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OPS COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The closing meeting of Ops Council was held on Monday, December 15th. After the reading and adoption of the minutes of last meeting each member produced a statement of his accounts for the year, which were duly examined, and a resolution passed for payment to the treasurer to include them in his financial statement.

Sessional Allowances, etc. All allowance and mileage, commission on money expended, and days' service, were summed up as follows: Div. 1, Reeve McLean, \$50.10; Div. 2, Walter Arksey, \$58.17; Div. 3, Robert Patterson, \$72.00; Div. 4, John Sluggett, \$81.90; Div. 5, Peter Hawkins, \$71.49.

Communications. From Thos. W. Gibson, Toronto, in reference to brickyards, quarries, etc. operated in the township. From G. H. Hopkins, on behalf of Thos. Hazelton, re Drain No. 1. From S. J. Fox, M.P.P., account for large tile to Messrs. Sluggett and Hawkins.

From the Clerk of Manvers, enclosing \$24.50 on account of boundary work, and sundry small accounts and bills.

John Robinson, owner of N. E. H. lot 19, con. 8, was permitted to address the Council, and said he wanted some guarantee that an outlet would be made across lot 20, con. 9, to take away water diverted to his place. The Council told him the engineer would be notified in case the owner of said lot still refused to act in the matter.

Wm. Milligan applied for the election bill posting, and was appointed.

A Drainage Matter. Jos. Hutchison and Wm. Jackett, owners of lots 23 and 26, con. 11, desired to know what assistance the Council would give them in drainage by which the boundary between Ops and Emily would be much benefited. They were partially agreed on the work and were not disposed to call on the Engineer if Ops and Emily would assist them. Reeve McLean had gone to view the place, and said that if they would dig a sufficient ditch 78 rods in length along the Ops side of the boundary, and ask no more than \$15 for the work, Ops would pay them half that sum on its completion.

Mr. Hutchison agreed to do so, as he was confident that Emily Council would pay the other half.

More Wire Fences. Mr. Jas. Corley, owner lot 20, con. 4, said he intended to build a wire fence along the east end of his farm next spring if Council would pay him the \$50. bonus, and would remove the rails immediately to prevent drifting. The Council on a motion instructed him to do so, and promised him the bonus when his fence would be completed, as required by the by-law.

Mr. E. H. Hopkins was present, and was asked to take advantage of the bonus by building a wire fence on the east side of his land. He said his fence being staked and wired, \$50 would not pay him. Owing to the prevailing drifts every winter at his place he was on motion requested to take his fence down at the expense of the township, with the hope that he would replace it by a wire one next spring.

Mr. J. H. Hopkins desired to know if the Council wished him to build a wire fence on both sides of the road; if so, he would procure the posts and material required and be ready to do so next spring. Reeve McLean, in whose hands the matter was placed at last meeting, said he would like to have it all done, but it was rather too much to pay for one year.

Moved by Mr. Sluggett, seconded by Mr. Arksey, that Jas. Shea be paid \$5.50 for building a wire fence around Corrigan's gravel pit when the work is completed and certified.

Financial Statement. Mr. John Kennedy, treasurer, submitted his annual financial statement of receipts and expenditures, which was, on motion of Messrs. Patterson and Arksey, accepted, and the Clerk was instructed to have 100 copies printed for distribution.

Collector's Roll. Mr. John Jackson, collector, said a few taxpayers had disappointed him in consequence of which over \$200 was yet out, and he desired to know if Council would accept the Roll and return that amount against the lands of the delinquents. Rather than put those in arrears to cost the Council extended the time until the 24th inst. and instructed Mr. Jackson to collect the balance and return the Roll to the Treasurer on or before that date.

Will Think it Over. On motion of Messrs. Sluggett and Arksey, the Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Hopkins re Mr. Hazelton's drainage grievance, and to say the Council would give it due consideration.

A Couple of By-Laws. A by-law to levy a tile drainage rate on the west h. lot 4, con. 1 and a by-law to name election booths and appoint deputy returning officers, received the usual readings and were passed, signed and sealed. The following accounts and bills were next examined, passed and paid: Jas. McCausland, care of Tp. Hall, \$4.50; Jas. Agnew, fencing gravel pit, \$20.00; Brown Zealand, filling Hartley gravel pit and grading on culvert tile, \$8.00; Jas. Cunningham, refund for statute labor, \$3.00; Patrick Luddy, ditto, \$3.00; Robt. Thornton, refund for school tax, sec. 6, \$4.70; Wilson & Wilken, printing, \$13.75; Geo. Griffin, gravel, \$2.70; Jas. Greer, supplies, Powers family, \$4.30; Wm. Sluggett, culvert, 5th gr. line \$2.00; D. McMann, rent Booth No. 5 Referendum, \$4.00; John Cuddeheo Booth No. 4, \$4.00; McSwynn & Weldon, legal services, \$5.75; M. E. Tangney, burial, L. Powers, \$21.15.00; Thos. Calvert, services, B. of H., \$5.40; Alex. Petrie, ditto, \$5.00; Thos. Hickson, \$4.60; Thos. Henry, ditching 4th con., lot 8, \$6.00; A. H. Brown, wood, Powers family, \$5.00; W. F. O'Boyle, Clerk, postage, \$2.00.

