

COUNCIL SNEERS AT THE PEOPLE'S VOTE

And Orders the Old Committee to Make a Contract With the Lighting Company

The Police and Lighting Committee met on Tuesday night. The question of street lighting was discussed in a way that proves that the people's will is not a consideration with the present council.

At the mention of getting terms for domestic lighting from the company, Ald. Sinclair exclaimed—It is unreasonable to ask such a thing. We are dealing for street lights. The company would not agree to any such thing and we should not ask it.

Ald. Jackson—We must guard the interests of the citizens.

Ald. Touchburn—The committee was a joint committee of council and citizens.

Ald. Sinclair—It is not necessary. If people do not want the light at the company's price they need not use it.

Solic. Hopkins—It is a great consideration, and a similar clause enabled you to buy the waterworks for less than \$100,000. The company has agreed to it.

Mr. Kylie Opposed to Town Plant.

Mr. Kylie spoke as a member of the committee. He said—We were offered light at \$50 per lamp, but refused it. Then we got an offer of \$45. We were sent back to see about other details but did not get them arranged before the election.

Ald. Jackson—How is that?

Mr. Kylie—Oh we are going to get that clause.

Ald. Sinclair—You are wrong there Mr. Kylie—No I'm not. In your business or mine, there can be competition, but the company has the franchise and can have no competition. The price can only be kept right by agreement.

If we get the light we shall control 500 horse power in the day time and that will be a great thing to offer manufacturers.

Five years is a short time. Give the company the franchise for that time. We can't lose anything. Then if we want to put in our own plant all right. These men are very old, and have done a good deal for the town.

Ald. Sinclair—How does the price offered compare with that paid by other towns?

Mr. Kylie—It is as cheap as any that is getting company light, but towns with their own plants get it cheaper.

Solic. Hopkins—The point for you to consider is, when is the price low enough. The company must be used fairly. We nearly had a contract made. The company wants to know whether a contract will be accepted by the council.

The Mayor—What was the estimated cost of a town plant?

Mr. Hopkins—\$10,000.

Ald. Jackson—That is all nonsense. The Mayor—Let us get a statement of the best the company will do.

Mr. Kylie—I am in favor of a municipal plant if it is the Fenelon Falls one.

Ald. Sinclair—Why didn't the committee close the contract before?

The Mayor—How are we to get over the vote of the ratepayers?

Ald. Jackson—Oh, that was only their opinion.

The Mayor—I am not in favor of a municipal plant.

Ald. Hore—The committee has been at this for six months and now I think the council should meet the company and know what they will do.

Ald. O'Reilly—That is my opinion. We can then tell them whether we will deal or not.

Ald. Jackson—But we don't understand it. I have no idea at all what we ought to give them.

Ald. Touchburn—I won't propose giving them \$45 per lamp.

Ald. Jackson—Nor I.

Ald. Robson—Do they want us to bind ourselves to agree to what the

committee does?

Mr. Hopkins—Yes. They don't want to negotiate unless they are sure you intend giving them a contract.

Ald. Robson—That is a strange way to negotiate. How can we promise before we know what they have to offer?

Mr. Kylie—It is narrow to say you will not give \$45. You don't know what else you will get.

Ald. Sinclair—Yes. Go and make the bargain. The committee can settle it in half an hour. I should like to know why it was not done before.

Ex-ald. Gilgoly was not in favor of a town plant.

The committee was instructed to go on and make a contract and report at the meeting in February. Ald. Robson will take the place of Ex-ald. Gilgoly on the committee as council's representative.

GUNNER MOFFATT WELCOMED HOME

Presented with an Address and Well-Filled Purse.

The good people of Valentia assembled in full on Friday evening last to give Gunner Moffatt of "E" Battery a right royal welcome home from South Africa. The Forester's hall was selected as the most suitable place and the energetic committee had their plans well in hand.

