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December 13th, 1883.

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The Rev. Z. P. Wilds, well-known city missionary in New York, and brother of the late eminent Judge Wilds, of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, writes as follows:

"78 E. 54th St., New York, May 16, 1882. MESSRS. J. C. AYER & Co., Gentlemen: Last winter I was troubled with a most uncomfortable itching humor affecting more especially my limbs, which itched so intolerably at night, and burned so intensely, that I could scarcely bear any clothing over them. I was also a sufferer from a severe catarrh and catarrhal cough; my appetite was poor, and my system a good deal run down. Knowing the value of AYER'S SARSAPARILLA, by observation of many other cases, and from personal use in former years, I began taking it for the above-named disorders. My appetite improved almost from the first dose. After a short time the fever and itching were allayed, and all signs of irritation of the skin disappeared. My catarrh and cough were also cured by the same means, and my general health greatly improved, until it is now excellent. I feel a hundred per cent stronger, and I attribute these results to the use of the SARSAPARILLA, which I recommend with all confidence as the best blood medicine ever devised. I took it in small doses three times a day, and used, in all, less than two bottles. I place these facts at your service, hoping their publication may do good. Yours respectfully, Z. P. WILDS."

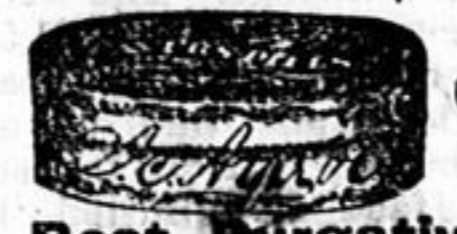
The above instance is but one of the many constantly coming to our notice, which prove the perfect adaptability of AYER'S SARSAPARILLA to the cure of all diseases arising from impure or impoverished blood, and a weakened vitality.

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The Guelph Lottery.

The Guelph Opera House "Lottery" has become a leading topic everywhere.

Assailed bitterly for some three or four months, and denounced as a swindle, a fraud and an immoral Lottery Scheme, it has thriven under opposition and now presents a better front than ever. People, generally, are coming to the conclusion that an undertaking which bears attack so well must have something good about it.

Outside of being a Lottery, there is no fraud or swindle in the affair and these terms appear to be applied to it only on the ground of being a Lottery—as some people maintain that every Lottery is a kind of a swindle. The *Canadian Sportsman*, says, in an article of the 9th inst.:

"It is reported that something like 40,000 tickets or shares of the Guelph Opera House Lottery have been sold, and the billance are going like "hot cakes." Even the Guelph *Mercury*, which from the first, has strongly opposed the scheme, in noting the postponement of the drawing until Dec. 18th next, and the appointment of new Directors, in place of several who have resigned, admits that it is likely to succeed and that the receipts are now \$500 per day, and upwards. For the week preceeding Oct. 30th they are reported to have averaged \$2,000 per day. A number of the leading citizens back and support it, but the central figure in the undertaking is the Secretary, Mr. J. L. Murphy, who although quite a youngster, has so far conducted it with signal ability and who is said to take the unmeasured abuse heaped upon him with an equanimity that would do honor to a veteran politician. Lawyers say that the

scheme gets completely over the legal fence by taking advantage of the provision of the Lottery Act, allowing owners in common to divide by lot, and, while amounting in the end to a straight Cash Lottery with prizes like the London one, stands in the same place with Church and Charitable Lotteries of the Art union distributions.

The *Mercury* has the following remarks upon it:—"Clear away the mist surrounding this scheme and it is a Lottery, pure and simple. People put in \$2 apiece—2,000 draw prizes and the balance blanks. It may not come within the Act, but it is none the less a gambling chance to win money. Nobody pretends that any land is to be divided, and the land business is introduced into the Circus merely to bring the case within the provisions of the law allowing joint owners to divide by lot. When a man buys a ticket he signs a request to the Trustees to convert the whole affair into a money Lottery. The Trustees go through the well known plan of drawing prizes, and these are money instead of land."

But this will be the last legal Lottery in Canada, as Parliament will amend the Act in January, and sit upon the evasions of the law. Pious stock speculators and poker players, who condemn the Guelph scheme as encouraging a gambling tendency might very well be included in the prohibition and public sentiment would approve of the law."—*Toronto Canadian*.

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Thorah Township Council.

Council met at 1 o'clock p. m. Members all present, Petition presented, Frank Madill and 105 others, for compensation to William Horton for ringing bell, &c. Report of Reeve, in the matter of the Brock drain put in and read. Correspondence read requesting the council to petition the Ontario Legislative Assembly in favor of the Torren's Land System and women to have the right to vote at Municipal and Provincial elections. Applications for aid to Arch. McPhail and Andrew Dodge put in and read. Claim for compensation, sheep killed by dogs made by Duncan McDougall for one sheep valued at \$5.00 allowed \$3.33, two-third value. Resolved that a by-law be now brought in to appoint Deputy Returning officers and the places for holding municipal elections for the year 1884. Resolved that the taxes for the year 1883 of the undermentioned parties be remitted viz:—Mrs. Maybee, Mrs. John Hunt, Mr. Andrew Anderson, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Angus McInnes, Mr. John Carmichael, Mrs. Curran and Beaverton Foundry, school taxes excepted. Resolved that a by-law be now brought in to extend the time for the collector to return his roll. Resolved that the following amounts of dog tax paid in error be refunded viz:—To Mrs. Duncan McDougall, \$1.00; Mrs. Thos. Scott, \$1.00; Mrs. John Harrison, \$1.00; and that the following dog tax charge be remitted viz: J. S. Parke's dog, \$1.00.