Exchange of Compliments. The business of 1902 was then declared closed, and although it was 7 p.m., the Reeve on motion gave place to Mr. Sluggett, while Messrs. Patterson and Arksey in neat

speeches expressed the pleasure and satisfaction they had experienced during the several sessions of the year, and thanked the Reeve for his unfeigned courtesy and sound, impartial judgment of matters on all occasions. The discomfort and inconvenience met with throughout the year attending to township matters were counteracted by the harmony and goodwill that prevailed at the Council board.

The Reeve in turn thanked the members for their appreciation of his actions, and for the interest they had always shown in the general welfare of the township. He pointed out that they would always find scope for their best efforts in maintaining roads and bridges, etc., and in keeping the tax rate within reasonable bounds. Although he had had considerable experience in township matters he did not merit the praise given him, for it had been a pleasure to him to preside over members so agreeable and so well disposed. He hoped they would again accept nomination and be re-elected.

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OAKWOOD
A BUFFALO DUEL

Patriarch of the Herd is Still Absolute Monarch at Silver Heights, Manitoba—An Interesting Yarn.

Yesterday an understanding was arrived at in the Buffalo family, says The Winnipeg Free Press. Silver Heights might have been the scene of a deadly battle between the old patriarch of the herd and young McCreary, but discretion evidently struck young Bill as the better part of valor, in this case, and he accepted the part of second fiddle without showing fight.

The question which has been decided is a momentous one. It was whether there was to be absolute monarchy or not, and now it is decided that there will be absolute monarchy, and McCreary, the four-year-old bull, who until yesterday considered himself capable of managing the affairs of the household, has accepted the fact that he has to submit to the old bull's ruling in matters of state. All summer the old bull, for several reasons which will be enumerated, has been locked up in a stronghold. The walls of his cell are of heavy logs and are ten feet from the ground. It was built none too strong, for the old fellow would have broken loose from any place less secure. The reason for this means of close captivity arose from a domestic squabble in which young McCreary aided in a small way by Horace Wilson, the other baby bull, on the one side and the old patriarch, who is one of the original herd in Lord Strathcona's time, on the other side, used the quietude of the herd and made it impossible for the five cow buffalo to know just exactly who was boss.

McCreary was not strong enough to go in and give the old bull a licking, though he had lots of courage, but Horace Wilson hadn't the nerve to even lift his voice against him. To show that he was boss the old bull made himself very objectionable and would bellow and roar himself into a fury of excitement to put fear and trembling into the hearts of the

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Younger bulls. So far as Horace was concerned he succeeded and McCreary was left without an ally and sulked by himself.

The old bull at last got so dangerous that he was locked up. Then McCreary was chief and Horace Wilson good naturedly or from a faint heartedness, took second place. It was thought that by keeping the old bull locked up his spirit and temper would be broken. His temper, however, did not have a chance to improve for young McCreary would pass the morning, afternoon and part of the night roaring at him through the logs of his cage. He called him many bad names, and dared him to come out and fight. The spirit of the old bull was not broken, and he would rush wildly at the walls of his prison to get at young McCreary. The walls were too strong and when McCreary saw this he took even more delight in torturing his superior by bellowing.

Not long ago owing to McCreary's taunts the old bull broke out from his prison. McCreary must have made himself scarce. There was no fight, but when Mr. Preston, who has charge of the herd for the city, came to look after them on this particular day he found the paddock, usually occupied by the big bull, empty. Roaming about in a sulky way was young McCreary, but the other was nowhere in sight. Horace Wilson was gone, too.

