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The Watchman.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8th, 1894

Board of Health Troubles.

THE recent troubles in the Board of Health have taken a peculiar turn. The public are pretty well acquainted with the circumstances leading up to the recent trial for assault, and the consequent severe fine inflicted by the police magistrate on the medical health officer. Many citizens who were not present appear to think that the fine was rather heavy, but we hold, after hearing the evidence, that the verdict was perfectly just and proper, the chief magistrate could not do otherwise from the evidence brought out. It is true that the M.H.O. is a much better doctor than he is a witness, even in his own defence. The facts leading up to the trouble are well known to our citizens, and have created a widespread sympathy for the medical health officer, believing that he has been provoked beyond his powers of endurance. This sympathy has taken a queer form, for at the last meeting of the town council a motion was introduced commending that officer for his faithful service to the town and making a special grant of \$30 to his salary. There are many people who believe the motion was simply a condemnation of the actions of the members of the health board who had brought about this trouble. The standing vote stamps it much more than the ordinary motion to increase an officer's salary, and must be taken as a complete vindication of the actions of the M.H.O., and a crowning triumph for him as far as that body is concerned. Whether the action of the council is to be commended or not we leave the people to judge, but it strikes us pretty forcibly that the case has not been handled in just the right way. There has been friction on the Board of Health during the past year, and it has resulted unpleasantly. The council have been aware of the fact, and should have moved long ago. We think that a straight motion endorsing the M.H.O. and requesting the resignation of one or more members, to whom they attribute the trouble, would have been a much more business-like and manly course to have pursued.

Editorial Notes

The export of horses from Montreal to Great Britain from the beginning of navigation to the end of October reached the total of 5,095. For the fiscal year 1893, the shipments from all Canada to the United Kingdom were only 1,946; in 1892 they were but 1,296 while in 1890 they were only 125. That a large market for Canadian horse flesh could be found in the United Kingdom has long been held as a theory; the experience of the present year promises to establish it as a fact.

At a banquet to Mr. Laurier in Winnipeg the other night, Premier Greenway hinted rather plainly that it will not be long before the Manitoba legislature will cut off the allowances for Government House, which means that the Lieutenant-Governor will have to board himself in future out of his salary from the Federal Government. There is no doubt that this example will be followed in Ontario, the indication being that Government House will be abolished at the next session of the Legislature.

GRAND President Mallory, of the Patrons, addressed the trades and labor council last week. He said that the Patrons' general board had never yet delivered itself on the single tax. He had never given the question deep consideration, but he was favorably impressed with what he knew of it. In connection with the action of the Patron board in wanting to make the limit of exemption \$500, he said that the board would probably drop this when they found out that labor men opposed the proposition. He believed the interests of labor and agriculture were identical in Canada.

GRAND President Mallory has the following to say in the Farmer's Sun this week: "I do not purpose to re-

view the platforms of the Liberal or Conservative parties, or of the McCarthy club, but I content myself with saying that no affiliation does or can exist between the Patrons and any body of men of any party or name whose desire is to add to or take from the Patron platform. We are glad of the support of all classes and ranks and creeds. Our platform is so broad that all may stand upon it, and our movement is a rising of the masses to accomplish by constitutional means that which partisans have failed to perform. We invite all independent electors to come to our assistance. We do not desire that any government shall be overthrown, but we insist that the interests of the great majority of the people shall not in the future be sacrificed on behalf of the few, and to this end we strive to unite many who have been kept apart for party gain so that we may be able to strengthen the hands of any government or power that will honestly endeavor to make all classes of our citizens equal before the law.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

A Light Calendar—Business Transacted with Dispatch.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of health was held in the council chamber on Monday. There was very little business of importance before the board. The following members were present:—Mr. J. R. McNeillie, chairman, and Messrs. John Kennedy, George Matthews, J. Deacon, Thos. Stewart, D. R. Anderson, P. Pilkey and Dr. Lynch. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

The following communications, reports, etc. were then read:—

From Mr. Harstone, principal of the collegiate institute, giving the attendance at 220, with an average of 190. Also a request from the students for the use of the assembly hall for an entertainment, and offering to light the same with lamps.

Referred to the committee on entertainments.

From the principle of the public school, showing an attendance of 801.—Received and filed.

From Dr. McAlpine, M.H.O., reporting Mr. Harrington's child as fully recovered, and that Mr. Harrington would be able to return to his duties. Every precaution in the way of isolation that was possible had been observed, and Mr. Harrington deserved credit for it.—Received and filed.

From Miss Lily Uedy, applying for a position on the teaching staff.—Received.