Resolved that Mr. Horton be paid the sum of \$5.00 for his services in ringing the township bell during the year 1883. Moved by Mr. Alex. McTae, seconded by Mr. Francis McRae that the report of the Reeve as below in the matter of the Brock drainage by-law be adopted. That this Council for the reasons set forth in the said report and as at present advised take no action in the matter. That a copy of the adopted report with this resolution be forwarded to the council of Brock.

To the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Thorah:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that I have been served with the accompanying papers by the Reeve of the Township of Brock viz: 1. Specifications of culverts; 2. Specifications of Drain in Township of Brock; 3. Engineer's preliminary report, re-said drain; 4. Engineer's Estimates re-said drain; 5. Engineer's accounts, re-survey etc.; 6. By-law 346 Township of Brock; 7. Report of Assessment; 8. Plans and Profiles, re drain. The most important of which documents is a by-law passed by the said council of Brock on the 12th day of June, 1883, by which you will perceive they have imposed liabilities on the Township of Thorah to the amount of \$315 besides other expenses hereinafter referred to.

The said by-law relates to a drain or ditch now in course of construction in the Township of Brock which the Engineer reports will benefit certain roads and lands in the Township of Thorah, to the said amount of \$315.

The said by-law is apparently passed under the authority of the "Act to Consolidate the Acts Respecting Municipal Institutions," Sections 570 to 626, which Act authorizes Township corporations to pass by-laws for draining certain sections or localities and to impose special rates on the lands benefited, to defray the expenses of the said drain.

I would wish to call the attention of this Council to certain sections and clauses of the said Act.

1st, Section 570, clause 3a enacts that the costs of any arbitration held in connection with the construction of any works.

The costs of publication of by-laws and all other expenses incidental to the construction of the works and the passing of by-laws shall be deemed part of the costs of the works, and included in the amount to be raised by local rate.

Sections 576, 577, 578 enact that the works can be carried beyond the limits of the Municipality instituting the same, or when lands in an adjacent Municipality are benefited they must bear a just proportion of the expense awarded by the Engineer, subject however to an appeal.

Section 580 enacts that the council of the Municipality commencing the drain shall serve upon the Municipality whose roads or lands are to be benefited copies of the reports, plans, profiles, estimates and assessments of the Engineer, which I presume are the papers heretofore referred to and which were served upon me on the 20th day of November nearly six months after the council of Brock had finally passed their by-law.

Section 581 enacts that the council of the last named Municipality shall within four months of service pass a by-law of such sum or sums as may be named in the report of such sum or sums as may be awarded by arbitrators—in the same manner and with such other provisions as would have been proper if a majority of the owners of the lands to be taxed had petitioned as provided by sec. 570, that is to say your council is now required to pass a by-law similar to the one submitted with this report.

Section 582 provides for an appeal. Section 571, S. S. 2 enacts that the by-laws before being finally passed shall be amended, so as to correspond with any alteration made on appeal by the Court of Revision—or by the Judge of the County Court.

What appears to be most objectionable in the action of the Council of Brock is 1st. That to pass a by-law similar to the one submitted will involve considerable expense and while they have made provision in the estimates for the costs of passing the Brock by-law and the amount of the costs of the same have been proportionally levied over both Townships, they have made no provision for passing a similar by-law in Thorah which according to Sec 570, S. S. 2, should also have been done, so if your Council take the action required, the expense of passing the Thorah by-law must be paid from the General Fund of the Township, instead of being paid from the special rate to be levied upon the lands benefited by the drain, against which injustice I consider we are entitled to protest.

2nd. As section 582 provides for arbitration and appeal and by section 571, S. S. 2, all alterations are to be entered as amendments before the final passing of the by-laws, it would appear that the Council of Brock, by passing a by-law nearly six months before notifying our Council, have deprived us of our right of appeal, for unless their by-law be revised, the alterations to be made by appeal and in the estimated cost of the drain, cannot be entered as amendments.

3rd. That the said appeals would be liable to affect not only the aggregate amount to be charged against the Township but the proportional shares to be paid by Municipality and the Thorah land owners benefited, all of which alterations should be definitely set forth in the by-laws before they can be legally levied upon the parties liable.

While disclaiming all intention of acting in opposition to the council of Brock, and fully recognising the benefit to be derived from the said drain by the road on the townships between Brock and Thorah upon which road the townships are spending a considerable amount of money which will be comparatively useless without the outlet, still as any by-law we could now pass would be liable to be quashed with costs to the township I would recommend that our council take no action in the matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.
GEORGE F. BROCK, Reeve.

Dec. 15th 1883.
Resolved that the following amounts be paid to the herein named parties for the use of indigents set forth—to the Reeve for Mr. McPhail and Mrs. Andrew Dodge to Mr. Galloway for Mrs. Donald McInnes and Angus McPherson.—Resolved that \$3.17 arrears of taxes charged to Mr. Jas. Edgar against lot 15, 5th con be remitted. Resolved that Mr. John McRae be allowed \$10.00 for the crossing constructed on Simcoe St. Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to provide for the payment of the interest on the outstanding debentures from the money now lying to the credit of the township in the Bank of Toronto. A number of accounts were presented and ordered to be paid, also councillors fees.
GEORGE SMITH, CLERK.