

The Watchman-Warder
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The Board of Trade is wise in sending representatives to the deputation to wait on the premier and government of Ontario on April 11. The marvelous developments and discoveries of these times are not all accomplished yet, and there is nothing what is to come in the way of cheap power, or in the utility of electric currents. A company is now operating in this province, controlling patents permitting the use of electric light wires for telephone connection: this opens up a world of possibilities for the water powers of the country that has been little thought of. So it is better to be informed of all movements, that the town may reap the benefit of any concerted action, or adopt ideas which can be of advantage in conserving its own natural resources.

The interests of this community should claim the first consideration. The report of the commission to inquire into the question of municipal development of Niagara power for the municipalities of Toronto, London, Brantford, Stratford, Woodstock, Ingersoll and Guelph, is just to hand. It is based upon the expert findings of Ross & Holgate, of Montreal, and the commission advises that in the event of other municipalities not wishing to join with the seven named above that they proceed at once to establish a 60,000 horse power plant. The consumer's prices would range from \$16 to \$24 per horse power according to distance of transmission and there would be surplus power which could be sold to local switchboards at 11 other towns in the vicinity at from \$9 to \$25 per horse power, according to distance. These figures would indicate that the cost at Lindsay or any other town in this locality would be more than twice the amount now asked for local power and prove that the advice given in the Board of Trade meeting is wise, and that Lindsay should take advantage of what offers at our very doors, instead of waiting for Niagara power.

The patent medicine men are raising strong objection to Mr. Pratt's bill to regulate the manufacture and sale of proprietary medicines. The bill provides that the formula shall appear on every bottle, or box, or package. This, it is averred by the manufacturers, will in some cases amount to confiscation of their business. Some companies have for years been printing on bottles and packages the formula of contents, and if it is properly protected by patent, the fears of the manufacturer would seem unfounded. For the patient, he likes to know what is being administered to him, as sometimes the

"Ingredients" are in violation of his conscientious scruples; and some have been poisoned by not being wise as to the character of the medicine. The action against the city of Peterborough for damages for the killing of Mr. Robt. Gibbs' horses in the street by a roving electric current, will doubtless warn all councilmen to insert a clause in franchise by-laws making the company to which a franchise for electric lighting is given responsible for any damage done by neglect to take precautions against currents being directed by wet poles, bracing wires, or tree branches. Strange things are likely to occur, and there is much danger attending the use of currents of high voltage. The writer remembers a case in the city of Sherbrooke, Que., where during a heavy rain-storm, a branch of a willow tree came in contact with an electric light circuit. The current followed the tree and entering the waters of the St. Francis by its roots crossed that wide stream and found the wires again three-quarters of a mile from where it left them, shortening the circuit nearly two miles. The part of the city being affected by the cut-off was in darkness, while the lights on the other part of the circuit were burning brightly.

Grand Trunk Changes
Changes in the G.T.R. tracks at the western end of the town are evidently contemplated soon. The company has options on several properties, rumors say those of Spratt & Kellen, Hopkins, O'Halloran, Fox, and others, for the purpose of obtaining right of way and yard room, and the route from Lindsay to Cambray will be much shortened. The old Victoria road now has its disadvantages. The grades going north are so steep that it is almost impossible to make them with a heavy train, and under the agreement with the town the company is not permitted to grade that road enough to make it desirable for heavy freight traffic. The laying of the double track on the Millard division which is contemplated occasions the shortening of the road and the reduction of grades, and by altering the line the two heavy inclines north of Kent-st can be avoided.

The details of these changes are not yet given to the public, but many citizens are hoping that the Victoria road at the new crossing through the heart of the town may be abandoned, and thus the danger of the Kent street crossing avoided. Now it is down grade towards Kent street from both directions, and good speed in order to climb the opposite grade. The flagman can do some good to avoid accidents by warning people on the street, but should occasion occur where the train must be stopped, the flagman would swing his signal in vain. The removal of the present tracks would also make the property adjacent much more valuable. It is conjectured also that changes in the road may make it expedient to institute changes in the position and character of the company's buildings.

CIGARETTE BY-LAW PASSED
LIVELY SESSION OF COUNCIL

The Toronto Mayor's Letter of invitation did not meet with favor—McLaughlin and Peel legal advisers pro tem.

