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CITIZENS, BOARD OF TRADE AND COUNCIL DISCUSS THE FIRE HALL SITE

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Hence I urge the change. I have authority to say it will not cost the town a cent to fill in the excavation that has been made. That site was advised by the Board of Trade last summer but it seems these men have changed their minds. I hope the council will see its way clear to acquiesce in our wishes and change the site. Thos. Brady—I am not in favor of putting the hall on the market square at all. If we crowd the market and have no place for produce to stand it will be our own fault. It is a mistake to put up the building now anyway. Tenders should have been asked. I would rather see it where it is going than on the park. H. O'Leary, K. C.—I think council is taking too hasty a plunge. I do not blame them for the choice of the site. It seems to have been picked some time ago. But it was only on Saturday night that I heard that they were going to build and the next thing the contract was let and the work going on.

Now why, after letting months go by after the money was voted, does council make this sudden plunge into work that they know cannot be finished this winter. No business man would start a building that is to cost \$6000 or \$7000 at this season. The market square is small enough now. If the hall is put on it, we shall have hay and straw on the park as we have had them on the market. There are not as many rigs as we would like but there may yet be more. Where will they go? The weigh scales are to be moved, we hear, and the old hall torn down but nothing is determined. Some day another plunge will be taken and the scales will go up in the air. Where will they be put? I am glad of this little park. They say there is not room for the hall across the south side. They sold a lot, over—

Ald. O'Reilly—Who sold it?
Mr. O'Leary—The town.
Ald. O'Reilly—Don't blame us then.

Mr. O'Leary—That is not my point. The town can buy all the extra land necessary over there for \$500 or less. Put the hall there and save the market for the farm produce.

J. D. Flavell—I am to a certain extent responsible for the site chosen. I agree that a man ought to consider a point well before he makes up his mind but also hold that it is no harm for a man to change his mind. I can see that there is a good deal of force in the argument that development cannot take place in the market at any other spot than the one that is to be built on. The railway at the west makes the land unsuitable for a market. There are now legislative difficulties in the way of a large market but they may be removed and the market increase.

In that case the present market square will be needed. I think the hall would not hurt the park. We have a fair amount of park room and if that ground north of the new park is got we shall always have enough. I strongly favor changing the site. Yet I do not criticize the council. They have done as intelligent men should; they consulted the Board of Trade and carefully considered the matter.

Mayor Ingle—Why didn't you say that when the site was chosen.
Mr. Flavell—Exactly, but as I have told you I have changed my mind and take my full share of responsibility for the present state of affairs.

W. Flavell—I think the west side would be a better place from the standpoint of appearance. I do not think so much of the market question. We could use the road on the south side; it is wide. I do not feel strongly anyway. I disagree with Mr. O'Leary. Practical men say the work can be built in winter and be all right. (Mr. Flavell here again explained what the underwriters had told him about the insurance rates of this town and proceeded) I think the damage the hall will do Mr. Sinclair has been magnified. Where the hall shall stand is not so important as that it shall be started this fall.

E. P. Gillogly—It would be a pity to put the hall on the market square. The room will be needed. It would beautify the park.

Jas. Graham—I am sorry people signed the requisition for this meeting and are not enough interested to come to it. I am sorry too that some citizens say they did not even know a fire hall was going to be built.

I would much prefer the west side as a site. I have seen a good many halls and they can be made ornaments to any site. The park would present a better appearance with the hall on it and the hall will be shown off better in that position than around the corner on Cambridge street where it will seem a back kitchen to the market. I should be glad to see a change. Of course you cannot get a site that will suit everybody but if you cannot get a central one, use the town property that best answers the purpose.

Rev. J. W. Macmillan when called upon said: I know nothing of the injury the hall will do Mr. Sinclair on the present site, nor of transplan-

COULD NOT WALK.

Some people become so crippled with rheumatism that they cannot walk for months at a stretch. Mr. John Connell, Bedford Mills, Ont., suffered great agony with muscular rheumatism in his legs and could not walk for two months. Four bottles of Dr. Hall's Rheumatic Cure made a well man of him. This great blood purifier is put up in bottles containing ten days' treatment, 50 cents, at all drug stores, or Dr. Hall Medicine Co., Kingston, Ont.

ing it across the street but I do say "Leave that little green plot alone." If this was an evening in spring I do not think there would be so much applause at suggestions to put the fire hall there.

