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THE STREET-LIGHTING CONTRACT

Council have decided to give the street-lighting contract to the Light, Heat & Power Company—in fact they have so decided several times, for the first thing they did on receiving the company's tender was to adopt a resolution that it be accepted.

During the progress of the negotiations a similar resolution was adopted once or twice, and finally the motion to give the company the contract was carried first, and the terms of the contract settled afterwards. Before approaching the company at all council took pains to adopt a resolution saying that they would not have the gas, and throughout the negotiations no opportunity to adopt a motion that they would take the electric light, was lost. Much cannot be said for the method of council's bargaining. The acceptance of the company's proposition was a foregone conclusion with half the council, and for the other half it speedily developed a mesmeric fascination. The conversion of the mayor was sudden enough to suit an old-time Methodist; from lustily singing the praises of the gas as the best ever, Ald. Cinnamon all at once decided that he would not have it about his place. No particular fault is being found with these somersaults, except that they were rather too sudden and energetic to comport with the dignity of an alderman and the importance of the question in hand. Yet they are quite characteristic. Gymnastics are a chief aldermanic accomplishment.

It cannot be said that council went into the problem of street-lighting very thoroughly. In that helpless fashion that they have undertaken so many things, they drifted into the one scheme presented to them, without even asking if there were alternatives. But alternatives there are, and to close a \$25,000 contract without examining them seems the height of folly.

Council did not get a price on the gas for an all-night every-night service on all or some of the streets. They did not ask what the Light, Heat & Power Company would charge for current to light lamps put up by the town. The plan of generating the power in connection with the waterworks they ignored, although knowing that the only popular vote ever taken on the subject demanded that method of street-lighting. When the alternatives of the case have been so disregarded, council can hardly claim to have considered the light question in other capacity than that of comedians.

But they have decided to light the streets with an unknown number of electric lamps at \$50 each. Now what is it that they propose to do? The electric light is a satisfactory light, but what is the proposition? Listening to the discussions of council one constantly hears the remark that this or that number of lamps cannot be afforded. Now is it proposed to light the town, or to light it only so far as it can be lit for a certain amount of money? Are aldermen pleased with the price per lamp and scared by what it amounts to when multiplied by a sufficient number of lamps? That seems to be the case; for they are constantly considering not how many lamps will light the town, but how many they can get for so much money. Totals will stalk the nomination platform. Plenty of aldermen could courageously face \$50 for one lamp who would take to the woods over \$4,000 for 80 lamps. But there is no use making a bargain whose totals you cannot face, for it is the totals the tax-payer will have to deal with.

The point here is that there is no use contracting for a light with which you cannot afford to light the town. Sixty electric lamps will not do it; they will not light it generally-speaking as well as it is lit now. There is no use in buying \$3000 worth of electric light, for it will not light the town. Council had no trouble in plotting 86 lamps, and then had no two nearer together than they should be. Likely 80 lamps would do very well. Less than that will only be a makeshift with plenty of grievances that will be gradually removed by putting in more lamps an increased total cost. That is a solution of the street-lighting problem that the town does not want. It wants to know what it will have to pay for an adequate electric lighting. Rather than any inadequate electric system, we should prefer 20 electric lamps on Kent and William-sts. at \$75 each and 100 gas lamps on the residential streets. Council asked a price for 30 electric lamps, but 20 is more than they have located on the two main streets. If the company will

give 20 at \$75 each—the price asked for 30—the electric lighting all night on the business streets would cost \$1,500, and the 100 gas lamps on the residential streets till midnight another \$1,500, or \$3000 altogether. We are not partial to that system, but it is a very possible alternative to an all-electric system that is either so small as to give a worse light than there is now, or so large as to make exorbitant demands on the revenues. For our own part we think the plan of putting in our own street system and taking current from the company ought to be carefully gone into before a contract is signed. The out-and-out municipal plant is also a favorite of ours, but we realize that it is too big a proposition for this council to handle.

EDITORIAL NOTES

TO SOME PEOPLE the fact that a condemned bridge has not yet fallen down is not sufficient reason that it should not be rebuilt.

