

SAVE THE MARKET SQUARE If this year's council had no other mistakes to answer for, the condition in which they have left the town's market property is enough to drive them, not only from office, but permanently out of municipal politics.

WE DO NOT say that the members of this year's council wilfully committed these crimes against the town's interests, but we do say that they are men out of the touch with the agricultural interests of the county, and largely ignorant of the vast and promising importance that they are to this town.

WE ARE sniped by the Post as being actuated by revenge. Little, forsooth, is that or any other motive required to rouse any thinking man when the market interests of his town are being ruined before his eyes.

OUR appeal is to the people. Council has had its opportunity; so has the Board of Trade; now the people will have theirs. They spoke at the public meeting, demanding that the site be changed. Council defied their wishes, and a packed meeting of the Board of Trade endorsed their defiance.

THE issue is plain; it is supreme; it reaches far into futurity; face it; settle it like free men who have faith in, and hope for, their town. Candidates are canvassing. Make them no promises; before another issue, it will be seen who are going to run, and it is confidently hoped that, among them, will be capable men, who will save the town from threatened disaster.

AN EXPENSIVE BLUNDER

IT IS because the people do not yet realize the magnitude of the blunder that has been made in the market building alterations, that their wrath is kept within bounds. It is only necessary to step inside the market door any day, to see how that room has been ruined by the vault foundation, or to be there on a busy day to see how the trading facilities of the place are harpered by that unsightly structure.

that affords not much more than half the space of the old office, which was small enough. It will be wholly inadequate to the town's needs, now, to say nothing of those needs a few years hence. It is cut into a right angle by the vault, is incapable of ventilation and has no place where an ordinary table can be put in sufficient light to read by.

Then there is the town hall. It is worse still. A spacious room it is, but so constructed that it is no use as a place of public meeting, for the moment a man begins to speak, there is little to be heard but echoes; while often enough a man speaking in an ordinary tone of voice cannot be heard by people behind him and 10 feet away. It is fittingly known as Echo Hall.

IT IS said sometimes that a man has to pay dearly for his mistakes. That is bad enough, but in this case the people have to pay for the council's mistakes—and pay dearly enough too for that aggregation of blunders now called the market building has this year had over \$1500 expense put on it. And a worse blunder is being attempted on the market square.

EDITORIAL NOTES

WE MOST heartily and cordially wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

IT IS said that the foundation of the fire hall is defective. About that we do not know but if one were not accustomed to the blunders of this council he would be surprised to see the sills of the cellar windows below the level of the ground. When a thaw comes, the sewer pump will be required in the basement.

THE FIREMEN did good work at the Rider and Kitchener fire, but it seems as if by going about the work a little more calmly a good deal of discomfort could be saved the firemen without making fire-fighting any less effective. The drenched condition of the firemen on Saturday night as well have been largely avoided and a little more consideration might have suggested cutting through the roof and pouring the water down upon the fire, instead of pulling out the entire end of the building to attain the same object.

THERE IS no reason why Mr. Bopry should not have been accorded the same treatment as was given Mr. Simpson with regard to the smallpox quarantine. No essential differences can be shown between the two cases. According to Mr. Hopkins, the law requires that patients or exposed persons be taken in charge at the town's expense, and according to him also, if the town saves expense by utilizing the patient's house instead of supplying some other place, the town should recompense the person whose house has been so used. Mr. Bopry should get the same treatment as Mr. Simpson.

TWICE TOLD TALES

News and Nonsense Gathered From Exchanges and Elsewhere

—Mr. William Robbins of Hiram Walker's distillery staff made a sensation at a banquet of the Manufacturers' Association in Toronto lately. He talked about the tri-color and the term French-Canadian in such a way that Hon. Mr. Rolland of Montreal made an angry protest and left the banquet. Then the speaker attacked Goldwin Smith, called him a nuisance to the country and said: "One of our hopes is to frown down this man."

—The Armenian massacres are breaking out again and the persecuted people are fleeing the country in great numbers. —An expert claims that Marconi's wireless telegraphy proves that the earth is flat. In that case the Ross government will be compelled to get out that new school geography about which the Toronto News has been worrying.

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Fenelon Council Proceedings.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A communication was read from R. Jackett re grant of use of his water fountain. It was moved by Mr. Mark and seconded by Mr. Webster, that R. Jackett be paid \$10 for water tank privileges.—Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Webster and Perdue, the clerk was instructed to write to Jos. Lee re his right to pay his tenant's debenture tax of \$5.94. Moved by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Mark, that Franklin Dewell's taxes amounting to \$3.81 be refunded owing to lack of road privileges.—Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Palmer and Mark, a by-law was introduced for regulating the annual elections and after receiving the usual readings it was signed and sealed; Mr. Webster in the chair.

On motion of Messrs. Palmer and Mark, a by-law was introduced authorizing the reeve to execute a deed of right to the Ontario government to flood certain highways of the township and particularly the roadways at lots 25 and 26 in the 2nd, and 3rd concessions. The by-law was read a second and third time and signed and sealed. Mr. Perdue in the chair.

It was moved by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Perdue, that our solicitor's fee of \$80 for services rendered in securing an award of \$434.80 from the Ontario government re flooding certain roads by the building of Rosedale dam be paid.—Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Perdue and Webster, \$4 was paid Mrs. C. W. Moore as house rent for Mapes. Moved by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Mark, that the treasurer of Cameron Orange hall be paid \$4 for use of hall for two meetings.—Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Perdue and Webster, the taxes of John Hartle were remitted owing to sickness.