The prettiest thing in Lindsay is that plot and if your hall was as ornamental as the cathedral of Cologne I would not see it there.

The public library is to be moved up to the old council chamber. The west winds prevail in summer. The odors from the horse stable of the hall will be offensive. Don't put it there. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Flavell like green grass around their own doors; they both have nice lawns, but they are not so anxious about the people who have no grass in front of their houses.

Dr. Vrooman—I can't see what you will do with the farmers if you put the fire hall on the market square. All the space is needed. It might be well to go east and get a more central site. If the place was kept clean there would be no offensive odor. I would not hesitate to make a change because the work has begun. Now is the time to make the change for if it is done wrong now it will always be wrong.

R. Kylie—I was in favor of that site but if it hurts my neighbor Mr. Sinclair I would be sorry to see it put there. If we need more room outside of the market, we shall also need more inside for the sort of market produce is changing. Hay and wood are nearly done. I don't think the market square will suffer but if it will hurt Mr. Sinclair I would be awfully sorry to see it done.

Jos. Staples—We should not deface the park. The market square will not be hurt. Mr. Sinclair will not be hurt by it. Farmers will go there to get their horses shod.

D. R. Anderson—The fear of offensive odors is unfounded. In the city they have no trouble of that sort.

R. J. McLaughlin—The hall should be built at once. The site is all right. We can't tell whether Mr. Sinclair will be injured or not. For fear he might I am willing for council to change the site. I believe in green grass as much as Mr. Anderson and he as much as Mr. Macmillan, but it is easier to get park room in Lindsay than it is fire hall sites. In the public interest the present place is all right. No damage will be done by changing, so it may be wise to put it at the west of the market.

Ald. Robson—It is proposed to put the cells under the hall. It should be that reason be nearer the chamber where court is held. There will be no offuvia. Fire halls are not kept in such a condition to allow that. We have ample grass space. To get the hook and ladder trucks into the hall if it is built on the market square, we shall have to go on Mr. Sinclair's property.

A. D. Mallon—if tenders had been called for the people would have known that the work was about to begin and could have raised objections. If this town is going to be any good we shall want the market

square. The west side will not do for a market for it will be too cold there in the winter. It is not the best place for a fire hall but of two evils choose the least. On a busy day there would be a great danger from the fire team coming out. The pulse of the people should have been felt before the work began. I am sorry for the council and for the rate payers whom council has got into such a deplorable and despicable position.

Mayor Ingle—When would we build the hall if we waited for all to be satisfied with the site? Not this century. We thought we were carrying out the people's wishes and of the joint meeting of council and Board of Trade. In 1899 we found we could not build on the south side unless we bought more land there. Then the bylaw was voted down. I don't care where the hall is put. I am a friend of Mr. Sinclair but he will not be hurt and our market will be bigger than ever. I feel like dropping the whole thing.

Mr. Flavell—No, no.

Mayor Ingle—Yes, we had better leave it for another council.

Ald. Jackson—In 1900 council and Board of Trade agreed on the present site. No one dissented but Ald. Cranford. This year the bylaw to raise the money carried with that understanding. We could not get the building up for the \$5000 when wages were high. We must cut our garment according to our cloth. I would not favor building on the park; we could get 1000 names to stop that.

So what are we to do? In October we decided on the present site. We have waited to get men and if we have 10 days more of this sort of weather we shall have the building closed in by Christmas. If we do not build it there we shall drop it altogether. When the old hall and the weigh scales are removed Mr. Sinclair will be in a better position than now. If the hall is put there strangers can see it; if at the west they cannot till they pass this building. Next year a lot must be bought for stone-crushing purposes.

The time is coming when we will need very little market. Wood and hay are about done. Other produce can be backed up to the platform.

Ald. Robson—Is there any other town in Canada that expects its market to decrease? You must decide whether you will have hay and straw littered over the market square or over the park.

Ald. Hore—I am anxious to put the hall in the right place. I was the one who suggested last year that we ask the Board of Trade. This site was decided on and thought we were carrying out the wishes of the ratepayers. I would be sorry to hurt Mr. Sinclair for we were boys together.

