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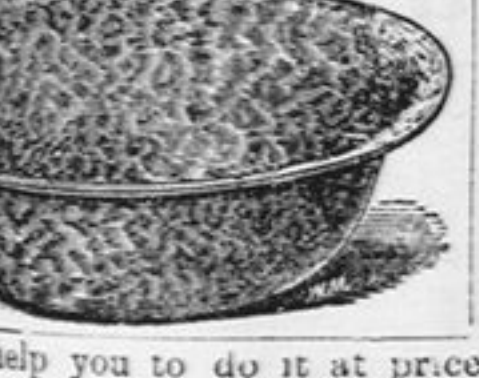
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INVESTIGATORS REPORT

AND THE BOARD OF WORKS IS DISMISSED. Another Lively Meeting of the City Fathers.

A DEPUTATION FROM THE HOME FOR THE AGED URGE THE PURCHASE OF THE MANSION HOUSE PROPERTY FOR \$1500 COMMUNICATIONS—REPORTS—BY-LAWS, ETC.

A regular meeting of the town council took place in the council chamber on Monday evening last. Present: Reeve Touchburn, Dep.-reeves Robson and Gillogly, and Councillors Polzar, Horn, Melon, Killaby, Sootheran, Baldwin, Bryans, Graham and Dr. Burrows.

A message from the mayor stated that he would be away for a couple of weeks and it would be necessary for the council to appoint a substitute.

On motion Mr. Sootheran was appointed acting mayor. After thanking the councillors for the honor, he said it would next be in order for them to appoint a clerk pro-tem. as Mr. Fred Knowlson was also absent.

The minutes of previous meeting were adopted as read.

COMMUNICATIONS. From Simpson & Ellis, architects, Toronto, re plans for new fire hall and stating that they would be pleased to submit same.—Received and filed.

From Messrs. George A. Milne, D. Dumoulin and W. A. White, regarding

water course on Cambridge-st., and asking that immediate action be taken to put it in satisfactory condition.—Referred to board of works with power to act.

From Dr. Gillespie, stating that Mr. Peter Nicholle's health was much improved, and he would be able to resume his position as tax collector.—Filed.

From the Public Works department, in reply to a petition asking that the locks at Rosedale be made uniform in size with those at Fenelon Falls, and stating that they were not being reconstructed, but merely repaired, and that no grant had been made, nor could be made from that government for such an enlargement.

Dr. Burrows asked that it be referred to our representative, Dr. McKay, M.P.P.

From G. G. Garret, asking that his taxes, amounting to \$7.36, on which \$1 had already been paid, be remitted as he had been unfortunate in his business.—Filed.

From Jas. Campbell, applying for the position of street commissioner at a salary of \$400 per annum.—Filed.

From Thos. Walters, supt. of public works, calling attention to the brick and other debris which had come down the Lindsay-st. sewer and would seriously interfere with the river channel if allowed to continue.—Referred to board of works with power to act.

From the Underwriters' Association, regarding our deficiencies in fire protection, and stating that they were about to make a new classification and would like to hear from Lindsay.... The clerk was instructed to write the association regarding the improvements already made and those contemplated.

From John Mallett, asking permission to build a frame stable on his premises, Wellington-st.—Town property.

From D. Sinclair, requesting the council to furnish one or two chairs for the hall, as they had nothing to sit on when holding meetings.—Town property.

From G. A. Weese, referring to previous communication.—Laid on table.

From Thos. Connolly, regarding purchase of Mansion house at \$1500, and stating that he could find a purchaser for lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 queen's square, for \$1200, which with \$300 already in their hands would give them the necessary amount to buy. He would of course expect the usual commission on the sale.—Laid on table.

From L. Newton, regarding the crossing from Peel-st. to York-st. and asking that it be put in proper shape.—Board of works.

From S. Calver, sec. of Citizens' band, stating that some of the uniforms had not yet been returned, many being in the hands of non-members, and asking the council to take steps to collect same.... On motion the matter was placed in the hands of the chief constable.

From S. Walker, asking that a culvert on Albert-st. be repaired. It would cost about \$5.—Board of works with power to act.

