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THE PEOPLE MUST WIN

As on no other municipal question in the history of the town, the indignation of the people has been roused by the contempt with which council has treated their mandate on the lighting question. And never was wrath more righteous. Here is a council half of whom were leading members of that which asked the people to express their opinion, and the other half, men newly chosen by the people to execute their will, and at the first opportunity, members who asked the public to decide, flout their verdict as "only an opinion," while the chief of the new members declares himself opposed to the people who elected him; and not a man of the whole council protests against a proposition directly hostile to that demanded by the people. These are the sort of representatives that have hitherto goaded the democracy to violent measures.

Putting the question back into the hands of the old committee was an unpardonable affront to the people, and for two reasons. First: The people had directed another course. Second: that committee had proved itself unworthy of further confidence on that subject. For six months it had been granted the utmost secrecy and all the money necessary to make the fullest investigation of the lighting question. During that time, without public criticism and at considerable expense, this committee carried on its work. The people gave it the most implicit confidence. While it was working they asked no questions about methods, progress or expense. In its own time the committee made public its report. The people were grateful for its important services. The report cited the facts concerning company and municipal lighting, and strongly advised the town to put in its own plant. It supported that advice at length, with arguments. The people trusted the committee, and when asked to express their opinion, voted according to their committee's advice. No sooner had they done so than that committee turned round and declared the people did not know enough about the question to vote intelligently, that the plant could not be put in for what its report said it could, charged the people with sinister motives in voting as they did, and condemned municipal lighting altogether! Has such a committee any further right to public confidence? Its worst offender is its chairman, Mr. Kylie, who in the time he has been in that position has been on every side of the lighting question and now denounces every important recommendation of the report that he not long ago presented to the people. Mr. Kylie sits on that committee as one of the people's representatives. He does not represent the people at all, and if he realized his position he would resign at once. The whole committee could not do a more becoming thing than to do the same. The facts concerning a municipal plant, that led them to report strongly in its favor a few weeks ago are the same now as they were then. They were obtained by expert testimony at no small cost. If they were not all made known at that time the committee deceived the people then; if they were, they are deceiving them now. By vigorously holding directly opposite opinions on the same data within so short a time, the committee has forfeited all claim to public confidence, and by again putting the matter into its charge, the council has offered an insult to the electorate.

Not only has the council wronged the people by ignoring their verdict, and by entrusting the question to a recreant committee, but it has thrown away the advantage both the committee's report and the people's vote might have given it in the negotiations it seems determined to carry on with the company. Both these should have been to present a formidable alternative to company lighting. Armed with this expert testimony regarding a town plant, and the people's verdict in favor of putting it in, council could have confronted the company with an effective ultimatum. But in their haste to commit themselves to the policy condemned by the people, aldermen ostentatiously proclaimed the expert opinion nonsense and the popular verdict a trifle. Thus they foolishly threw away their last lever with the company. Such an innocent body of legislators should be glad to have the direction of a popular vote.

There is only one course that the council has any right to follow. That is the one indicated by the people. To ignore such an expression of popular sentiment would tend to demoralize the confidence that electors should have in the men that represent them. The mayor says he is personally opposed to municipal lighting. Very well; does he wish his individual opinion to prevail against that of the people? After the first vote on the House of Refuge, members of the county council who strongly favored its erection refused to support it, because it had been rejected by the people they represented. That is the spirit of popular government. Anything else is a form of despotic tyranny to which no British community can submit. Ald. Robson wants the advice of leading citizens. Why not follow the advice of the citizens as indicated in the vote. Whom does he place above that? This crisis is acute. The council's action is causing unfavorable comment in and far beyond the town and unless it retraces its steps, its irregular conduct will speedily bring both itself and the town into regrettable discredit.

EDITORIAL NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS to Warden Graham. He is a capable officer.