Moved by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Webster, that N. Day receive permission to build a culvert sisting \$4 on con. 8 at lot 14, he to be paid when culvert is put in.—Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Palmer and Mark, Duncan Clark was paid \$12 for taking out and removing 30 pine stumps on con. 2, W½ of side road between lots 10 and 11, also John Puley receive \$5 for work done on boundary of Verulam and Fenelon, his beat.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Mark, that Mary and Sarah McFadyen each receive \$5 from poor rate and that the reeve be appointed to procure them any necessaries beyond this.—Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Webster and Perdue, the sum of \$20 was granted Neil Sinclair to gravel on con. 4 at lot 22.

Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Mr. Mark, that this council confirm the posting of notices by the clerk re deviation of 6th con. at lot 6.—Carried.

On motion of Messrs. Palmer and Perdue, the sum of \$20 was granted Duncan Tolmie to expend on road at con. 3, between north and south ½ of lot 24, \$10 of this grant being the balance of a grant passed in January, 1901, that was unexpended.

On motion of Messrs. Mark and Perdue, the two days overwork of 1901 was allowed him for 1902. On motion of Messrs. Palmer and Mark, R. C. Webster was appointed commissioner to expend a sum not exceeding \$20 on a sidewalk between lots 20 and 31, con. 2.

Moved by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Palmer, that the following bills be paid:—Robt. Jackett, for gravel, \$3.80; John Wilcox, for 34 loads gravel, \$3.40; James Pollard, for 85 loads gravel, \$4.25; Watson James, for 23 loads gravel, \$1.15; William Tamblin, for 37 loads gravel, \$1.85; Edward English, for 36 loads gravel, \$1.80; John Hay, for 00 loads of gravel, \$5, and culvert \$4, \$7; Frank Smitheram, culvert, between lots 20 and 21, con. 5, \$14.49; Watchman-Warder printing for 1901, \$48; W. H. Powles, postage and stationery, on con. 6, between lots 15 and 16, \$3.42; John Knox, repairs to bridge \$3; Fred Jones, repairs to Ferrin bridge, \$3.50; John McKee, culvert on con. 2, lot 11, \$4; A. C. Hamill culvert on con. 2, lot 16, \$7; M. H. O. visit to W. Jeffrey's re diptheria \$4; Wm. Burgoyne, charity for Mapes \$4.65; Wm. Kennedy, culvert con. 3, lot 24, \$5; Wm. Landell, fixing bridge on con. 4, lot 22, \$3; Thos. Dewell, building bridge, con. 5, lot 23 \$9.28; clerk, posting notices re road deviation, con. 6, lot 6, \$1; Jas. Gilchrist, fixing bridge on Eldon boundary, \$1.50; Treasurer, interest on borrowed money, \$1.10; reeve for services rendered re compensation by Ontario government re flooding highways, \$2. Council then adjourned.

J. B. POWLES, Clerk.

The Council's Mistake

Editor Watchman-Warder: Sir: I am satisfied that Lindsay has never witnessed such a lavish outlay of money as has been made during the present year. The council have made a bungling

Christmas Day.

Snowflakes over the lilly's bed, Frozen dew on the violet's bloom; Spikes of frost where the rose hung red; And the golden heart of the morning shed It's light through the summer noon.

Low-hunged mists where the sun flamed white, Snow-drifts over the dales and dunes, Glints of ice where the grapes hung ripe, Shifting gray for the golden light Of autumn afternoons.

Heart of Hope when the sun shone bright, Dream of Faith in a snow-bound glen, Whisper of Love thro' a world of white, With the kiss of God on a Christmas night, "Peace on Earth, goodwill to men."

and mistake in most everything they have undertaken and have shown a lack of administrative ability.

The mayor has shown an evident weakness in undertaking to do work in his factory for remodelling the town hall and council chamber. It was illegal for him to do so as it is set forth by municipal law that he is the head of the council, and a chief executive officer of the corporation shall not have a contract with the town.

Now, on the 8th of July the council submitted a bylaw to the people but for \$9,000 which was carried but \$4,000 of the money was used for the waterworks and the \$5,000 that was to build a fire hall is in bad shape, as there is a large deficit and no doubt it will have to be used to stop the gap and there will have to be another call made upon the ratepayers. In place of calling for tenders for the repairs and remodelling of the new council chamber and construction of a fire hall they undertook to do the work themselves through Commissioner Chalmers. By pursuing this course they gave the mayor a chance of capturing all the woodwork to be done on those buildings or at least it was manufactured in his shop.

The money expended upon the town hall including the commissioner's salary and time will amount well on to \$1800 and the labor expenditure on new fire hall, to \$418 and on roads and repairs \$5556. Whilst the above work was going on at the town hall under the town commissioner, the streets had to suffer for the want of an overseer.

The bylaw to build the fire hall was passed on the 8th of July and there was no attempt made to call for tenders for its construction until winter set in. Then the council started to do it by day's work and could not finish it. Coun. Sinclair had been continuously opposed to their reckless expenditure. I must say every member of the council had his hands stained with the jobbery that has been going on except Councillor Sinclair, who has from time to time protested against their squandering the town's money, but the compact stood firmly together and refused to heed his advice. This is not the first or the last act they have attempted to do as they have submitted a bylaw for \$20,000 for good roads to be voted on at the coming election in January. I think this is going a little too far to ask the ratepayers for another installment after all of the bonuses and exemptions that have been passed, for our taxes now are almost as high as a rent. We should vote it down and elect a council that will put a stop to jobbery and will use taxes for building up the town. Yours, CAPT. GEO. CRANDELL.

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