Mr. James Moffatt, Dear Friend.—We, a few of your friends and neighbors, have gathered here this evening to welcome you on your safe return from South Africa. We all admire your loyalty in being so ready to offer your services and so willingly leaving home, friends and all who were dear to you, and offering your life, if needed, to uphold the rights and freedom of British subjects, and to stand by the grand old flag that is dear to every loyal Canadian heart.

Mr. Moffatt who was greeted with rounds of applause, stepped to the front of the platform and in a modest manner acknowledged the kindness which had prompted his Valentia friends to honor him in this substantial manner. From the time that the vessel reached Halifax the returning soldiers had passed through a series of receptions and banquets, but he assured his hearers that the present reception to himself by his old neighbors and friends was the dearest to him and would long be cherished as one of the happiest moments of his life.

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lars of the chase for the pass at Warm Baths, where they made it hot for Gen. DeWet, capturing a portion of his convoy and releasing some sixty prisoners. Gunner Moffatt then explained how they patrolled the country in quest of arms and supplies, and related how the Canadians grumbled thereat, as it was not the kind of work they had volunteered for. He related some amusing episodes in their culinary department, such as substituting soup for suet, and the finding of a mud-turtle in their tea. He described the Boers as cunning, stubborn, cowardly and ignorant and who would not face the cannon unless they had the advantage of numbers and position, but Kruger was a traitor and deserved the condemnation of all good citizens if for nothing less than the way he had deluded these unfortunate people. He was pleased to state that the Canadians who went to South Africa were a credit to their country. Gunner Moffatt then frankly admitted that he had enough of war, as he had witnessed the misery that accompanies it. But he would be ever ready to take up arms in defence of the Empire if necessary. He thought that the British Empire was the greatest Empire that the world had ever seen, and Canada was the greatest colony, while Ontario was the greatest province and Mariposa, the best township. He thanked them all for their splendid reception and assured them that it would long live in his memory.

The chairman then invited Senator McHugh, S. J. Fox M.P.P., Reeve Ed. Mark and Messrs. A. Mark and S. Crozier to seats on the platform.

Mr. S. J. Fox was the first speaker, and expressed his pleasure at being present to honor one of our heroes from South Africa. Gunner Moffatt was not only able to teach the young idea how to shoot, but he had proved that he was ready and willing to fight for the grand old British Empire. He explained that the Ontario legislature would give each of our heroes 160 acres of land and paid a glowing tribute to the brave old flag—the flag that had braved the battle and the breeze for a thousand years. He dealt briefly with the Boer outbreak and explained the nature of the franchise and the condition of affairs in Johannesburg.

Mr. Harry Carpenter favored the audience with two or three excellent gramophone selections.

Senator McHugh expressed his pleasure at being present to take part in such a handsome reception to Gunner Moffatt. He was pleased to see his many friends. He related the great disappointment manifested by Mr. Moffatt when he could not at first go with the contingent, and his great joy when he finally got away with but an hour's notice. He was pleased with the modest way in which he related his experience. These young men were simply volunteers, but they had brought more honor to Canada than they had to Great Britain. It was not really necessary, but it went far to show the world that the colonies were behind the Empire. Canada had been well repaid for the part it had taken. He outlined the relationship between Canada and the mother country, and while we stand as a daughter of the Queen still we are mistress of our own. He was proud to be a Canadian and a British subject. Great Britain guarded our shipping on the high sea, and stood between us and all envious nations. Britain was the foremost nation in civilization. Canada is destined to be a great country if we are only true to ourselves. We should always desire to belong to the British Empire, under whose benign influence we enjoy peace and plenty.

A series of gramophone selections brought a pleasant evening to a close. Messrs. Wm. Suggitt and Ammon Mark moved a cordial vote of thanks to the visitors from a distance, after which the National Anthem was sung.