From Assistant Constable Reeves, asking for his usual vacation of two weeks to commence about the 30th Oct.—Police committee with power to grant same.

ACCOUNTS. A number of accounts were read and referred to their respective committees. On motion of Mr. Pedlar, the committee were given power to say Mr. McBurney's account for \$53.

REPORTS. From Chief Constable Bell, reporting fines, etc., for September, \$73.10.—Police.

From Market Clerk Callaghan, fees and tolls for September, \$43.23.—Referred to treasurer for comparison.

From the treasurer, enclosing statement of receipts and expenditures for past month.

From Auditor Eagleson, certifying to the correctness of the treasurer's accounts for September.—Finance committee.

THAT UNPAID ACCOUNT. Mr. Sootheran referred to an unpaid account from Mr. Kyle for \$6 25 from last year. This bill had been before council before but they did not appear to know anything about it.... On motion Mr. Kyle was heard. He insisted that it was correct. He did not know who had got the work done but it was charged to the town, and it was not his place to run around hunting up details.—A motion was made authorizing its payment.

THE HOME WILL BECOME TOWN PROPERTY. The mayor drew attention of council to a deputation present for the purpose of advising the purchase of the Mansion house property, and called on Mr. D. J. McIntyre, whom he understood was spokesman.

Mr. McIntyre stated that he had not been present at the meeting of the board of management when the deputation had been appointed, and was therefore not thoroughly conversant with the facts, but thought Mr. Brady could give the desired information.

Mr. Brady strongly urged the purchase of the property. It was going at a great sacrifice, and with the government grant of \$600 they would be able to put it in splendid shape. The town had only paid out \$100 last year for maintenance and \$50 had been the expenditure so far this year.

Mr. Sootheran asked Coun. Pedlar to read a clause from the finance committee report to show what line they proposed taking. This clause advised the purchase provided that the finance committee can raise the necessary amount from the sale of other property and they receive a clear deed. Mr. Connolly's communication was also read.

Mr. McIntyre endorsed the previous speaker, the town would be doing well to buy it at the \$1500 asked, as that amount could be realized at any time if the town wished to sell again.

He asked permission to refer to another matter. That day it had been his duty as police magistrate to inflict a fine of \$2 on Jas. Workman for infringement of the cab license by-law. We all know that

Workman had been unfortunate, and since his return to town had been leading an upright life. He would ask the council to remit the fine; in his position he had to be impartial, and although he imposed a \$2 fine, he had not added any costs.—Referred to police committee.

BOARD OF WORKS THROWN DOWN. Dr. Burrows then read the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the charges laid by Coun. Mallon against the board of works committee and the overseer, which was as follows:

The special committee appointed by your honorable body to investigate the alleged charges of misconduct made by Coun. Mallon against the board of works committee and the overseer beg leave to report as follows:—

1. Coun. Mallon, on account of being the informer, asked permission to withdraw from the committee and to have the name of Coun. Killaby substituted in place of his own; to this the committee consented, and now ask the council to confirm their action.

2. Your committee find that it is true that the board of works committee have disregarded the instructions of the council far beyond any reasonable or justifiable limit, they have largely diverted the appropriations from places authorized by either the council or the committee as a body, the estimates in many instances have been largely exceeded and in places contiguous to the properties, owned and occupied by the chairman and the revee, the estimates have been exceeded by over one hundred per cent; there is nothing in the minute book to show that the committee as a whole have ever been consulted in regard to the changes made, and there is nothing to show that permission has ever been asked or obtained from the council; the evidence shows that the chairman and the revee have arrogated to themselves the powers of both the council and the committee. The overseer appears to have taken his instructions from this self-constituted committee and prosecuted the work in accordance with their instructions, regardless of the written authority of the council or the committee as a body, he does appear to know that he should go to the minute book of the committee for his instructions and that he should not act without it, appeared therein as having been passed by the council. He was supplied with a copy of the estimates as passed in council, and he should know that any deviations thereon could only be made legal by the council.