THAT THEORY of Mr. Hardy's, that no inspector is needed on the public library work because people can see how it is going, ought to be a very comfortable one for the contractors, who conduct operations with no other check than the strained gaze of the interested but uninitiated tax-payer, as he presses his cheek bones up against the hemlock enclosure, and conducts his observations with the present fear arising from the knowledge that if any part of his anatomy is discovered inside the barricade it will promptly be kicked out. Those contractors have done enough defective work for the town to merit for themselves the pleasure of a capable inspector's company.

FEW WORDS

Mr. Birdman (Commercial Traveler): "Your main street is one of the widest and finest thoroughfares in Canada."

Mr. Thos. Tremmum (Ball Lake): "Next spring I am going to put up a 14-roomed tourists' hotel at Ball Lake. I think a good business can be done down there."

Mr. A. M. Paton: "The success of the specialties and horse-racing at the fair, convinces me that the idea of a big sporting park which some of us advocated in the Board of Trade a couple of years ago, is a good one. I am satisfied that as the arena of general, and all sports, it would pay from the outset."

Mr. Sam. Howe: "My theory of Davey's drowning is that he was taking off his boots to rest his feet—if you want to be comfortable in a canoe take off your boots—and when he got one off he upset the canoe, likely by trying to get the other off. Then he has righted the craft and tried to get in until he had to let go."

Mr. Sam. Parkin (Ops): "Some years ago I was selling barley for 23 cents a bushel, and found I was not getting rich very quickly. One day I decided to stop selling and feed it to the pigs. I bought some hogs and after keeping careful account of everything but my labor in feeding I found that I was making about 55 cents out of my barley."

Little Local Lines

—The total proceeds of the Queen-st. church anniversary services will exceed \$400.

—At a meeting of the Public Library Board on Monday night, Mr. Hardy said that Architect Miller's representative had inspected the stone being used for the new library and said it was good. That is the stone so condemned by Messrs. Chalmers and Miller after they had made their contract. Mr. Hardy thought an inspector was not required on the work because people could see for themselves how it was being done.

—Camp B. of the L. B. & P. railway construction gangs is located opposite Riverside cemetery. There one can get an idea of how railway building is done through an easy country. The work is following three lines of stakes, that mark the centre and each side of the strip to be graded. On the whittled front and back of the centre stake are marked in red pencil the location and the number of feet to be filled in or dug out at that point. They are down at every hundred feet. They have been put there by the engineers. The construction gangs with their teams, plows and scrapers (haul and wheel) come along and do the work. There are 14 teams and 20 men in Camp B. They are in charge of Foreman Raymond who has had 14 years experience in such work. He said: "The dry weather has been greatly in our favor. It had been wet it would have cost twice as much to have handled this clay. I was in charge of a gang straightening curves and filling hollows on the C. P. R. between North Bay and Winnipeg before I came here. Up there the men got \$1.75 a day, were charged \$4.50 a pair for blankets, \$1.00 a month for doctor and 56 cents for mail. Here they get \$2.00 to \$2.25 a day, have blankets found, and pay 50 cents a month for doctor. The grading on this line is mostly done. In the rails will not be laid till spring. Ties cannot be got this fall."

Died

O'BRIEN.—At Lindsay, on Sunday Oct. 11th, Carita, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert O'Brien.

