of council to share in the respon-
sibility of the by-law as it was an impor-
tant one. He proposed cutting down the
salaries and thus make a saving for the
town.

Mr. Mallou suggested that the doctor
could give his by-law the first reading and
the final action could be taken at the
next meeting.

Moved by Dr. Burrows, seconded by
Coun. Baldwin, that by-law No. 749, regu-
lating the appointment of municipal
officers, be now read a first time.—Lost.

THE SEWER BY-LAW.

Dep.-reeve Smyth explained that owing
to the lack of certain information the
sewerage by-law was delayed and not
ready for its first reading.

A FIRE HALL IN PROSPECT.

Moved by Capt. Crandell, seconded by
Dep.-reeve Smyth, that his worship the
mayor be requested to invite Mr. W. H.
Crocker of Orillia to visit Lindsay and
advise with him as to plans for building
a fire hall.—Carried.

KEEP THE THROUGHPARES OPEN.

Moved by Dr. Burrows, seconded by
Coun. Mallou, that the mayor or chair-
man of the board of works be authorized
to enquire as to the legality of obstruc-
tions on York-st. north, and have such
obstruction removed if such action will
protect and preserve town property.—
Carried.

A WISE MEASURE.

Moved by Coun. Mallou, seconded by
Dep.-reeve Wilson, that the following
citizens in conjunction with the police and
light committee, are hereby appointed by
this council for the purpose of ascertain-
ing all necessary information regarding the
price for which the water-works plant may
be purchased, and if in the opinion of the
committee the town would be justified
in purchasing the works at price asked, to
be operated in connection with an elec-
tric light plant for street lighting, said
committee to be called by the mayor
and report to this council: Messrs. J. D.
Flavelle, R. Kennedy, John Carew, Rich-
Kylie, C. Chittick and James G. Ahm
with power to add to their number.—
Carried.

Dep.-reeve Smyth did not think it wise
to give the people this trouble, as the
town was not in a position to purchase.
Then the ratepayers would be opposed to
bonding the town for another \$100,000.

Coun. Mallou thought differently, and
believed the ratepayers would all be in
favor of it.

THAT \$200 GUARANTEE.

Moved by Coun. Baldwin, seconded by
Coun. Mallou, that the usual guarantee
grant of \$200 be made to the South Vic-
toria Agricultural society.—Carried.

A FURTHER EXTENSION.

On motion of Dr. Burrows, seconded
by Coun. Baldwin, the time for collecting
outstanding taxes was extended to April
7th.

A POINT OF PRIVILEGE.

Dr. Burrows rose to a point of privilege
and read a tax slip from the city of Ottawa
and compared it with the system in Lind-
say, where they added 5 per cent. in
January. In Ottawa the five per cent. is
not added until June.

A GOOD COAT—OF PAINT.

Moved by Dr. Burrows, seconded by
Capt. Crandell, that the chairman of
town property be authorized to have the
water cart and grader painted.—Carried.

LIGHT CONTRACT.

Moved by Coun. O'Neill, seconded by
Dep.-reeve Wilson, that the clerk be
instructed to advertise for tenders for a
street lighting contract.—Carried.

AMENDE HONORABLE.

Dr. Burrows stated that he had taken
exception to the mayor's ruling with
reference to a by-law at the last meeting
and had therefore written to Dr. Bourinot,
and read the reply, which upheld the
mayor's view of the matter.

NUMBERING THE TOWN.

Moved by Capt. Crandell, seconded by
Dr. Burrows, that the chief constable be
instructed to enforce regulations for num-
bering houses.—Carried.

WOOD FOR THE CORPORATION.

Moved by Capt. Crandell, seconded by
Coun. Mallou, that the market clerk be
instructed to purchase 20 cords of wood
for the fire hall and home for the aged.—
Carried.

THE FIRE ALARM.

Moved by Coun. Mallou, seconded by
Dep.-reeve Wilson, that the chairman of
town property be authorized to ask for
applications for a competent man to look
after the fire alarm system for the balance
of the year.—Carried.

IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Mayor Taylor pointed out that as there
was two or three important matters before
the council he thought it would be well to
have a special meeting. They would
have to consider the purchase of the
home, the erection of a fire hall and the
electric light plant.

THE TRENT VALLEY CANAL.

The memorial to the Dominion govern-
ment urging the extension of the Trent
Valley canal, was on motion introduced
and passed through committee of the
whole with Mr. Brady in the chair, and
finally passed.

An informal discussion followed on
civic matters, after which the council
adjourned.