The manner in which the pay roll book is kept is reprehensible and inexcusable on any grounds, not only are the chairman and the overseer to blame for this state of affairs, but the treasurer and the auditor are also culpable. They are supposed to know, and should know, how to keep books properly, and it is for this purpose that they are in the employ of the corporation, and your committee are of the opinion that when the auditor finds an imperfectly kept book of accounts that he should report it to the council at once. The pay roll is kept in a most unbusiness-like manner, and the system incomplete as it is, is not in any means correctly carried out, the entries of money made therein without regard to dates, and as to the gravel delivered to the town, there is no pretence to show correctly where it has been delivered; as an instance, there are five loads of gravel charged to St. Patrick-st., and it was proven that only three were delivered, and the other two, the overseer claims, were delivered to other streets, but was unable to show where; and claims in justification of himself that the fault lies in the system of book-keeping and not with him, as there is no item in the books provided to charge property to each street. Payments to men for work are made week after week by the treasurer without being certified to by either the overseer or chairman, when, as a matter of fact or right, it is incumbent on the treasurer before paying out any money, to compare the pay roll with the estimates as passed by the council, to prove its correctness, and then only to pay when the roll is certified to by the chairman of the board of works and the overseer.

Your committee are of the opinion that it is the duty of the auditor when auditing the accounts to compare the pay roll with the estimates as passed by the council; this has evidently not been done in the past, because if it had, the above irregularities would have been detected and remedied sooner. Both the treasurer and the auditor have evidently accepted the pay roll as sufficient authority for paying the men. This is a mistake, the pay roll is not correct until it is made to conform to the estimates of the year at an approved by council and must be a detailed part thereof in order to properly carry out the whole authorized work, so that when it is summed up at the end of the season it will balance with the estimate sheet as adopted by the council at the beginning of the season. Regarding the stone delivered to the crusher, there was no regular system adopted by the committee to check the delivery, and as a result the overseer, who was ill at the time, was obliged to accept the statements of those who delivered it, and the consequence is that the corporation has paid for more stone than it has received. The evidence on this point is conflicting, but convincing, and your committee estimate the quality short at about ten cords.

4. The board of works department having been so loosely conducted for this and the last three or four years, your committee recommend that the present board of works committee be dissolved forthwith, and the adoption of this report to be sufficient for this purpose.

5. Your committee also recommend that a by-law be passed at the present meeting of council defining the duties of the clerk and of the treasurer, and fixing the time when they shall be required to be in attendance at their office.

6. Your committee also recommend that the finance committee be instructed to prepare and inaugurate a more complete and perfect system for conducting the business of the board of works department, and that a by-law be passed by this council giving the said finance committee authority and making it their duty to see said system properly enforced at all times and seasons.

Your committee have to thank those of the town employees who came forward fearlessly at the request of the committee and gave their evidence in a straightforward and manly manner, thereby assisting the committee very materially in arriving at a conclusion; but those who refused to come forward at the request of the committee are deserving of censure, and your committee recommend that their names be entered in the minute book of the board of works, and that no more work be given them by the corporation.

Dep.-reeve Gillogly admitted that he had put a new walk in front of his premises as the old one was a disgrace, and if the council wished he would rip it up and put down the old one. They could dissolve the committee as soon as they liked, the

money was all spent and the new committee would not have much to do.

Reeve Touchburn did not think the investigation had been made in the interests of the ratepayers, if it was it would have been commenced earlier. Mr. Mallon had suggested that he have a new walk laid opposite his premises. He thought enough old plank could be had to do the job, but found that there wasn't sufficient. It was in front of his premises, but he didn't own it; he received benefit from it, but so did others. He used larger tile so as to fit with the other drains. The building of this sidewalk had been thrown up at every meeting since. Why, Mr. Mallon had Dr. Burrows up there taking notes.

Dr. Burrows—"You don't tell lies, Mr. Touchburn."

Mr. Touchburn—"I don't lie."

Mr. Burrows—"I didn't say you did. I merely asked you."