Sale Register

THURSDAY, OCT. 15th.—By Arch. Campbell, auctioneer, credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of the late James O'Neill, lot 19, con. 7, Carden. Sale at one o'clock sharp and without reserve.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16th.—By Arch. Campbell, auctioneer. Credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of William Moncrief, lot 7, south Portage Road, Eldon. Sale at one o'clock and without reserve.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20th.—By J. H. Gardiner, auctioneer, credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of John H. Porter, lot 11, con. 14, Manvers. Sale at 12 o'clock sharp and without reserve. Among the list is an exceptionally good lot of horses, and the cattle are all high-grade Durham. See large posters.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20th.—By Peter Brown, auctioneer, valuable farm stock and implements, the property of John Howie, Sr. Sale at 1 o'clock p. m. on the premises, lot 9, con. 1, Somerville, and without reserve.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21.—By Arch. Campbell, auctioneer. Credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of James Vanstone, lot 6, con. 5, Eldon. Sale at one o'clock sharp and without reserve as Mr. Vanstone has sold his farm. Among the stock are 6 horses, 10 milch cows, 11 sheep, 10 fat hogs, etc., also a very large list of first-class implements.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22nd, 1903.—By Arch. Campbell, auctioneer: farm stock and implements, the property of Mr. Wm. Bray. Sale at one o'clock on the premises, lot 12 north Portage Road, Eldon. As Mr. Bray has rented his farm everything will be sold without reserve.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23rd 1903.—By Peter Brown, auctioneer, credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Mr. Walter Jordan. Sale on the premises, lot 21, con. 3, Ops, on the Oakwood road, at one o'clock sharp.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23.—By Arch. Campbell, auctioneer, credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of John A. Smith, lot 1, con. 8, Eldon. Sale at one o'clock and without reserve. Among the list is two mares, and driver, 1 spring colt, 2 milch and 2 farrow cows, 1 cow in calf, 1 heifer, 7 steers, 3 spring calves, 2 brood sows, 34 pigs five weeks old.

THURSDAY, OCT. 24.—By Arch. Campbell, auctioneer, credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Reese and Ferguson, lot 8, con. 9, Bexley, three miles west of Cobocok. Sale on Louis Reese's premises at one o'clock sharp. Among the stock to be sold are 2 black mares, 7 cows in calf, 11 heifers in calf, 9 yearling steers, 10 yearling heifers, 1 steer, 1 bull, 4 spring calves, 11 ewes.

MONDAY, OCT. 26th.—Auction sale of valuable lands and farm stock and implements, the property of Mrs. Jane English, lot 5, con. 6, Somerville. Sale at 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, OCT. 26th.—By Jas. H. Lennon, auctioneer, credit sale of farm stock and implements, the property of John W. Magee, lot 19th, con. 7, Ops. Sale at one o'clock and without reserve, as Mr. Magee has rented his farm.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28th.—By Peter Brown, auctioneer, credit sale of valuable farm stock and implements, the property of Richard Osborne, lot 3, con. 11, Mariposa. Sale at 1 o'clock and without reserve.

FARMS FOR SALE

TWO HUNDRED ACRES, 5 miles from town. There is a bank barn 45 x 80 and two others, and a modern brick house, all in first-class condition.

TWO HUNDRED ACRES near Bethany; land and buildings are excellent.

TWO HUNDRED ACRES, 9 miles south of Lindsay; nearly all cleared, good buildings; near school and church.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY ACRES, two miles south of Omeenee; well improved.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY ACRES near Cameron; all cleared; good buildings.

TWO HUNDRED ACRES in the Township of Thorah, lot 3, con. 1. Buildings good. This is a choice farm, surrounded by all conveniences—markets, churches, schools, etc. Apply to James Donnell, Beaverton, or C. CHITTICK, Lindsay.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN acres, 5 miles west of Lindsay. Improved. Very desirable farm.

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY ACRES, south half of Lots, 11, 12 and 13, beautifully situated on the shore of Lake Simcoe, 3 miles from Omeenee; two storey brick house and a number of outbuildings. This is without exception the best farm in the township, and one of the best in the province.

ONE HUNDRED ACRES, two miles from Janetville, 50 acres cleared, balance valuable wooded land; a small house and orchard; frame barn. The farm is conveniently situated.

TWO HUNDRED ACRES, in the Township of Fenelon, seven miles northwest of Lindsay, on the leading road to Fenelon Falls. Frame house, large frame barn and stable, all in good repair.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY ACRES, close to the corporation of Lindsay; brick dwelling, barn and other buildings, all in good repair. This is one of the best farms in Ops.

ALSO A NUMBER OF HOUSES for sale in town. For further particulars apply to C. CHITTICK Lindsay.—42-3m.

MONEY LOST.—On Monday, at the corner of Peel and William-sts., a \$5 bill. Finder will be rewarded for returning it to this office.—42-1

GIRL WANTED.—For general housework. Good wages. Apply to Mrs. F. J. Gillespie, corner Lindsay and Melbourne-sts., Lindsay.—42-2.

