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MAYOR TAYLOR'S RULING.

Coun. Burrows Objected to it on Monday and Got into Trouble.

LONG SESSION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Ratepayers Want a Bridge at the Foot of Ridout-st.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSORS.

Communications Galore—Many Applications for Position of Street Overseer—Reports from the Several Committees—Divers Other Matters.

Great interest was taken in Monday night's meeting of the civic parliament and the ratepayers flocked into the chamber until standing room was at a premium Many remained till the council adjourned at 11 o'clock, but the majority decided that the proceedings lacked the old theatrical affect, and retired at an early hour.

Mayor Taylor, Reeve Brady, Deprecves Wilson and Smyth, and Couns. Magwood, Horn, Mallon, O'Neill, Graham, Baldwin, Burrows, Crandell and Gillogly were present when the minutes were read and confirmed.

A Batch of Communications.

From Town Solicitor Hopkins, advising the council that P Barrie had issued a writ against the town for $600, alleging breach of covenant in being put out of a house on Queen's square.—Referred to town property committee at Chairman Crandell's request.

From LaFrance & Co., Montreal, addressed to Dr. Burrows, giving particulars in reference to an electric alarm striker for the town bell.—Town property committee.

From Greenley & Son, Toronto, submitting prices and samples of dog tags.—Fyled.

From Wm. Miller, applying for position of street overseer.—Laid on table.

From J. Makins, re dog tax.—Finance committee.

From J. Connolly, offering to supply at a cheap rate town maps made by the late Michael Dean, D. L. S.—Finance committee.

From J. Pearce, protesting against the assessment of two houses.—Finance committee.

From D. Hudson, calling attention to a snow blockade near his dwelling in the east ward, and making an early bid for 15 or 20 rods of sidewalk.—Board of works....Coun. Burrows called attention to similar blockades in the south and north wards, and said the snow-plow men should be compelled to do their work properly....Reeve Brady—"It's very strange that people who have complaints to make do not come to me; I will see that such matters are attended to by the proper person, but the council and others may as well understand right now that I do not propose to do another man's work. I am here to give advice, and whoever holds the position of overseer should be held responsible for the proper performance of the work on the streets. I wish to say also that I do not want the patronage of the position, and men need not apply to me for work. "(Applause).

From R. A. Harry, protesting against being unceremoniously requested by Collector Nicolle to pay his polli tax, he being an American citizen.—Finance committee.

From Mrs. Anne Preston, renewing her offer to purchase lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, Queen's square, at price mentioned.—Finance committee, with power to act,

From J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, soliciting a grant in aid of the Sick Children's Hospital in that city.—Finance committee.

From E. R. Powell, re dog tax.—Finance committee.

taxes for 1897.—Fyled.

From Herbert Harry, re balance of

From P. Donoghue, with reference to his taxes.—Finance committee

From J. P. Berry, asking that Mr. Free be removed from the position of caretaker of the dumping ground, and claiming $160.75 as arrearages of salary.—Town property committee.

From P. G. Pilkie applying for the position of assessor, adding that if the council intended making any inspector.—Fyled.

From W. F. O'Boyle, stating that Ops township proposed to expend $50 on the eastern boundary if Lindsay council made a similar grant.—Board of works.

From H. Fowler, photographer, stating that his case of pictures at Gregory's corner had been rifled or destroyed several times during the past few years, the last occasion being the 28th of Jan. In addition to the actual damage, the stolen photos might get into questionable places and lead to serious trouble....It was decided to offer a reward of $20 for the detection and conviction of the offenders.

From St. Joseph's hospital, Peterboro, enclosing account for keep of Miss Brooks.

From J. H. Sootheran, treasurer of Eastern Ontario Butter and Cheese convention committee, enclosing statement of receipts and expenditures and a cheque for $1.50, balance of $50 grant unexpended.—Fyled.

Mayor Taylor informed council that while in Toronto recently he had called at the public works department and had been informed that the $200 refund on account of wharf expenditure change in connection with the good roads movement he would like his application to apply to the position of road overseer.—Laid on table.

From Jas. Fleury, applying for position of street overseer.—Fyled.

From Weldon Brown, applying for position of street overseer.—Fyled.

From J. Thornhill, applying for position of street overseer.—Fyled.

From Thos. Killaby, applying for position of street overseer.—Fyled.

From J. W. Diament, applying for position of assessor.—Laid on table.

From Wm. McNabb, applying for position of assessor.—Laid on table.

From Franklin Crandell, applying for position of assessor.—Laid on

From E. P. Gilligly, resigning his position as a member of the town property committee.—Accepted.