A PUBLIC proclamation declares Saturday a holiday, and announces that the market and other places of business will be closed. It appears there is a disposition on the part of some concerns to keep open during part of the day at least. It may be devoutly hoped that none of them will act upon it. The people of Lindsay have been wont to protest their loyalty and devotion to Queen Victoria. For these professions to be stamped as burlesque and humbug by business men who pilfer part of the day of her burial for traffic and gain would, be an offence against propriety and public sentiment, whose penalty, in the long run, would far outweigh the cash value of the desecation. We must not be practical to the point of coarseness, nor commercial to the verge of brutality. Let every place of business be closed. In Toronto the hotel men have set ours an example. Let us decorate our places of business, let the bells toll, and with every mark of respect, let us gather at the graveside of our departed sovereign.

THE FIRST report of the water commissioners has been referred to the town council. It is an initial but powerful justification of the town's course in buying the works; not only because it indicates a surplus for the past six months at the rate of nearly $2 000 a year—almost two thirds of the hydrant rental formerly paid the company—but because four new hydrants have been added without increase of the rental. This showing is proof that the town bought a good property. But that is not all. No one who has not attended the sessions of the commissioners has any idea of the energy and skill brought to bear upon the management of the works by that body. Messrs. McNeillie, Flavelle, Brady, the Mayor—to these men the town is under heavy obligation. The business ability, keen insight and vigorous despatch of these gentlemen, is an object lesson for any board of management in the province. They are potently reinforced by Secretary Hopkins, whose full information and unusual grasp of detail is of untold value to the commissioners. In addition to that is the excellence of his work as secretary. The vast amount of that work and the skill with which he performs it, will be only partially perceived by the public when the report is published. To our readers it will need no higher credential than the remark of Mr. McNeillie in Mr. Hopkins' absence, that he had never seen such duties better done. We wish to congratulate the citizens on the management they have secured for their most valuable property.

WHERE THE PUBLIC GIVES ITS OPINION

The Lighting Problem

To the Editor of the Watchman-Warder

SIR,—The freedom with which the views of citizens on this subject are being expressed, it should, and I have no doubt will be, a help to the council in determining the proper course to pursue. In view of the almost unanimous approval of the ratepayers expressed at the poll in favor of the municipality's owning and operating its own lighting plant, I think that a contract with any company on any terms entirely out of the question and could and should be stopped by an injunction from the court.

Of course in installing the plant, ample time should be taken to investigate the relative cost of transmission power and steam in connection with our own waterworks. Then there is the Meriden Hydro-Carbon light such as was exhibited here a few weeks ago, which does not require motive power. I think the council should have no hesitation in accepting this company's offer for 40 or more 1500 c.p. lights for one year at $30 a year; or if the L. H. & P. company will agree to give 100 or 150 incandescent lights for one year at $8 each, I would prefer trying the experiment. Either of these plans will, I have no doubt, give us as satisfactory service as we have had for the past five years. One hundred and fifty lights will place one at nearly every street intersection in the town, and I have no doubt will light the town as well as 40 arc lamps. No matter what the agreement is, it should not exceed a year, which will give a fair trial without any risk and enable the council to mature their plans and if necessary submit a by-law next January.—

Yours truly, R. SMYTH.

Lindsay, Jan. 30th.

The Pictures at the Court House

To the Editor of The Watchman-Warder

SIR,—I am not a county councillor. I do not aspire to any such pretentious importance, still I have some ideas of propriety and decency which do not seem to have penetrated the craniums of our county legislators. One of these occurred to me on visiting the county council chamber when my attention was directed to a galaxy of beauty representing the wardens. I especially noticed Staples, McRae, Russell and others who had joined the great majority. These as living in the history of this section of country I thought most appropriate, and I think their lives should be kept ever green in our memory. I noticed others, young, hearty, vigorous, still living, whose pictures, I thought, should not be there. I ask you, Mr. Editor, I ask the electorate, if it would not appear in better taste, if it would not appear more seemly, for those who are still living to possess their souls in patience until the admiring friends and successors remembered them? Why should these men ask the public to run chances on their future reputations? Why should they vote our money to their self-glorification? Why should they appear on these walls at our expense as they are to-day, and not as others at the time of their leaving us? Why place their successors in the position of having to duplicate their pictures to secure uniformity? If it pleases these gentlemen to sit under their portraits and gaze in self-admiration—truly an innocent simple pleasure—still they should not be so entirely happy when they think that by their own votes they took the public money to perpetuate their sunny smiles. In all seriousness I would appeal to their self-respect as gentlemen representing an intelligent electorate to stop this egotistical parade. Let those who are living and who wish to be on this art exhibit, at least take the money out of their own pockets, or allow their many virtues to be commemorated by those who may admire and follow them. I hope that the present warden, whom I greatly respect, will at least have the sense of propriety and decency to object to this "hanging" until a more fitting time shall arrive, and when the acclaim of the public shall be a post mortem tribute.—I am, yours truly, P. PALMER BURROWS.

