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COUNTY GRANT TO HOSPITAL

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And Having No Representative Councillors Object to giving Grant, — Town Must Help

The county council met last week. The business was chiefly routine. The chief discussion was in the finance committee on Friday afternoon, when the request of the governors of the Ross Memorial Hospital, for a grant of \$500 current expenses, was being considered. A grant of \$300 was made on a division of 5 to 7.

Friday morning a deputation of the governors asked council for a grant of \$500 to pay off a debt of \$300 and \$200 of probable expenses before the year's end, and before the endowment would yield any returns in interest.

Councillor Johnston—The hospital must get help from the county, and now is the time it needs it most, before its endowment can yield any returns.

Councillor Graham—I move that \$400 be granted.

Councillor Fairbairn—I second the motion.

Dr. Wood—I sympathize fully with the purpose of the hospital; but the governors have no right to come here and ask for aid on any ground. I did expect that this council would be called upon to assist the hospital; but I did not expect that the demand would be made the very day after the institution was opened.

I must say, that speaking as a member of this council, my personal dignity was hurt by the way in which this council was treated in connection with the opening. Every member should have been taken into consideration. As it was, even to the address presented by the warden, was not submitted to council for its approval. The least that could have been done was to have it laid before us before it was read by the warden, as on the authority of this council.

The town of Lindsay will get more benefit from the hospital than any other part of the county. Why not ask it for a grant. It is the evident intention of the town, and those especially interested in the hospital, that this council shall supply the water to run this mill. We should give a liberal grant to the hospital at some time, but we should also know where we are at. Let us not dribble out grants now and then, and after all have to put our hands into our pockets and pay for the maintenance. I am ready to meet the town half way, but no more.

Councillor Johnston—I concur very largely with Dr. Wood. There is no use denying the fact, that the town and the section near will chiefly benefit by the hospital, and they should pay a fair share toward its maintenance.

Councillor Fairbairn—The hospital is usual a county institution; yet I do not believe in letting it go begging. The county should provide the money to carry on the institution. The people down my way are warm-hearted people, and I would not fear to go before them and advocate the same thing at election time. We have got the hospital from a noble man, and should support it. It is not fair that business men who have subscribed largely to the hospital funds should be compelled to again contribute through the town taxes. This council should pay all the money that is required. This is an inopportune time to ask for money; but where else could they go? I will support any grant that may be proposed.

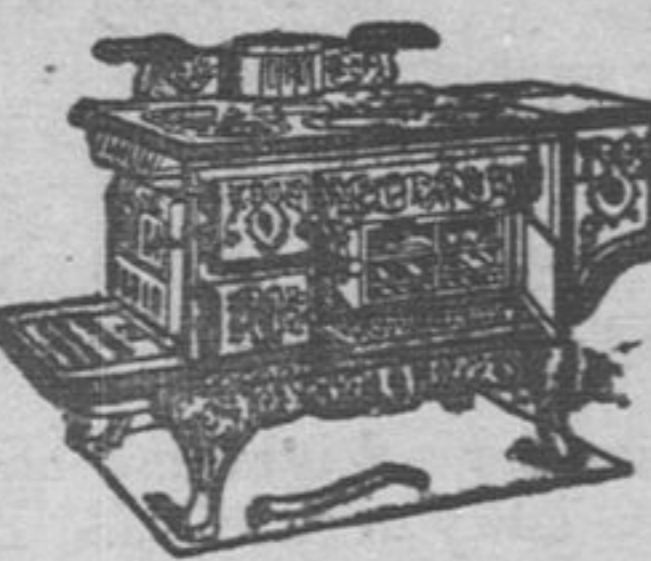
Warden Austin—I am perhaps to blame for what Dr. Wood complains of. As your representative, I was asked to prepare an address. I left it to Mr. McNeillie. I am sorry I did not submit it to you before I read it. The request for money is not a serious matter; we can come to the rescue now, and our successors can do as they please. The hospital is a good gift, and the people will not find serious fault if we make this grant.

Clerk McNeillie—I may explain in reply to what Dr. Wood has said, that the address read by the warden was not an address from the county

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council, nor was it intended as such. It was an address on behalf of the county and the warden was asked to read it because he is the county's chief officer. It was not submitted to council, nor was anything said in it which purported to come from the council. Thus the council was left perfectly free to take any action with regard to the hospital that it might see fit.

Councillor Staback—It would have been no more than courtesy to have submitted the address to the council.

Councillor Bryans—The town will do its share; but the other parts of the county should do something for the business men of Lindsay have already given largely. The town will do its share.

Councillor Robertson—I favor making a grant.

Councillor McGee—I thought the hospital was going to be a gift to the county, but I see it is simply a memorial hospital located here.

It will receive patients from any other county the same as from this one. I do not see that we have any special obligation.

Councillor Shaver—It is a princely gift to be sure, but we have already given \$1600 to it, and if we give \$500 more that will be \$2100. Now that would be more than a year's charge for a House of Refuge, and yet the people voted down that institution. In the face of that I do not see how we can make the vote. Will the ratepayers not take offence and take members next year opposed to the hospital, and thus do it more harm than good in the long run?