From Geo. Foster, applying for positions of sanitary inspector, fire warden, truant officer and black knot would be forwarded in a few days.

From the local board of health, enclosing a resolution of the board expressing satisfaction with the work done by Dr. McAlpine, medical health officer, and R. Douglas, sanitary inspector, and asking that they be continued in office.—Fyled.

From D. C. Trew, truant officer, enclosing yearly report as follows: Children employed contrary to act, 2 boys; cases truancy reported, 64; notices sent to parents or guardians, 64; complaints made to magistrate, 6; convictions, 6; sentences imposed, 3; children not attending school who should, 4.—The report was fyled.

From Mrs. D. C. Trew, reporting $23.09 dispensed in charity west of Lindsay-st. in 1897.—Fyled.

From Constable Reeves, enclosing statement of street lights out in January.—Police and lighting committee.

From Col .Deacon and D. Eagleson, auditors, enclosing financial statement for 1897.—Fyled.

From Chief Bell, reporting $15.75 as the amount of fines imposed and collected in January.—Police and lighting committee.

From Market Clerk Callaghan, reporting $72.58 collected in weight fees and tolls for January.—Fyled.

From R. Spier, collector for 1895, asking to have his sureties released.—Motion passed to that effect.

A Rush of Accounts.

The following accounts were read and referred to the proper committees: J. P. Berry, keep of Heaslip child, 6 months, $10; M. J. Carter, $5.25; Municipal World stamp, $1; A. Higinbotham, $1.50; Sam Hughes, $42.75; M. W. Kennedy & Co., 65c; St. Joseph's hospital, Peterboro, $41.60; W. Webster, 75c; W. Reesor, $8.50;—Newton, $2.20; A. Fisher, $1; G. A. Little, $2.65; W. A. Jewett, $2; Light, Heat & Power Co., to Feb. 1st, $277.54.

The Ridout-st. Bridge.

A numerously signed petition, bearing the names of Thos. Sadler, J. D. Flavelle, Chas. Britton, R. P. Spratt, Hurley & Brady, F. Keenan and about 200 others, requested the council to favorably consider the construction of a bridge across the Scugog river at the foot of Ridout-st. for the reason that it would be a very great convenience to the people of the east ward and the farmers of Ops, Emily and Verulam.

Mr. Jas. Fleury was heard. He explained that Messrs. Sadler and Flavelle had intended to be present, but were unavoidably detained. At present over 200 persons pass over the scow in use, and a bridge would prove a very great convenience to a large number.

Dr. Burrows, Coun. Mallon and others said a good word for the scheme and ex-Coun. Hudson put in a strong protest against the contemplated outlay.

Mayor Taylor urged the parties interested to support their request with all the facts available.

Moved by Coun. Mallon, seconded by Coun. Horn, that the finance committee be authorized to prepare a memorial setting forth the project, and requesting the provincial government to make the necessary grant.—Carried.

Report of Town Property Committee.

Coun. Crandell, chairman, submitted a brief report to the following effect: That no action be taken in the matter of providing runners for the hose waggon, and that Mr. Boxall's account for $3.80 be paid.

Coun. Burrows said he understood from the firemen that they were anxious to have the runners.

The report was on motion adopted.

Report of the Board of Works.

Reeve Brady, chairman, presented the following reports:

Your committee met in the clerk's office on Jan. 20th, when the following accounts were recommended for payment when certified to by the late chairman and the street overseer: Sam Parkin, $5; Edwards & Co, $16.12.

The resolution re cedar gratings, referred to this committee was by request of Reeve Smyth and Coun. Burrows, left over for further consideration.

The communication of Mr. Campbell re good roads was referred to the mayor and clerk to report what had been done in that respect since Mr. Campbell's visit here last summer.

Your committee held an adjourned meeting on Feb. 4th for the purpose of considering tenders for cedar and stone. Ten tenders were received for the supply of the former and 40 for the latter.

It was moved by Dr. Burrows, seconded by Coun. Baldwin, that the tender of Wm. McGill for 5,000 ft. of cedar at 95c. per 100 ft., and that of the Rathbun Co. for 5,000 ft. flatted on one side at $1.37½ per 100 ft., be accepted.—Carried.

Tenders for stone ranged in price from $1 95 to $7.25, except 10 cords at $2 40 and 5 cords at $2 50, the total quantity offered being about 300 cords. After considering the advisability of purchasing more than 50 cords it was moved by Dr. Burrows, seconded by Coun. Graham, that this committee recommend the council to purchase 200 cords of stone at $2 per cord, each tenderer to furnish five cords, and that committee be authorized to rent a suitable lot upon which the stone may be piled.—Carried.