Many items of business were disposed of by the town council on Monday evening. Under the head of petitions and correspondence, a letter was read asking that the Bell Telephone Company be allowed to open for its lines Russell street between William and Lindsay-sts., and Lindsay street between Russell and Melbourne streets, and that the council direct the town engineer to superintend the erection of poles thereon. A reply was received from the post-office department, saying that the request of council for illumination of the lane leading to the night mailing box at the post office, is referred to the department of public works, asking a gratuity of \$1000. A letter from the attorney, Lindsay and Mrs. J. Pollard, asking for \$200 damages on account of injuries received by Mrs. Pollard being struck by the C.P.R. train at Carleton street crossing, was laid on the table.

The Retail Merchants Association recommended to the council that there be no change made in the butcher's by-law. This was referred to the finance committee. The Public Works department of the province signified its intention to make a grand survey in front of the government property on Lindsay street; and a communication from the secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals informed the council that the dam and locks on the Seaugo river will be put in repair.

The town clerk announced that the contract for town printing for the current year is awarded to Mr. Geo. Lytle. A letter from Emerson Coatsworth, mayor of the city of Toronto, was read, asking the town to send representatives to a deputation which will wait on the provincial government on Wednesday, April 11, at 12 o'clock noon, to urge upon the government the necessity of establishing a government plant at Niagara Falls for the purpose of furnishing cheap power to the cities and towns of western and central Ontario. Mayor Coatsworth's invitation extends to the town council, the board of trade, trades and labor council, manufacturers' association, etc., and a meeting of all delegates representing the various municipalities concerned, is called in the forenoon of April 11 in the council chamber at City Hall, to discuss speakers before going to the Parliament Buildings. The petition will say that inasmuch as there is at present no regulation sufficiently effective to enable the people to obtain power from existing franchises, it is requested that the government of Ontario establish a plant to develop and distribute power from Niagara Falls.

It looks like another case of hog-trotting is the way Ald. O'Reilly greeted the communication. "I am in favor of cheap power," said he, "but if this is an attempt to use the influence of our towns for the benefit of towns and cities to the west, it would be better for us to let them alone and devote our energies to the development of resources nearer home. But if the power could really be sufficient for all to be supplied, and it would not be utilized almost exclusively for Hamilton and Toronto, it is well to consider the proposition."

Aldermen Beggs and Rea were of the opinion that the town should not spend any money over it and Mr. Beggs moved that the communication be received and filed. Mayor Vrooman, however, advised against this, believing that more information should be obtained and the views of the Board of Trade before definite action should be taken. He understood that the engineers had estimated that the volume of power could be made sufficient for all towns as far east as Peterborough. This convention is to approach the premier and government for the purpose of obtaining power at a certain low rate per horse power. Then, if we want the power, it is there, but there is a necessity of making a law as to how it may be produced. The action is not to cost us a cent. If we choose not to send a delegation, the mayor also explained that the letter was sent to himself with a request that he place the matter before the Board of Trade. After some discussion, the communication was sent to the finance committee.

W. H. Lockhart Gordon, manager of the Halliburton, Whitney and Mat-Law railway, communicated the fact that the road is located in far as Whitney, and work now in progress correcting faults in the line near Halliburton will be completed in a week's time. Some years ago Lindsay gave a bonus of \$75,000 to this railway on condition that the road go through to Mat-Law. It will run to Eagle Lake and Whitney, but the company is not able to complete it without aid from the Ontario government. Therefore the town of Lindsay is asked to endorse a petition and the premier to delegates to wait on the premier to help. This is the continuation of the action of the Board of Trade. The communication was sent to the finance committee.

John A. Robertson, secretary of the Canada Fire Underwriters Association sent to the council the printed report of that body, and asked that the town carry into effect the suggestions made therein. This was referred to the town property committee. The bills for the smallpox scare expenses were presented totalling \$151.40. Reports of committees were presented, the subject matter of which has been already gone over in these columns. Mr. D. C. Trev sent in his resignation as truant officer.