From Miss Emma M. Paton, applying for position on teaching staff.—Received.

From Mr. Harrington giving attendance for September, 188: October, 205 with a statement of fees collected.

Mr. Stewart thought it was the duty of secretary-treasurer to look over this report and see that it was correct. He had formerly done this, but it took up nearly half a day every month.

The matter was referred to the finance committee.

AFTER A TESTIMONIAL.

From the Rathbun Co. asking the board to consult the teachers of the East ward school and secure their opinion of the terra cotta walls as a means of deadening sound, and if satisfactory requesting a testimonial.

Moved by Col. Deacon, seconded by Mr. Anderson that the communication be referred to the building and sites committee, and if found satisfactory to supply a suitable testimonial.—Carried.

THE EXAMS.

From J. Miller, in reply to an enquiry from Mr. McNeillie, as to the standing of the pupils of the collegiate institute at the recent departmental examinations. The papers had been re-examined and no injustice had been done the pupils.—Received and filed.

EFFICIENCY IN STAFF.

Principal Broderick submitted a detailed report of the efficiency of the staff in the public schools.—Finance committee.

A LIBRARY WANTED.

Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by C. Deacon, that the recommendation for a library be referred to the managing committee.—Carried.

FINANCE REPORT.

Mr. Stewart, chairman, in submitting the report of the finance committee recommending the payment of the following accounts, urged upon the board to have all accounts sent in three days before the meeting:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes R S Porter (\$11 75), Sylvester Bros. (6 35), G. Ingle (31 50), W A White (28 30), Geo Lytle (6 40).

Report adopted.

IN QUEST OF INFORMATION.

Moved by Col. Deacon seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the tabulated statement from the educational department, showing the result of the recent examinations be submitted to the standing committee on reports, with instructions to prepare and lay before the board at its next regular meeting, or sooner if expedient, a statement similar to that prepared and submitted for the information of the board last year.—Carried.

MORE LIGHT.

Moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Lynch, that the managing committee consider the question of lighting the collegiate institute, with authority to ask for tenders for fixtures and power, and report to a meeting to be called for the purpose.—Carried.

The board then adjourned.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Let Mr. Blain Speak Now.

To the Editor of the Watchman. Sir.—At the council meeting last Monday evening not a few of the members in the back seats smiled when Mr. Blain referred to the question of taxes paid by Mr. Parkin. How would it be if he would furnish a table of all taxes paid by him and set it side by side with a similar table of taxes paid to the town by Mr. Parkin. He could go further and give an exact statement of the vast number of men that he has assisted by furnishing them with employment during the past ten years. Yet it is these same "successful" business men that seek election in our council, and being carried off by their own self-importance, attempt to belittle enterprising men who have the courage and dash to take up large undertakings, and thus give employment to many of the laboring class and benefit the town generally. There are far too many of these wise acres seeking and securing a place at our council board, their only recommendation being their love of self-aggrandisement. Would it not be better if our council comprised a few more of our wide-awake business men, who have a deep interest in the future welfare of the town, and sufficient brains to grasp all matters quickly and intelligently, and not mere place hunters. A RATEPAYER.

A Matter of Importance.