Col. Hughes gave his popular address on the South African war on Saturday evening last. There was a large attendance notwithstanding the cold spell. The lecture was fittingly illustrated by South African views. The evening was rounded out by a series of views of England and Ireland and Scotland. The proceeds amounted to over \$20 which will be placed to the sidewalk fund.

La grippe has called. A few of our young people took in the Methodist church opening at Balsam Point last Sunday and Monday, and report a very good time. Our own Sunday school entertainment will be the next to enjoy. It is to come off on Tuesday evening, 29th inst., at the public school. Lorneville programme is a good one, and up-to-date. Home talent will also participate. Come all.

Mrs. Geo. Fisk, we are sorry to say, is but slowly mending in health, but we hope to be able to report better next time. Our new public school teacher Mr. D. Smith we are pleased to say is meeting with favorable encouragement in the line of attendance and

CARTER'S GOING OUT OF DRY GOODS COST PRICE SALE NOW ON.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Grey Flannel, Cotton Shirting, Table Linen, Ladies' Jackets, etc.

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otherwise from the scholars, of whom the number of fifty some days attend.

Mr. D. W. McIntyre, who was recently ill, we are pleased to note is now well and able to be about his business again.

KIRKFIELD The firm of Brokenshire & Skuce, butchers, has dissolved. Mr. Skuce is now in full charge and will no doubt do a large trade, as he is an up-to-date butcher as well as a good citizen.

Mr. E. H. Brokenshire intends we believe, leaving town, which will be a loss indeed, as he was well liked here.

Grippe has a few victims in our town, but we believe none are serious.

OAKWOOD A. O. Hogg has \$3,000 trust funds to loan on first mortgages.

Before taking stock Hogg Bros are measuring up goods and find a number of remnants and odd lines that will be cleared out at about half price.

Hogg Bros. sold last week, about 25 children's suits at \$1.00 each. This week they are clearing out men's and children's over-coats at from \$1.50 to \$5.00 each that are worth double this price: act quick.

Men's heavy rubbers, regular \$1.25 and \$1.35, at \$1.00 pair; 20 pairs men's heavy grain long boots, regular \$3.50 a pair, cleared a lot all sizes, youths at \$2 a pair; women's job lot button boots, sizes 2 1/2 and 3, clearing at \$1.00 to \$1.50, worth double, at Hogg Bros.

BALSAM LAKE Rev. W. B. Cunningham preached at Long Point school house on Sunday, 13th to an attentive audience. It was the last Sabbath for the Methodist people to hold service in the old school.

Rev. Mr. Cunningham started on the return trip to his home and family, North Dakota on 16th. Our new church was opened on

Sunday and Monday 20th and 21st. On Sunday the dedicatory services were conducted by the Rev. J. F. Mears, as announced previously. Mr. John Cunningham on behalf of the building committee presented the building to the trustees and congregation for dedication. In the morning the building was comfortably filled, but at 7 p.m. standing room was all taken up as well as all the seating room. On Monday night the building was again packed and a program was carried out in the basement at the same time as the program above in the church. The receipts on Monday at the door exceeded \$100, and Sunday and Monday's receipts were about \$130. Sufficient was raised by promised subscriptions to cover the entire cost of the outlay and pastor and people are feeling good over the result and are very thankful to those of other denominations for the hearty support given both by subscription and their presence at the tea and lecture.

The Watchman-Warder must be getting all the news from Long Point and Balsam Lake and Victoria Road as they all seem to write from the centre which is Balsam Lake.

I see the V.R. correspondence claims for John Cunningham, the sole manager in connection with our new church building. I would say, give honor to whom honor is due, we have had an excellent building committee composed of the following: Jno. Cunningham, W. H. Myers and F. Staples, assisted by Rev. A. J. Terrill, pastor.

Public Notice The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the FARMERS' UNION MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, in the Town of Lindsay, on 7th day of February, 1901, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Statement, the Election of Directors and such other business as may come before said meeting.

R. G. CORNEIL, Secretary.

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Robert Porteous.