TEACHER WANTED.—For School Section No. 7, Mariposa, experienced teacher. Duties to commence January 1st, 1904. Apply stating salary expected to JOHN WALLACE, Secretary, Oakwood P. O.—42-3.

STRAYED.—Came into the premises of the undersigned, Lot 5, Con. 11, Galway, on or about Sept. 24th, 1903, one hound dog. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take it away. JOHN MANTYNEAUX.—42

STRAYED.—Into the premises of the undersigned, north half, lot 6, Con. 14, Mariposa, one ewe and lamb. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take the animals away. Mrs. T. H. GREENAWAY, Woodville, Ont.—42-3.

STRAYED.—Came onto the premises of the undersigned, Georgian-st., South Ward, near Iron Bridge, on or about the 18th September, one red and white year-old steer. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and remove the animal. THOMAS CUNNINGHAM, Lindsay P. O.—42-3.

STOCK FOR SALE.—Shorthorn Durham Cattle, male and female, several got by the sweepstakes bull "Bonnie Boy." Also a number of pure-bred Leicester Ram Lambs. Price reasonable. Apply to Jas. CASEY, Lot 23, Con. 1, Mariposa, Valentia P. O.—42-4.

FARM FOR SALE.—Being the west half of Lot 20, Con. 2, in the Township of Eldon, containing 53 acres, 20 acres cleared and in good state of cultivation, free from stumps and stones; 10 acres under pasture, the balance timbered. There is on the premises a frame house 18 x 24 and summer kitchen frame stable 22 x 32; log stable 18 x 24; implement house 55 x 16; 2 good wells. Convenient to church railway station and school. For further particulars apply or write to JAMES JACK, Bolsover, Ont.—42-3.

MISS MYSSIE NEWTON. TEACHER OF ELOCUTION, VOICE CULTURE, PHYSICAL CULTURE, FENCING, ETC. Pupils of Mr. H. N. Shaw, late Principal of Toronto College of Elocution. RESIDENCE—61 CAMBRIDGE STREET. Terms made known on application. Open for Engagements: Concerts, Recitals, At Homes, Etc.

Executors' Sale. I am instructed by the executors of the will of the late WILLIAM THORNHILL, esquire, to sell the homestead, being the south part of Lot No. 6, north of Wellington-st, and lately occupied by Mrs. Thornhill. This lot is splendidly situated either for residence or business purposes. There is erected on this lot a rough-cast building 18 x 30, 1 1/2 stories high; also frame woodshed and stable, all in fair repair. The property is within five minutes' walk of the corner of Kent and William-sts., town of Lindsay. At the same time I shall offer for sale some articles of household furniture.

Sale on Sat'day, Nov. 14, '03 At 1:30 p. m. on the premises. Terms cash, and without reserve. For further particulars apply to HUGH O'LEARY, Esq., K.C., Solicitor for the executors. GEO. MCHUGH, Auctioneer. 42-4.

AUCTION SALE —OF— Valuable Farm Property —ON— Monday October 26, 1903, at 10 a.m. on the premises Lot 5, Concession 6, Somerville, the Estate of the late Thomas English the following valuable farm property

1.—The west half of Lot 4, in the 5th Concession of Somerville, 100 acres. This lot is partly cleared and is a good pasture lot.

2.—The north half of lot 3, 100 acres in the 7th Concession of Somerville. This is a wild lot with valuable timber on it.

3.—The east half of lot 4 in the 7th Concession of Somerville, 100 acres. This is a valuable pasture or farm lot.

4.—Lot 5, in the 7th concession of Somerville. On this lot there are about 60 acres cleared, a good frame barn and log house, balance timbered land, well watered; a small creek runs through the lot. A very valuable farm for stock-raising.

TERMS—5 per cent. cash, balance in one month. Also at the same time and place, a lot of farm stock and implements. For particulars see posters. JANE ENGLISH, Vendor. —42-2.

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DRAPERY CURTAINS A most complete assortment in Caenille, Danusk and Tapestry, all the newest designs, colors, beautiful combinations, borders, heavy tassels and fringe, extra values at per pair 7.50, 6.50 and 4.25. Single door size Danish Curtains at per pair 2.50. Single door size Chenille Curtains, not all colorings, mostly shades of green, per pair 1.98.

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