Mountain Torrents in the Rockies.
F. R. Spearman, in St. Nicholas, writes
of "Queer American Rivers." Mr. Spear-
man says:

Scattered among the foothills of the
Rockies are rivers still more wild than
their habits. Instead of keeping to their
duties in a methodical way, they rush
their annual work through in a month or
two. Then they take long vacations. For
months together they carry no water at
all, and one may plant and build and live
and sleep in their deserted beds. But be-
ware! Without warning they resume ac-
tive business. Maybe on a Sunday or in
the middle of the night a stormcloud visits
the mountains. There is a roar, a tearing,
a crashing, and down comes a terrible
wall of water, sweeping away houses and
burns and people. No fishing, no boating,
no swimming, no skating on those treacher-
ous rivers, only surprise and shock and
disaster!

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A plebiscite was taken in Vancouver
upon the question whether a liquor license
should be issued to the music hall. Eight
hundred and eighty-one votes were polled
against the proposal and only four
hundred and five in favor of it.

Miss Ida Jane Keith of Listowel,
sister of Jessie Keith, who was so brutally
murdered by Chattle, is dead. She
never fully recovered from the terrible
strain occasioned by the murder of her
sister, and her death is directly chargeable
to its effects.

The situation in Bombay, India, is
grave. There is extreme unrest among
the natives, who are incensed at the
plague measures, which wound their
religious susceptibilities. In addition,
the plague authorities are at loggerheads
with the city corporation, which has
stopped their supplies of money.

Potter's bride, crossing the Erie
canal in Utica, N.Y., fell on Monday
morning, and a party of carpenters and
laborers who were at work upon its floor
were thrown twenty feet to the bottom of
the canal. Philip Yost, a laborer, was
instantly killed, John Wingerdorf was so
dangerously injured that his recovery is
doubtful, and several other men are
slightly injured.

A double drowning fatality occurred
on Saturday evening at the ill-fated Mc-
Namee's cut, foot of Cherry-st., Toronto,
by which Thomas McDonald, his 15-
year-old daughter Mamie, who both lived
on the Island side of the cut, lost their
lives. They were coming to the city in
company with Mr. Frank McDonald of 54
Stephanie-place, a brother, and Mrs. Mc-
Donald, wife of the drowned man, when
the punt in which they were crossing
filled with water and sank.

On Monday, while W. H. Wallace and
his brother of Excerpt, some five miles
from Mount Forest, were engaged cutting
straw with a large cutting box run by
windmill power, Mr. Wallace had his
hand caught between the rollers and
drawn in. He reached for the reverse
lever, but from his position was unable to
raise it with his one hand. His brother
ran and raised it, but not before the
knives had cut his hand off in one and
one-half inch cuts up as far as the wrist.

The report of the commission ap-
pointed to investigate into the affairs of the
St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary promises
to convey some startling information. It has
been learned from a most reliable source
that the report will show that the govern-
ment has been defrauded out of the
round sum of one million dollars by offi-
cials of the institution, the wrong-doing
extending over a term of ten or fifteen
years. Some interesting developments
and possibly prosecutions may follow the
report becoming public, as it will in a few
days.

COMMERCIAL.

THE LINDSAY MARKET.

GRAIN.	
Fall Wheat per bushel	0 90 to 0 90
New wheat per bushel	0 90 to 0 90
Fyfe Wheat do do	0 90 to 0 95
Spring do do	0 90 to 0 90
Goose do do	0 80 to 0 80
COARSE GRAIN.	
Buckwheat	0 35 to 0 35
Barley, per bushel	0 32 to 0 35
Rye	0 00 to 0 45
Oats	0 00 to 0 32
Peas, small	0 33 to 0 58
Peas, Mummies	0 55 to 0 60
Peas Blue	0 00 to 0 50
Blackeye peas	0 00 to 0 60
VEGETABLES.	
Potatoes per bag	0 40 50
MEAT, POULTRY AND DAIRY PRODUCE.	
Chickens, per pair	0 30 to 0 45
Ducks, per pair	0 40 to 0 60
Geesse, per lb	0 06 to 0 07
Butter per lb	0 15 to 0 16
Eggs, per dozen	0 12 to 0 13
Turkeys per lb	0 08 to 0 10
Hogs, live weight, per cwt	4 00 to 4 85
Lamb, per lb	0 06 to 0 07
Dressed Hogs	5 25 to 6 25
Beef	5 00 to 6 00
Farmers' Hams per lb	2 38 to 0 10
GENERAL.	
Hay, per ton	5 00 to 8 00
Honey per lb	0 06 to 0 07
Cream per qt	0 20 to 0 20
Sage per bunch	0 05 to 0 05
Lard per lb	0 09 to 0 10
Straw per load	1 50 to 2 50
Timothy	1 25 to 1 60
Aleike	4 00 to 5 00
Red clover	3 00 to 4 00
Hides—Beef	5 50 to 7 00
Wood—dry, beech and asp 2 ft.	0 00 to 3 25
Tamarac long	2 00 to 2 25
Tamarac short	2 50 to 2 50

TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET.

Wheat, white	00 82 to
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