Jas. Mark—Is there room for a hay rack to pass a wagon in a 16-ft lane.

Ald. Hore—I was in favor of making the lane 6 feet wider.

Ald. O'Reilly—We have not plunged into this. The fire hall has been long talked of. There are wheels within wheels, rings within rings. A year ago the Watchman-Warder said Wilson's corner was the only place that would do; now it is pressing for another site and next week it may want another still.

(Having uttered this unfounded charge of inconsistency in an excited way the alderman proceeded to single out a member of the Watchman-Warder staff as the offender and to exonerate its proprietor. It was at this point that the alderman began a series of personal attacks that marred a speech fairly well begun, and were

greatly regretted by all present. The alderman continued these attacks until stopped by cries of "Personal" from the meeting.)

(Continuing from the point left off above, Ald. O'Reilly said:—I voted for that site because it was the best one and I will stand by it or let it drop altogether. We could not go on before for men were scarce and the bricks for the wall were burnt only last week. We did not know what the bonds would sell for till a month after the bylaw was passed. We would have had to get out sides to do the work and I would not do that (applause). It is just as well to build in winter. The Mansion House was built then; they often do this in Toronto. I feel wrathful about this matter. Williams's corner has been mentioned; that will cost \$2700. Have you got that money to spare? If so give it to us and we will spend it. The lot across the road is neither wide nor deep enough. The mayor and I and the reporter for the Post went to Orillia at our own expense. Up there there is only an eight-foot lane between the hall and a private house. There is no odor from the hall. I don't think Mr. Sinclair will be hurt any. I am making no apology and will stand or fall by my choice. It is that site or drop it.)

Ald. Robson—You say the site was settled on long ago. It was not settled till Monday night that you were going to build on this site.

Ald. O'Reilly—If you had been as solicitous about the town's interests as you were about getting the \$3 for going on a tour of inspection around town you would have known it. (Cries of "Personal.")

Geo. Lytle—It might be well to discuss this matter quietly in committee.

D. R. Anderson—Unless council will agree to stop operations till that can be done, I will move that in the opinion of this meeting the fire hall should be built at the west of the market building or at the north. If council will not stop we can only remember them in January.

Ald. Jackson—The question is "Shall we go on or not?" There is only about a week to spare.

H. O'Leary—You knew that last July.

Ald. Jackson—Mr. Anderson's fling at council is not necessary. I never asked a man for a vote and I don't know who is anxious to do here next year. I have tried to do my duty and made enemies.

Jas. McWilliams—I second Mr. Anderson's motion. It is not necessary to encumber our little market square with the hall. I never saw a town with the fire hall next the market. It will be dangerous, when teams and people are there, someone is likely to be killed when the fire team comes out. Why are the stones that were laid down on William-st. south being carted back here now? Is it just to give somebody work? Who is running the town anyway?

Ald. O'Reilly—That man took our scraper without leave and kicked when we charged him for it.

Mr. McWilliams—You charged as too much.

Ald. O'Reilly—Only \$2.00.

Mr. McWilliams—And it only cost you \$5 and you got it second hand.

D. R. Anderson—Another place can be selected and work proceeded with in 48 hours.

John McLennan—Will the council change it if it is shown that Mr. Sinclair is injured?

Jas. Lennon—There has been a lot of bungling with fire departments matters in the last 26 years. It will be a mistake to put the hall on the market square. It will greatly interfere with improving it. Council did not think it would meet the opposition of the citizens; it knows it now. The matter should be further considered.

W. Flavell—The matter of the site is not important compared with going on this fall. I think Sinclair's property will be improved. Mr. Anderson is likely here in somebody's interest.

Mr. Anderson—I am surprised that Mr. Flavell should make such an insinuation. I am not, and said so at first. I am surprised at Mr. Flavell.

W. B. Foe—Unless for the little subcommittee of council work can go on in a new place in 12 hours.

J. D. Flavell—Make that motion that it is desirable that the west rather than the north of the market be chosen.

T. Brady—I would rather see it where it is than on the park.

D. Sinclair—It will injure our business as long as we are in town.

Richard Sylvester—I think Mr. Sinclair will not be hurt and will move in amendment that the work proceed at the present site.

Mr. Anderson's motion carried by a vote of some 12 to 40 tax-payers.

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