Mr. Touchburn resuming, said it had appeared in the Post five times, had been in investigating committee and was now up in report. It looked to him like the spite of children. The sidewalk was on a leading street to a school and collegiate, and he thought he was right in making it substantial. During the investigation he had dropped in a couple of times and thought he had never heard anything so unfair to the overseer. The overseer should have been given previous notice so that he would have a chance to bring in evidence on his side.

Mr. Sootheran—Mr. Walker received notice of every meeting while they were receiving evidence.

Mr. Touchburn wished that the committee had been asked to resign long ago, so that the wise men of the east—and the south—might be given a chance. He also objected to their mode of procedure; men who had laid charges were also to judge and jury. Why wasn't the matter referred to a committee of the whole council. He wished that all the members hands were clean as the overseer's.

Dr. Burrows said that at first he had taken little interest in the investigation. He had not gone to take notes of Touchburn's sidewalk, but had seen it while on his way to see a patient, and discovered that Mr. Touchburn had put in large tiles so as to drain his own premises, and otherwise exceeded the estimate by \$36. Mr. Walker had had a fair chance, and his evidence had been the most defamatory of all. Mr. Walker admitted that the teamsters spread the gravel and charged for more than they were delivering. One teamster had been using a box much smaller than the standard, and he had figured it out that the town would lose \$1500 on every \$5000 worth of gravel ordered on this wagon. Touchburn, you and Walker have not been honest; you're a little afraid that one will squeal on the other. What became of the kegs of nails that were left at your stable?

Reeve Touchburn—"I dare you to make that accusation in the way a man should make it. You might ask me what became of the nails that were used on any sidewalk; they were carted here and there and used all over the town."

Dr. Burrows, resuming, said that this enquiry had not been instigated out of spite. Everyone knew the town was being thieved and that the board of works was rotten. When everything is left to the hired rascals they were not certainly going to clean themselves. They were paid for doing work at Walker's; and Mr. Walker said it was a mistake. They drew gravel to the overseer's house and were paid by the town. The committee did not ask for the dismissal of the board of works that would be decided by a majority of the council.

Coun. Mallon, on rising to his feet, said he hoped he would not be guilty of using ungentlemanly language as some of them had done, and as he had not interrupted previous speakers he expected the same treatment to be accorded him. He had agreed that Mr. Touchburn should spend \$34 for a new sidewalk and \$5 for tile, but did not agree to his spending twice that amount. The investigation was not to vent spleen, but in the interests of the people. Mr. Walker was sick the time the work was done, and Mr. Gillogly signed the pay sheet without seeing the job.

Dep.-reeve Gillogly here corrected Mr. Mallon by saying that he had seen the work and pronounced it a first-class job. Mr. Mallon said he had called for an investigation, and he had proved every one of the 9 or 10 charges. He had desired all through to give Mr. Walker the benefit of the doubt, and when the overseer was asked if he had anything to say in his defence, replied that he wasn't going to cut his own throat. He wanted the committee dismissed and the overseer discharged, or he would take the necessary steps to have the whole matter ventilated before a judge.

Mr. Touchburn moved that Mr. Walker be heard.

Overseer Walker said that Mallon and Burrows had spouted all over town. It was not true that men working at his house had drawn pay from the town, they had only Mallon's word for it, and he knew several men who would not believe Mallon on oath.

Coun. Mallon—"I ask the names of those men, or take that back."

On motion Auditor Eagleson was heard. He asked what reference had been made to him in the report.

The mayor read the clause censuring the auditor and treasurer for not reporting the laxity or recommending a different system of keeping the pay sheet.

Mr. Eagleson said he had never passed a pay sheet until it was properly signed, and referred to different recommendations he had from time to time made and not one of them ever heard of again.

Coun. Horn had formed his conclusion. He could readily understand that a man in Mr. Walker's position, engaging and discharging men, must have his enemies, who would naturally wish to have him applauded. Mr. Walker was no doubt "fatted" when giving evidence, and had

perhaps contradicted himself. He did not wish to see the committee continue, as it was well known they had far exceeded the estimates.