The mayor seeing a number of citizens present whom he thought were anticipating that the butchers' by-law would be brought up, informed them that the by-law is not yet out of committee. Three by-laws passed the second and third reading, viz: (1) to license dealers who sell cigarettes; (2) to appoint a member of the library board to replace Mr. F. D. Moore, whose term of office has expired, and (3) to prohibit pedestrians from

making a thoroughfare of the public parks. On motion of Messrs. McFadden and Rea, the council went into committee of the whole on the cigarette by-law. Alderman Eyres was called to the chair. Now it happened that previous to this an Alderman had accused Alderman O'Reilly of wanting a scrap, and when he took the chair he said something about it again. Alderman O'Reilly studies his rules of municipal procedure pretty closely, and he claimed his right to occupy the floor for ten minutes. This time he occupied mostly in "biffing" Alderman Eyres, who notwithstanding he was in the chair retorted in kind. Mr. O'Reilly reminded him of the time when he (Eyres) kept store on a Lindsay corner and sold tobacco to him, a minor. This Mr. Eyres denied, and their gratuitous statements gave Alderman Beggs an opportunity to remark:

"The boys you pretend to protect would be ashamed of the language used in the Lindsay corner." However, good nature prevailed and the business was resumed with better zest after the little relaxation. The several clauses of the cigarette by-law were discussed and a few changes made. The minimum sale was limited to one package of ten cigarettes, and the penalty for breach of the by-law fixed at not more than \$50 and costs or jail for 21 days. The by-law is to take effect and come into force on the 1st of August, 1906.

Mr. F. D. Moore's name was entered in the Library by-law to succeed himself. The penalty for trespassing on the park lawns was fixed at \$5 and costs or five days in jail. The second reading of the police commission by-law moved at a previous meeting by Alderman O'Reilly was set for four months hence. The three former by-laws were then read a third time and passed. By motion of Messrs. Beggs and Rea, it was decided that hereafter petitions will not be received or heard at council meetings. They will have to come before the council. The mayor was authorized to confer with Mr. Tom Stewart in regard to putting a watchman to guard the railway crossing at Queen-st.

The mayor was also authorized to engage Messrs. McLaughlin & Peel as solicitors pro tem. The latter subject caused considerable discussion and a breeze arose between Alderman Beggs and McFadden that gave Ald. O'Reilly a chance to give a contribution for the calling down the new by-law. The mayor had been asked by the police commission to have something done with the public morals by-law. It has been amended so many times that it is out of touch with the statutes, and notice of motion was given at the next meeting of council that the by-law will be repealed and a new one enacted in conformity with the statutes. The meeting adjourned at 10.30, an extra half hour having been voted so as to get the work through.

Doings in Ottawa
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Langmuir gave his. In the House of Commons the question came up and Mr. Fitzpatrick said in reply to Mr. Borden that Mr. Langmuir had asked to resign from the commission, but the government would not hear of it. Mr. Borden has called attention to the prolonged and repeated absence of ministers from their places. Work has often been rendered difficult because of this. The master critic of the Canadian Parliament is the Hon. George Foster. No flaw in argument escapes him; with sledge hammer emphasis he points out the weak points of the government's position and dilates upon them with cruel cutting sarcasm. It may be doubted if Mr. Foster is a Parliamentary critic has a peer. Certainly he has few. English newspaper men used to say that Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Foster are the greatest orators in Canada ever produced. Perhaps it is true English type than our other orators. Beyond Mr. Fielding there is no great speaker in the Cabinet, always excluding, of course, the himself who is a type in himself as the Opposition. Mr. Foster therefore, has the field pretty much to himself. His challenge to the Government the other day when the "rainmaker" engaged by the Yukon was under discussion, was a remarkable display of sarcasm and wit. It will be probably the finest example of irony in the whole range of Canadian political debates. It was an education to listen to him.

The next day an opportunity came his way which is rare. The premier was away from Ottawa. Mr. Paterson was leading the House. Mr. Fisher wanted an item in the supplementary supply passed. He desired \$18,000 for the Canadian exhibit at the Imperial Institute, London. With all apparent innocence Mr. Foster asked a few questions from the Opposition. The Minister of Agriculture was asked and Mr. Fisher obliged. Probably the first man in the House to recognize what was happening was the Hon. J. Israel Tarte, in the gallery. Obstruction, he muttered. So it was. Heressly the minister was tortured. It seemed as if every member of the Opposition had something to say or to speak upon. Mr. Fisher seldom winced. He only lost his self-possession once during the afternoon until 9.15 in the evening, when the attack had worn itself out. It was the first concerted plan of obstruction of the session and the Minister of Agriculture came out of it well. But the common remark was that it would never have happened had the premier been present.

Now for the Final Easter Preparation

As furnishers of women's stylish apparel we are prepared to serve you intelligently and satisfactorily. To be served satisfactorily at Easter time is of great importance to those who have planned to join the great yearly fashion event with something new. In selecting your Easter gown, wrap or hat, you want to feel, of all times of the year, that your selections possess certain distinguishing style attributes. Whatever you select here you have the satisfaction of knowing its right in style, and that our prices are low and often lower than others for same quality. Don't put off your buying till the last few days, and remember that the mornings are the best time to shop to make wise selections and not in the afternoon crowds.