The Weather

[From the Lindsay Observatory]

Report for week ending Saturday night January 26th, 1901.

TEMPERATURE.

Highest	39 50	Monday
Lowest	14.90	Sunday
Warmest day, mean of	30.25	Monday
Coldest "	4 85	Saturday
The week "	.....	

PRECIPITATIONS IN INCHES.

Greatest rain fall in one day 0.05 Thursday

Rain fell on 1 day.

Greatest fall of snow in one day 1.0 Thuasday

Snow fell on 2 days

Total rain fall and melted snow 0 31

THOMAS BEALL.

Success of a Former Lindsayite

Mr. "Jack" McHugh who for some years was employed in the G.T.R. offices here but who afterwards secured a position as cashier of the Iowa State National bank has had another stroke of good luck in connection with his business. A couple of weeks ago the Iowa National absorbed another prominent bank of of the state and the two together under the name of the former constitute a leading monetary institution. Mr. McHugh is cashier of the combined conceen. Speaking of him the Souix City Tribune says that before he came to dwell among its subscribers he was "living in a little town in Ontario." Through opening a letter intended for his namesake Hon. John McHugh of Iowa who was visiting in Lindsay he was brought into relations with the distinguished American—who by the way was a brother of Senator McHugh—and as a result of that meeting "Jack" secured his position in the bank. Besides that explanation, the Tribune says that he "has proved during his banking career that he is one of the brightest young bankers, as well as one of the hardest workers in the west. He has made a large contribution to the growth and development of the institution since his connection with it, having been a most valuable assistant to President Gilman. His experience, energy and abilities will add much to the equipment of the reorganized institution. He is a gentleman and a success."

The Lindsay Markets

GRAIN.

Fall Wheat per bushel	0 00 to 0 65
Fyfe Wheat per bushel	0 00 to 0 65
Spring Wheat per bushel	0 00 to 0 65
Goose Wheat per bushel	0 00 to 0 60

COARSE GRAIN.

Buckwheat	0 00 to 0 46
Barley, per bushel	0 00 to 0 38
Rye	0 00 to 0 44
Oats	0 00 to 0 26
Peas, small	0 58 to 0 58
Peas, Mummies	0 57 to 0 58
Peas, Blue	0 50 to 0 50
Blackeye peas	0 00 to 0 76

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bag	0 25 to 0 30

MEAT, POULTRY AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter per lb	0 17 to 0 18
Chickens, per pair	0 30 to 0 45
Eggs, per dozen	0 18 to 0 20
Hogs, live weight, per cwt	6 00 to 6 10
Hogs, dressed, per cwt	0 00 to 7 75
Hay, per ton	7 00 to 8 00
Lard, per lb	0 11 to 0 1
Beef—Hides	5 50 to 6 5

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Proclamation

In commemoration of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, I hereby proclaim that - - -

SATURDAY,

2nd day of February,

1901, being the date of her funeral, be observed by all loyal citizens as a day of mourning. All business places will be closed and remain closed during the day, and I call upon all citizens to loyally observe this my proclamation.

GEO. INGLE,
MAYOR.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF LINDSAY

By virtue of the Proclamation of His Worship the Mayor, - - -

Saturday, 2nd Feb'y

next will be observed as a day of mourning in memory of Queen Victoria. All places of business, including the Market and Town Offices will be closed throughout the day. Farmers and others will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

F. KNOWLSON,
TOWN CLERK

G.T.R. LOCAL TIME-TABLE

DEPARTURES.