To the Editor of the Watchman. Sir,—In reading THE WATCHMAN during the last few months I have been constantly reminded of the True Witness, of Montreal. Some few years ago that paper raised its voice for the regulation of the immoral evils existing there, and by a persistent, able and fearless crusade it succeeded in bringing about some very great reforms. No less high a task it seems to me has THE WATCHMAN done for itself along the lines of municipal institutions in the town of Lindsay, and a success equally gratifying will doubtless be its reward. By your series of cleverly written reports of the local board of health and town council meetings you have aroused a more than passing public interest in municipal politics and without doubt you have secured the popular ear to such an extent that I think there is a feeling aroused which would be disappointed, were the subject to be dropped here. It occurs to me that there is an opportunity afforded THE WATCHMAN to take the matter up and treat it on broader grounds. This is the time of the year when the press and citizens indulge in stereotyped pessimism on the state of the municipal machine. Each one in language more or less severe, deprecates the mediocrity of the town representatives, and vows determination to make an effort to remedy the evil, but having gone thus far it seems the supply of public spiritedness becomes exhausted for no more is heard on the subject till the elapse of another year again makes the subject opportune. The way I look at it is this: Either it is important or it is unimportant, possible or it is impossible that one class of men can manage the town affairs better than another. Everyone of course agrees that the affirmative is the fact in each case; yet it is surprising how general it is to qualify the general principle by a regard to the particular case and to finally lose sight of a rule altogether in an ever increasing number of exceptions to it. In this connection too, it is very common to find people who, while religiously applying common sense logic to their smallest private concerns, immediately lapse into unreason, when matters of vast public importance are in the balance and they will not hesitate to venture the opinion that as far as taxes are concerned it matters not who holds the reins of power. This is the most common form of electoral thoughtlessness. I heard the same story in Toronto, when Mr. Fleming came out for mayor, he made certain proposals that I immediately saw were feasible, proper and made for a large reduction of taxation. The same reply was then heard on King-st. as we now hear on Kent-st., that no matter who ruled, taxes would be the same. But when the bills came for a block of property assessed to myself, my father and brothers, the amount was \$320 odd as against \$370 odd of the year previous. It is quite true that most municipalities are misgoverned and that our case is not more unsatisfactory than the generality of others but I consider it would not be too high an aim for Lindsay to be one of the exceptions to the general rule. I understand that the taxes of Detroit are about one half those of Toronto; would it not be worth the effort for Lindsay to try and place herself in such a position that she could calculate her burthens by a striking 50% from that of some place with which a fair comparison in point of circumstances could be made? It is hard to say where the fault lies and just where the remedy can be located; but on that account we must not conclude that there is no fault and no remedy. With great respects it is advanced that many hold seats in municipal bodies, who could be bettered. A gentleman who represented a ward in Toronto for the two years ending last January, told me in his first election by way of explanation of his candidature that it was "in the line of his ambition." Surely this per se is but a secondary and quite unsatisfactory explanation. Yet I am sure many such instances can be recalled here in Lindsay. Under this head a word could be said as to the lengthy terms some representatives take. The law as to representation on municipal boards should not be misunderstood. In the civil and now even in the criminal law we have statutes of limitations marking off a farthest period within which certain proceedings must be taken and rights asserted; and in default such proceedings cannot afterwards be taken and such rights become extinct. But I must confess my ignorance of the existence of any law, which gives a man a life-lease of a seat at a municipal board or that confers perpetual uses to constitute an indefeasible right in perpetuity, nor have I even heard of any decision of a

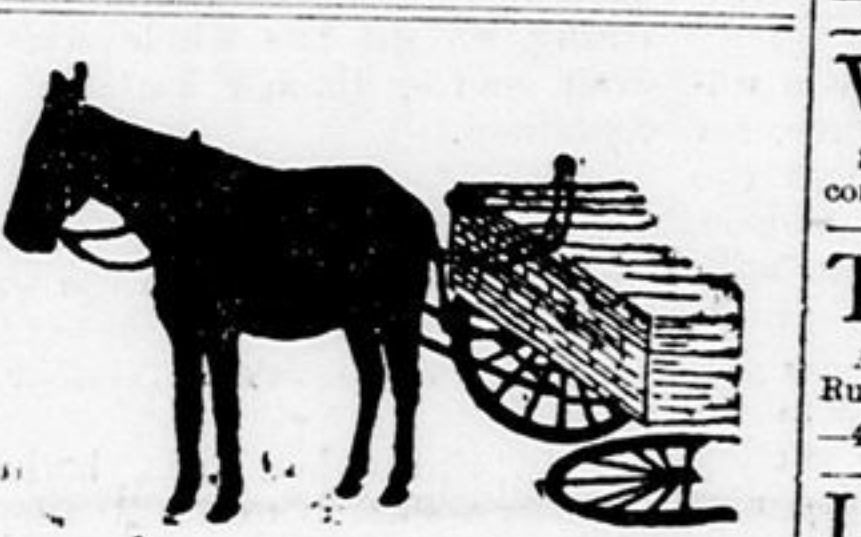
court of competent jurisdiction which gives the length of holding that the neglect for many years of people to turn out a representative results in barring that people's right to turn him out and gives him a title by possession. When negotiations such as were had over the water mark troubles become entrusted to the care of a municipal council it becomes necessary that every member of that council should understand the full distinction between a debenture and a drain. Yet with great respect I once heard this important water mark question discussed by the town council and I must state some of the members showed themselves so incapable of comprehending the subject under consideration as to prompt the remark that Lindsay town council could not be classed as an intelligent body. I will not take up further space Mr. Editor. As a taxpayer who has never in two years residence here raised his voice in municipal affairs, I make these passing observations. I appreciate the work THE WATCHMAN is doing and trust that public attention being attracted to that work it will not be confined within limits, but be pushed on in other directions where the facts warrant it. Yours etc., ALLAN S. MACDONELL. Lindsay, Nov. 5th, 1894.

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