Choosing the Easter Hat

Our Millinery show rooms are bristling with new ideas. Almost everything that the fashion world has called for in millinery that the Lindsay people will wear is here. The best idea of what we do for our customers in the Millinery work room is this:—We translate the height of Paris fashion for the moderate purses of the women of this vicinity. The original work of an artist is expensive, be it a picture or a hat. But faithful reproductions can be made of both to suit the purses of all. The point about our own work-room is that very

Faithfulness of Reproduction
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Retail Merchant's Association
On Tuesday night, the 27th, the members of the Lindsay Retail Merchants' Association, met in the Council Chamber and held a very enthusiastic meeting, a good number being present. Mr. Eadie, organizer for Eastern Ontario, being present, Mr. John Fleury in the chair. After the Secretary and Treasurer's report had been received, the Treasurer's books showing a balance of \$19.40. The election of officers then took place. President, A. B. McIntyre; 1st Vice-President, J. Fleury; 2nd Vice-President, W. E. Baker; Treasurer, T. A. Fisher; Secretary, J. Staples. After which the chairman called upon Mr. McIntyre, the new President, to take the chair, and Retail Merchants of Canada had done his part at the meeting during the past year, he expressed the hope that the merchants of Lindsay would take more interest in the Association in the coming year. He then called upon Mr. Eadie to address the meeting. The Organizer said that since his last visit, they had a very prosperous year, they had united with them, the Province of Quebec and all the provinces in the Northwest, making one association throughout the Dominion, and they were living in peculiar times, conditions were changing, and required considerable watching, and required all the merchants getting closer together. On the one hand they had the huge stores and syndicates forcing their way to town, being not only hurtful to the individual merchants, but to their towns, and on the other hand they had the pedlar, hawker and transient trader, and as individual merchants they felt they were paying heavy rents and taxes, and giving considerable employment, while departmental stores, pedlars and hawkers contribute nothing to their towns, and give no local employment. The merchant paid 45 per cent. of the taxes, and carried \$150,000,000 on their shelves throughout the Dominion, and it was only by getting closer together they could protect themselves, and protect the public. And if the people must patronize their own merchants, where they would purchase just as cheap, if they wanted the quality. They had meantime a bill before parliament dealing with the pedlar, hawker and transient traders, and on the Bill the merchants were all agreed, that the Government must pass, they demanded it, which was only right and just. He pointed out how other classes in the community were constantly seeking legislation to improve their condition, and the Retail Merchants' Association were now doing the same for the retail trade. They had been the means of stamping out the trading stamp, premiums and coupons, and they only wanted fair competition. They had also been the means of the present business tax becoming law, which was considered by the retail trade, as just and equitable. They were now, before legislation, for a Bill making it much easier to sue for debts, and also the abolition of the weights and measures fees. They had many more up-to-date legislation. In summing up, Mr. Eadie said the object of the Retail Merchants' Association was not to increase the price of goods, but that merchants might be in a better position to protect themselves and secure legislation. He wanted equality before the law. He wanted the merchants to feel they were one with the merchants throughout the Dominion, and were long, the manufacturers' whole sale and retailers, as a body, must have better understanding and pull together, as they had never done before. He referred to the opening of the Pure Food Show in Toronto, and which the merchants were taking a deep interest, as well as the Government. The one last year having been the means of demanding purer food, and making it impossible for impure to be manufactured, or long, as such as the merchants benefit by the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada. Mr. Eadie was thanked for his address and the meeting adjourned.

Married.
BANKS—LITTLE—By the Rev. Mr. Neil, on Wednesday, March 28th, Edith, youngest daughter of the late James Little, of Lindsay, to Wm. Banks, Toronto.

Died
McNEILLIE—At Port Hope, on Friday, March 30th, J. R. McNeillie, aged 85 years, father of Mr. J. R. McNeillie, County Clerk and Treasurer, town.

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I have for sale 23 varieties of home-grown Apple Trees at 25c each, also Pear, Cherry and Plum Trees, ranging from one to 50c each; a choice lot of Raspberry and Strawberry Plants. Order early and avoid the rush. ISAAC DEXELL, Victoria Nurseries, Box 273, Lindsay.—04-41

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