The report was adopted.

Report of Police and Lighting Committee.

Coun. Horn, chairman, presented the following report:

Your committee met in the clerk's office on Friday evening, Feb. 4th.

The report of the chief of police for the month of Dec., 1897, was examined and found correct.

The matter of the street lighting was discussed, and owing to the fact that the present contract with the Lindsay Light, Heat and Power Co. expires on the 1st of May, your committee urge upon the council the necessity of immediate action being taken, and would recommend that the police and light committee be authorized to interview or communicate with any party or parties who would be likely to tender for the lighting contract; also that the council request this committee to obtain information re the cost of an electric light plant with sufficient capacity to do the street lighting, with lamps of 1,0.0 or 2,000 candle power.

Your committee regret to learn that a cock fight took place in town last month, at which no arrests were made. We trust the council will demand of the police force a faithful and energetic performance of their duties in future.

Chairman, Horn—"This is not the first time the town has been similarly disgraced, but if the council and citizens will back us up, it will be the last. We don't know whether the police were hoodwinked or did not think the matter of sufficient importance to interfere. The committee also propose to take some energetic steps to get rid of the street loafers." (Applause).

Coun. Burrows—"We all know that cock-fights are conducted very secretly. (Laughter.) Perhaps the worst phase of the matter is that our men lost their money."

The report was adopted.

Report of Finance Committee.

Dep.-reeve Smyth, chairman, presented the report as follows:

Your committee met in the clerk's office at 7.30 p m. on Saturday, 5th inst., when the following accounts were examined and recommended for payment:

C S Blackwell & Co	$ 9 90
D C Trew	2 75
J G Edwards	16 18
Sam G Parkins	5 00
Britton Bros	75
G W Beall	9 35
The Rathbun Co	1 50
Sam Hughes	69 25
D Eagle on	60 00
Brown Bros, Toronto	11 90
Warwick Bros & Rutter	20 80
Lindsay Waterworks	15 93
Spratt & Killen	1 62
W E Reesor	9 30
E Greg ry	12 35

We recommend that the request of James Duncan for rebate of water rate for 1897 be granted, also a similar request from Robt Chambers.

Your committee cannot recommend the request o W. A. Goodwin without the consent of a majority of ratepayers interested, nor the proposition of J. S. McCarthy re sale of Home for the Aged.

We recommend that the following reports be filed for future reference: Town treasurer's for Dec. last; medical health officer's; chairman board of health; auditors' report to Dec. 6th last; and P. C Reeves' report of electric light service from Oct. 25th to Nov 30th, '97.

In order to facilitate the payment of small orders by the mayor we recommend that $25 be placed to his worship's credit for that purpose.

The report was adopted.

How the Trouble Began.

Dr. Burrows asked the ruling of the chair as to the necessity of giving fresh notice of the introduction of a by-law when the proper notice had been given in last year's council.

Mayor Taylor said the new council could not be cognizant of what had taken place last year unless the motion was before them.

Coun. Burrows—"Well, I gave the proper notice and it is entered the minutes." He then moved, seconded by Coun. Crandell, the first reading of a by-law to amend By-law No. — to appoint municipal officers, and fix the salary of each

Mayor Taylor—"The resolution is not in accordance with the notice of motion—the former said 'repeal' while the latter says 'amend.' The terms are not interchangeable."

Considerable discussion ensued and finally Dr. Burrows remarked "It just amounts to this, gentlemen, the town has lost a great deal of money through the cupidity, carelessness and ignorance of certain town officials and no objection should be made to the introduction of the by-law."

Mayor Taylor—"I regret the introduction of such words into the discussion."

Coun. Burrows continued to insist that the by-law should be received, and in the end Mayor Taylor decided flatly against him, whereupon the doughty south warder remarked that he disagreed with the ruling.

Mayor Taylor—now thoroughly aroused—appealed individually to a number of the councillors, and finally requested all who disagreed with him to stand up. NO person moved, whereupon his worship remarked "I thought so—not one, not even the Dr. himself."

Dr. Burrows arose and attempted to resume the discussion, but Mayor Taylor had heard enough on the subject, and in tones that betrayed his righteous anger he exclaimed, "That's enough—sit down, sir!" And the Dr. subsided.

New Kent-st. Sewer.

On motion of Dep.-reeve Smyth, seconded by Coun. Mallon, the first reading was given a by-law authorizing the construction of a sanitary sewer along Kent-st. to some point on the Scugog river, and defining plumbing and other regulations in connection therewith. The by-law was then referred to the board of works for further consideration.

Home for the Aged Committee.