Councillor Graham—Lindsay has subscribed ten or twelve thousand, and is a part of the county, and will have a share of any grant made. I think that next year Lindsay will ask to be exempt from the county rate for hospital purposes, and make its own grant.

Dr. Wood—Mr. McNeillie's explanation about the address is pretty satisfactory. I will say, however, that sympathy is a good thing for a man to have. When the House of Refuge scheme was up, I was in favor of it and advocated the best I could. But business is business.

It is all very well for Mr. Fairbairn in his enthusiasm to be willing to pay anything; but the people will set aside sympathy and want to know where they stand. If this institution is to be wholly a charge upon the county, let us know it. Mr. McKenzie of Toronto is one of the largest ratepayers in this county and his contribution off-sets that of any Lindsay man, and largely answers the claim that Lindsay has done so much more than the rest of the county.

I am surprised that the town will take the course Mr. Graham says it will. It is evidently going to shirk its responsibility for the maintenance of the hospital. The town is morally bound to pay part of what is now asked for. If we weakly yield to every deputation, the people

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will say we are not faithful. Let us do our duty, but nothing more.

Councillor Adams—I understood we would be asked for money occasionally, but did not expect to be called on like this. We are not bound to give anything, and asking us was a wrong step at present. I am surprised that we are asked for money not yet spent; it looks as if they were going to come here for everything.

Clerk McNeillie—Any contribution carries the right to send free patients to the hospital—one for every \$100.

Dr. Wood—Will appeal be made to other municipalities?

Mr. McNeillie—I think not.

Councillor Staback—The hospital committee knew it would have to come here for money; and when money is got it is usual for the giver to appoint somebody who shall see that it is well spent. The council has not been treated right. It should have been allowed to have a member of the Board of Governors. I suppose those appointed were suggested to Mr. Ross by someone, and it would have been wise to let the county name one.

Councillor Fairbairn—There are two members of this council on the board.

Councillor Staback—Not one named by this council. The people will have a coolness toward the hospital on that account that will not benefit it any. I have favored hospital support by the county at large, but the people have not been given a voice in its management, and on principle I oppose the grant.

Councillor Bryans—I did not know I was to be a governor until asked at the steps of the hospital yesterday.

Dr. Wood—I do not object to the men who were named; but if the county is to give so largely, it should have the right to name a governor and appoint his successors.

Councillor Johnston—I move that \$300 be granted.

Councillors Graham and Fairbairn withdrew their motion for \$400, and the motion for \$300 carried. Councillors Adams, Shaver, Wood, McGee and Staback being opposed or 5 out of 12.

THE TREASURER'S BONDS

Mr. E. H. Hopkins asked to be relieved from being bondsman for Treasurer McNeillie in \$3000, presumably because it rendered him ineligible for county councillor. Mr. McNeillie was allowed to find another bondsman or get bonds from a guarantee company, for which the county will pay. During the discussion, Councillor Shaver said: "I have such confidence in Mr. McNeillie that I do not care whether he has bonds at all or not."

WHY SHALL I VOTE

Dear Sir—Will you kindly throw me space to set forth some considerations why, not simply prohibitionists but all who wish further restrictions upon liquor selling in Ontario, should vote for the Liquor Act of 1902.

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Will parliament simply say that that particular measure was defeated, or will the leaders of both political parties infer that, not simply prohibition, but restrictive legislation in coming session, our legislature, in view of an adverse vote on a temperance issue and of an increasing consumption of liquors, fail to further hamper liquor selling, or even loosen present restrictions, who shall blame them? Certainly not non-voters.

On the other hand, let us consider the result of it, while failing to obtain the required number of votes to pass the law, we yet gain a majority of the votes cast.

The trouble of voting will not have been waste labor. Indeed the result may eventually be so great that they will be only less than if the measure before us was passed. A majority of the electors will thereby say that the present measure of restriction is not great enough. Improvement of a decided sort is demanded. No one will be justified in saying temperance sentiment is dead. Timid parliamentarians will be encouraged to vertebrate action and we may expect some better laws and better enforcement of

them. In my judgment, this is the whole question. I freely admit of the all but certain defeat of the bill. Nevertheless much will be gained if we poll an actual majority and dim the prospect if we fall even that.

Meanwhile, if the unexpected happens, and the Liquor Act of 1902 becomes law, we shall have an excellent measure. It permits those who use liquors to obtain them and use them in their own homes. It forbids their public retail sale as beverages, and so destroys the treating custom which is the bulwark of the liquor trade. Behind the law is a government pledged to enforce it. The penalties are so severe that few will risk conviction. The machinery for enforcement is ample. Personally I wish the measure may carry. I fear it will not; but I am anxious that a majority of voters place their mark in the "Yes" column on December 4th., in order that we may hope for further redress from this great scourge of our country. Yours truly,

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