Belleville Mixed	5 50 a.m
Port Hope Mixed via Bethany	6 15 a.m
Toronto Mixed via Whitby and Port Perry	5 50 a.m
Toronto Express	8 55 a.m
Port Hope Mail via Peterboro	10 40 a.m
Toronto Mixed via Lorneville	12 10 p.m
Haliburton Mixed	2 40 p.m
Toronto Mail	6 17 p.m
Joboconk Mixed	6 30 p.m
Port Hope Express via Peterboro	8 05 p.m

ARRIVALS.

Haliburton Mixed	8 40 a.m
Toronto Express from Port Hope	8 50 a.m
Port Hope Mail from Toronto	10 30 a.m
Coboconk Mixed	10 10 a.m
Port Hope Mixed from Port Hope	2 05 p.m
Toronto Mail from Port Hope	6 15 p.m
Port Hope Express from Toronto	8 02 p.m
Whitby Mixed	8 58 p.m
Belleville Mixed	10 20 p.m

The 11.38 mail for Port Hope closes at the P. O. at 10.30 a. m.

The 8.55 mail for Toronto closes at 8.40.

The 11.00 mail going north connects with the I. B. & O. Ry.

The 2.40 p. m. north train carries no mail.

I. B. & O. RAILWAY,

G. T. R. SERVICE.

Leave Lindsay	10 50 a.m
Leave Junction	2 40 p.m
Arrive at I. B. & O. Junction	1 35 p.m
Arrive at Lindsay	5 15 p.m

I. B. & O. SERVICE.

Leave Bancroft	11 00 a.m
Leave Junction	2 20 p.m
Arrive at Junction	1 45 p.m
Arrive at Bancroft	5 15 p.m

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Wood's Phosphodine is sold in Lindsay by E. Gregory, Morgan Bros, A. Higinbotham and S. Perrin, druggists.

In honor of our late Sovereign, our store will be closed all day Saturday, February 2nd, 1901.

Store open Monday, February 4th, when our Annual February

White Goods Sale

will commence.

Our display of 1901 styles and makes of LADIES' FINE WHITE WEAR is greater than anything previously attempted. The prices are lower than you would expect to find for such ELEGANTLY TRIMMED WHITE WEAR.

Every garment made and trimmed right up to the demand of careful buyers of White Wear for the coming season.

Ladies' Gowns, Corset Covers, Underskirts, Chemises, Drawers, Ladies' and Children's White Aprons, etc., etc.

Men's Collars, Cuffs, White Dress Shirts, Unlaundered Shirts, Night Shirts, etc., etc.

White Materials, White Cottons, Factory Cottons, Pillow Cottons, Table Linens, White Spreads, etc.

Remember you get an opportunity to make an early selection of your wants, at prices you would consider cheap at the end of the season instead of months previous to WHITE WEAR SEASON.

February White Goods Sale

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J. Sutcliffe & Sons

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Jeweller and Issuer of Marriage Licenses

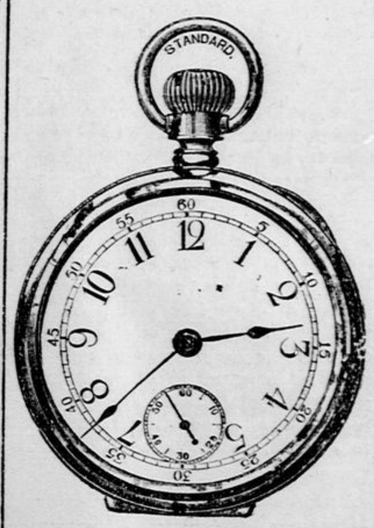
We offer our thanks to the buying public for the way they have patronized us during the holiday season.

During the coming year we intend to sell cheaper than ever and to have larger and larger crowds visit our store.

This week we are commencing a

Great Watch Sale

and if you have any intention of ever buying one don't let this opportunity slip. We would like our prices compared with the departmental store prices, they are favorable to us every time.



Gents' Waltham Watches that were $7.50, red. to $5.

Gents' Solid Silver Case with real American movement, warranted and recommended by us, were $10.00, reduced to $7.00.

Boy's Keyless Watches, in Nickle and Gilt Cases, from $1.00 up.

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