Moved by Reeve Touchburn, seconded by Coun. Magwood, that Coun. Crandell and the mover and the seconder be appointed to represent this council on the Home for the Aged committee.

Moved in amendment by Coun. Burrows, seconded by Coun. Crandell, that Dep.-reeve Wilson, Coun. Baldwin and Coun. Crandell be appointed.

The amendment failed to carry and the original motion was adopted.

Re-arranging Committees

Moved by Coun. Burrows, seconded by Coun. Crandell, that Coun. Baldwin replace Coun. Gillogly on the court of revision; that Dep.-reeve Wilson replace Coun. Horn on the finance committee; that Coun. O'Neill be added to the police committee, and that Coun. Mallon be transferred from the finance committee to the board of works.

After some discussion pro and con the motion was put but failed to carry. By a subsequent motion Dep.-reeve Wilson was added to the town property committee in place of Coun. Gillogly, resigned.

Extended One Month.

Moved by Coun. Mallon, seconded by Coun. Horn, that the time for the collection of the outstanding 1897 taxes be extended to 1st day of March.—Carried.

Coun. Burrows thought the council should instruct the collector to proceed in a less arbitrary manner when people were being charged 5 per cent. per month; he had heard a number of complaints.

Mayor Taylor said the council could not interfere with the collector beyond extending the time. He was in favor of the extension, and trusted that in the course of a month many mechanics and laborers would find employment.

Making it Easy for the Treasurer.

Moved by Coun. Burrows, seconded by Coun. Crandell, that in future the treasurer make all payments (except laborers' pay-sheets) by cheque on the bank.

Mayorr Taylor—"That would certainly be the better plan."

The motion carried.

Is Your House Numbered?

Moved by Coun. Crandell, seconded by Coun. Burrows, that the assessors for 1898 be instructed to give the street number of every house assessed.—Carried.

Appointment of Assessors.

On motion of Reeve Brady, seconded by Coun. Graham, By-law No. 795, to appoint two assessors was read and the council went into committee of the whole, Coun. Burrows in the chair. The nominations were as follows:

J. W. Diament, by Messrs. Smyth and Taylor.

Peter Pilkie, by Messrs. Brady and Magwood.

Franklin Crandell by Messrs. Mallon and Taylor.

Coun. Mallon—"I have no fault to find with Mr. Pilkie, but I understand he is busy buying grain."

The names were then voted upon separately, and Messrs. Diament and Crandell received majority of votes. The salary was placed at $125 each. The by-law was given a third reading by a two-thirds majority.

Some Minor Motions.

On motion of Messrs. Crandell and Burrows, Couns. Horn, Magwood and the seconder were appointed to represent the council on the Central fair board of directors for 1898.

On motion of Messrs. Baldwin and Gillogly, the finance committee were instructed to call for tenders for printing.

On motion of Messrs. Smyth and Burrows, council confirmed the amount of corporation promissory notes discounted at Ontario Bank for 1897.

On motion of Messrs. Burrows and Crandell, Mr. D. Eagleson was appointed monthly auditors for 1897, salary $60.

10.30 rule suspended.

Coun. Burrows thought the statement of the yearly auditors—Col. Deacon and D. Eagleson—should be read in council. He had been informed that $5,000 had been taken out of the town funds by last year's council and placed with a local Trusts company; if true he condemned the proceeding.

Mayor Taylor explained the transaction at some length. The money belonged to the sinking fund and had to be invested in first-class farm securities. The Trust Co. alluded to had money invested in an excellent mortgage drawing 6 per cent., and this had been transferred to the town, the company retaining 1 per cent. In the bank the money would only net 3 per cent.

Council then adjourned, it being understood that a special meeting will be called shortly to consider the by-law appointing town officials.

COMMUNICATIONS.

John McDonald Answered.

(Editor of The Post.)

Dear Sir,—In a communication headed "False Reports," appearing in the Victoria Warder of the 4th inst., Mr. John McDonald gives an account of certain transactions between himself and Messrs. O'Neill & Simpson and tells how grievously he has been ill used by the Ontario Department of Crown Lands. He states "that having at a time made to Messrs. O'Neill & Simpson an advance on the security of their lumber at Biscotasing of $10,114 he was requested by them to make a further advance of $2,000 on the same security, and he than desired a statement from the Department of Crown Lands of the amount of dues owing to the department and charged against this lumber." It does seem rather strange that Mr. McDonald, as a shrewd business man, did not ask the department for this statement before he advanced a dollar on the security of this lumber, but for this peculiar state of affairs he gives no explanation. He then goes on to say that on account of the department having given him an incorrect statement he has lost $8,000. Now, accepting Mr. McDonald's account as correct in every respect, surely he cannot charge against the department any loss other than that caused by the alleged incorrect statement, or in other words, the most he can ask the department to be saddled with is $2,000, and the balance of the $8,000, ($6,000), must be charged up where it properly belongs, viz., to his lack of ordinary business method. But even as to this $2,000 I venture to think, Mr. Editor, when you have heard the whole story, in the telling of which Mr. McDonald has hardly been as frank as one unbosoming himself to the public should be, you will conclude that this sum of $2,000 should be charged up by Mr. McDonald to the same account.