The herd were traced and found eighteen miles away at Champlain Lake, near La Salle. The old patriarch had led them away and they had stampeded with him in the lead over hill and down dale, caring for no obstacle. It was with some difficulty that they were got back. For the rest of the summer the old bull was left in his paddock, and young McCreary grew and became stronger and more ready to fight. There was only one way in the mind of Mr. Preston to settle the question, and this week he decided the time was ripe for it. McCreary had been exercising all summer and the old bull had no chance to so it was thought that McCreary could at last prove to the satisfaction of the herd by licking the old man that he was the rightful master. Mr. Preston sent word to Ald. McCarthy and obtained permission from the Buffalo committee to allow the duel to take place. It was to be a great fight, and though means were to be taken not to allow it to be a finish, still it was expected that a good deal of blood would be spilled.

The day for the duel was fixed for yesterday. Several of the city aldermen were to attend, but owing to the muddy condition of the road to Silver Heights, they did not go out. A Free Press reporter, who learned of the event, drove out in order to record the fight, and furnish to the public the details of "The buffalo battle, of Silver Heights." It was a moment of intense excite-

ment when Mr. Preston threw open the gates of the old buffalo's yard. Young McCreary, who had watched the preparations and seen the ropes ready to lasso the buffalo who conquered, and was in the mood to extract the death penalty, seemed to know there was something expected of him. He separated himself from the herd and eyed Mr. Preston at the gate.

The gate was thrown open. With a low, angry bellow the old bull walked out. Fire glinted from his eyes, set deep in the shaggy mass of hair. His mane became rigid and his tail curved like a piece of iron. Mr. McCreary looked at him and the fire in his eyes seemed to die out. The old bull walked up to him with determination in every step. He did not stop until their two noses were close together. Young McCreary never moved, but winked weakly, and though he too, crooked his tail and tried to look fierce, he showed no desire to fight. The two bulls blew into each other's nostrils for several seconds, and then the old fellow calmly turned his back to McCreary, walked off and the herd followed him. Horace Wilson included. Young McCreary stood still a few seconds longer and then fell in line and brought up the rear as the herd made slowly for better feeding grounds.

Can You See Air?
If air cannot be seen, what is it that we see quivering above a field on a hot summer day or even above a hot stove in the house? That question has puzzled many a head, both old and young. The answer usually given is that it is the heat, but heat cannot be seen, and therefore it is not the heat.

The explanation of the phenomenon is really quite simple, like all such things, when we hear it. As a matter of fact, it is air that we see quivering, but heat makes it visible. The quivering is caused by the upward passage, close by each other, of small currents of air of different temperatures in which the rays of light are irregularly refracted, and this makes the currents visible.

A Freak Tree.
Probably one of the most remarkable curiosities in the world is the tree growing in the province of Loire, southern France. This marvelous freak of nature consists of two healthy trees some twenty feet high, with brilliant foliage, the top one actually growing upon the lower.

A cavity was formed in the upper trunk of the bottom tree, which was filled with decaying bark and the accumulated dust and debris of years. This became a sort of bed, from which sprang the roots and in time produced the upper tree. Contrary to all the laws of horticulture, the life of the tree

has not been injured in the least by its parasite companion on top.

The top tree is a lime, and the plants in the neighborhood make occasional pilgrimages to this tree, as they make a sort of tea from the buds of the lime, which, they say, on account of its peculiar growth and situation, has mysterious and beneficial powers if imbibed.

The lime is firmly rooted in the lower tree, having withstood the ravages of the wind for years, and seems to be nourished as well as if it were growing in the natural soil of the earth.

Camels in Africa.
At the present day camels are used for all sorts of domestic purposes in Africa. They may even be seen drawing plows in the interior of the regency of Tunis. You may remark a woman and a camel harnessed to the same plow, and you hesitate to decide which is the greater outrage. They are also used for drawing water from the strange, cumbersome, old-fashioned wells of north Africa. Their chief use, however, is for caravans. You may behold them bringing in huge cases of dates from the oases, or you may see them with great tentlike structures of red silk upon their backs. These tents are for the conveyance of Arab women of the upper classes, who seek to maintain the privacy of the harem when on a journey. Two women and some children are often accommodated on one camel. They have cushions on which they can lie down and even sleep. It is stuffy, and it is dark, but they deem themselves well off in escaping from the searching rays of the burning sun.

First European Railway.
The first carriages that ran on rails in Europe were those of a horse railway between Linz and Budweis, in Austria. This was in working order in 1827. Locomotive railways were much longer coming. The first line, in a modern sense, was opened from Paris to St. Germain in 1825, but railway development was greatly hindered by a terrible accident on the Paris-Verailles line in 1842. The next was the Brussels-Malines line in Belgium. Belgium was also the first country to begin, in 1830, systematic plans for a national network of railways. Prussia followed in 1835 and Austria-Hungary in 1838. The first great trunk line in Europe was from Paris to Rouen, opened in May, 1843.

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