Coun. Gillogly said they had exceeded the appropriation for the work on Kent-st., but it was at the time of Commissioner Campbell's visit, and everyone was on fire with the desire to build good roads, no matter the cost, and there wasn't a dissenting voice in the council until Mallon got his committee in working order.

Mr. Sootheran then took the yeas and nays and the report was adopted.

FINANCE REPORT. Mr. Pedlar read the report of the finance committee, and among other things recommended that the Rathbun Co. be exempt from taxation for a period of five years.

Mr. Horn was not in favor of the clause if he granted this exemption it would necessarily raise the taxes on other concerns who had just as much right to the same privilege.

Dr. Burrows said on the face of Coun. Horn's remarks there appeared a good deal of logic, but the Rathbuns were only asking what others in the same line of business were already receiving. The Dingley bill on the other side was hurting their business in certain lines, and if a branch was to be cut off, Lindsay would be first to fall. We should give them every encouragement.

Coun. Touchburn had not been in favor of this course at the meeting of committee, but had afterwards learned that they might shut down here owing to depression, and it was the best we could do, giving this little encouragement.—The report passed.

TOWN PROPERTY REPORT. Chairman Robson read reports No. 19 and 20, which were adopted.

BOARD OF WORKS REPORT. Chairman Gillogly read report No. 17, which was adopted.

Chairman Pedlar read report No. 7, which was adopted.

A BATCH OF BY-LAWS. Coun. Pedlar gave notice that at the next meeting he would introduce a by-law to amend clause 25 of by-law No. 68.

Coun. Burrows gave notice of by-law to repeal by-law No. 614 to prevent people from draining into the public sewer. He also gave notice of by-law to repeal by-law appointing an overseer.

THEIR FIRST RECEIPT. The following by-laws received their first reading: To grant the Rathbun Co. tax exemption for five years; to appoint a tax collector for the year 1897; to repeal by-law No. 72, regarding the closing of jewelry, fancy goods stores, etc.; governing hawkers and pedlars; to define the duties of the clerk and treasurer, and to fix his hours of business; regulating and imposing a penalty on persons found tampering or otherwise interfering with the fire alarm system.... The third by-law was thrown out by the acting mayor as legal advice in writing is necessary before it can be introduced for reading.

On motion the council went into committee of the whole on the second and third readings of the by-law appointing a tax collector, and the blank filled in with the name of Peter Nicholle at a salary of \$300.

A FURTHER EXTENSION. Moved by Coun. Mallon, seconded by Coun. Horn, that the time for collecting outstanding taxes be extended to Nov. 1st.—Carried.

The council then adjourned.

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The Weather. Report for week ending Saturday night, October 2nd, 1897.

TEMPERATURE. Highest.....79.50 Thursday Lowest.....31.00 Tuesday Warmest day, mean of.....67.20 Friday Coldest ".....44.65 Monday The week ".....55.10

PRECIPITATION IN INCHES. Greatest fall of rain in one day 0.03 Sunday. Rain fell on 0 days. Total rain fall 0.03 THOS. BEALL.

Coming. Dr. JEBB (formerly of New York) eye specialist, and inventor of the famous Reckert's Optometer, the latest and most approved instrument known to modern science for pointing out every defect and disease of the eye and sight, will be at Morgan's Drug Store, Lindsay, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, only—4-1-1.

Church Notes.—Rev. Thos. Manning of Cambridge-st. Methodist church, in his sermon on Sunday morning last, dressed down the people in town who dress up and promenade the streets on Sunday evenings instead of attending divine service.

—Rev. Dr. Workman of Toronto will preach educational sermons in the Cambridge-st. Methodist church on Sunday next.

—Rev. S. J. Shorey, formerly of Lindsay, opened the new Methodist church at Bancroft on Sunday last, and on Monday delivered an address at the annual tea meeting.

—Next Thursday evening, Oct. 14th, at 8 o'clock, the annual thank offering meeting of the W.F.M.S. of St. Andrew's church will be held in the lecture room of the church. The meeting, it is expected, will be addressed by Miss McKeellar, M.D., of India, who is home on furlough. All ladies interested in missionary work are invited to be present.

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