



The Woodville Advocate.

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THAT GAME OF GRAB

The late meeting of the County Council has developed a state of affairs which to say the least is truly astonishing.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Victoria:

GENTLEMEN,—After giving full notice in the Lindsay newspapers and the newspaper published at Omamee, and special notice to Mr. Stephenson, and Mr. Bailey, Reeve of Emily, your committee met at Omamee on the 17th May, inst.

Mr. Bailey appeared and stated that an arrangement had been come to with Mr. Stephenson for the refund of \$54 to the County Treasurer for work charged for and not performed, and the completion of certain work that has been partially done, but your committee deem it their duty to arrive at the grounds of this settlement so that they might be able to report to you with some measure of intelligence.

The reports submitted to the County Council by Mr. Stephenson of the expenditure by him of the moneys entrusted to him as commissioner for the respective years were then taken up

Report for 1879:—

Your committee find from the statements made by Mr. Bailey, and which were admitted by Mr. Stephenson, that in several cases work was not done to the extent charged for but no definite information could be obtained as to what the deficiency would amount to.

Report for 1880:—

Your committee find from similar statements and admission by Mr. Stephenson.

1. That in George Gartley's case no work was performed and Mr. Stephenson has agreed to refund \$25, the whole amount charged.

2. That in Thomas McCarthy's case no work was performed, and Mr. Stephenson has agreed to refund \$20 the whole amount charged.

3. In the case of G. Woods it was stated that no work had been done, but that the matter had been compromised by Mr. Stephenson agreeing to refund \$4, one-half the amount charged.

4. In Andrew Wilson's case it was shown that only 20 rods of gravelling had been done prior to the report being made, 40 rods was not done until this spring and there are still some loads of gravel to be drawn.

5. In Lucas' case it was stated that the work had been charged for twice, to the county and also to the township, but as Mr. Stephenson has agreed to refund \$20 to the township the item in his report to the County Council is allowed to stand.

6. In the case of Matthew McElwain and David Henderson combined, Mr. Stephenson has agreed to do \$38.60 worth of gravelling, and when this is completed the job will be satisfactory.

Exception was taken by Mr. Dennis Scully, and Mr. Miller, the deputy-reeve of Emily, as to the manner in which certain other jobs were done, but the charges made were not sufficiently explicit to warrant your committee in expressing an opinion.

Your committee, in summing up, feel it to be their duty to report that the investigation revealed a course of conduct on Mr. Stephenson's part that is by no means creditable to him as an expender of public moneys. The fact of moneys having been paid out, vouchers taken, and a report of expenditure made by him when no work whatever had been done in several cases, reveals a condition of affairs that is contrary to all ideas of rectitude and justice, and which looks like an attempt to defraud the public.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. ADAM, Chairman.

Lindsay, 18th May, 1881.

From the above report it appears that Mr. Stephenson has been proved guilty of making false vouchers and reporting work as executed which had never been done. The question which now arises is, how long has this system been going on, or is this the only case? The fact that other gentlemen are also mixed up in transactions of a similar nature is certainly not reassuring and demands the most vigorous investigation and the bringing to justice of the offenders. There can be no doubt but that the above order of things has been of common occurrence and of long standing, and had it not been discovered would have continued. It therefore devolves on the Council to take active steps to sift this matter to the bottom. We honor the feelings of members of the Council, at the same time we hope that no sentimental kindness will deter them from following the strict path of duty.

They are the custodians of the people's money and are appointed to see it properly expended. That a system of "grab" has been indulged in is quite evident and a simple disgorging of the spoils is hardly likely to satisfy the public that justice has been done. We do not see the difference between a man making false vouchers to obtain money and a cashier making false entries for the same purpose. Both are equally guilty and deserve punishment.

ONTARIO County Council have had a storm over the County Assessment Roll. The equalization has had the effect of raising the rate in many of the Townships which their representatives do not consider justifiable.

No less than twenty-one applications were made to the Secretary of Blyth School Board for the position of teacher in the intermediate department of the Public School. And yet whole regiments are preparing to invade the same profession in spite of the glowing prospects.

We have received several complaints respecting a culvert on the 3rd Concession of Eldon which is claimed to be extremely dangerous. It is situated between the first and second quarter roads and represents a deep ditch across the road, caused by the sand having been washed away from the sides of the culvert. The Township Commissioner should see to it immediately and have it repaired.

THE Peterborough Times announces that "Mr. Thos. Rubidge, C. E., of the Department of Railways and Canals, left Ottawa last Friday evening for Belleville, to commence the survey of the Trent Navigation route, for which an appropriation was made last session of Parliament."—This is certainly business-like, and will tend to relieve the minds of many in respect to the Government's sincerity in the prosecution of the work.

THE Toronto and Nipissing Railway, has been sold to the Grand Trunk Company, \$1,500,000 being the price paid. It is also stated that the Syndicate Company has purchased the Victoria road. Judging by the present aspect of affairs it seems highly probable that, in a short time, all the railway thoroughfares in Ontario will be controlled by this corporation.—Oshawa Reformer. We do not know where our contemporary derives his information or how much reliance may be placed in the report. We notice by an exchange the purchase of the Victoria by two Hamilton gentlemen.

Fresh Garden and Flower Seeds at Gunn Bros.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. has secured control of both the telegraph companies in Canada.

The bulk of the World's writing is done with steel pens. Esterbrook's can be procured from any stationer, and at wholesale from Brown Bros., Toronto.

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GREAT alarm is being occasioned in Germany by the extent of emigration to America, and efforts are being made to induce the Government to turn the current of immigration to the Danubian regions.

Joseph Rusan, Percy, writes:—"I was induced to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for a lameness which troubled me for three or four years, and I found it the best article I ever tried. It has been a great blessing to me."

THE proposed Hanlan-Wise race has been declared off, a misunderstanding having arisen as to the definition of a lap-streak boat. Hanlan would not consent to row in the ordinary lapstreak skiff.

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