In 1891 Messrs. O'Neill and Simpson purchased a quantity of burnt timber near Biscotasing; they purchased burnt timber and nothing else, and their right to cut covered burnt timber and nothing else, and they were absolutely prohibited from the cutting of green pine, and in the event of their cutting green pine they would do so in breach of their license, and be taking what did not belong to them and exposing themselves to pay therefor those penalties known as trespass dues. In the winter of 1894 and 1895 O'Neill & Simpson did as a fact cut green pine in breach of their license to over 1,000,000 feet, but the return made by them to the department indicated that the pine was not green, but damaged or burnt, and was covered by their license, and no notice of green timber having been cut reached the department until August of that year. Immediately thereupon they made a claim for the trespass dues upon Messrs. O'Neill & Simpson in respect of this green pine. Messrs. O'Neill & Simpson denied the trespass and asked for an investigation, which was accordingly agreed to. The dues at that time subject to this claim for trespass dues against the O'Neill & Simpson lumber at Biscotasing, and to which the amount of these trespass dues would have to be added was $3,156.56. Early in October Mr. E. D. Orde, who was endorsing for Messrs O'Neill & Simpson, and who was conversant with all the facts, including the claim for trespass dues, came to the department and requested one of the clerks to make a copy of the account for dues outside of the claim for trespass dues owing by Messrs. O'Neill & Simpson to the department. This copy asked for by Mr. Orde, and made for him, was simply a memorandum made for Mr. Orde by a clerk in the department and was in no way an authoritative statement and was not the sort of document on which any business man would advance money, and moreover, the department had no notice or knowledge of any person desiring to advance money to Messrs. Simpson & O'Neill, either on the authority of that statement or otherwise, and had never heard Mr. McDonald's name mentioned in connection with the matter, good or bad. That Mr. McDonald did not trust to the statement in making his advance appears from the fact that on the 23rd day of October, and before he made the advance, Mr. G. H. Hopkins, (Mr. McDonald's solicitor) telegraphed the department asking the amount of dues against the O'Neill & Simpson lumber at Biscotasing, and on the 24th day of October a letter was written by the department to Mr. Hopkins advising him that until the commissioner ruled on the report made on the alleged cutting of green pine by O'Neill & Simpson it was impossible to give a statement. Mr. McDonald, probably being satisfied to go it blind, or that his security was ample in any event, advanced the money before receipt of the letter and after the sending of the telegram. Now, this is a simple, full and correct statement of the facts, and surely unusual ingenuity must be displayed to show in what way the department has been to blame, or where any person other than Mr. McDonald is responsible.

Had the department permitted Mr. McDonald to remove the lumber without payment of the trespass dues they would have allowed him to get possession of a quantity of greenpine, the property of the province, for which sneither he nor yet O'Neill & Simpson had paid a dollar. That this was the opinion of even Mr. Whitney, the leader of the opposition in the house, whose ardent supporter and admirer Mr. McDonald is, is shown by the fact that while very strongly urged by Mr. McDonald to champion his alleged grievance he (Mr. Whitney) very promptly declined to have anything to do with it. Perhaps the general public will not be so inconsolable for Mr. McDonald's alleged loss when they learn that one of the chattel mortgages under which Mr. McDonald's claim against O'Neill & Simpson was secured, is made in a certain event provided for therein, to bear interest at seventeen per cent., and that it is alleged by Messrs. O'Neill & Simpson that a very good sale of the lumber was made by them to Laidlaw, of Toronto, one of the terms of which was that the sum of $10,000 should be paid down to McDonald in cash and that had that sale been carried out the lumber would not only have paid McDonald in full and paid all trespass dues, but would have in addition yielded them (O'Neill & Simpson) a handsome profit, but that this sale was refused by McDonald, poor fellow, because had it been carried into effect he would thereby have been ground down to a miserable 12 per cent. only.—I am, Mr. Editor, yours very truly, WILLIAM STEERS.

Lindsay, Feb. 9th, 1898.

LOCAL NEWS-LETTER

GLENARM.

(Correspondence of The Post.)

Messrs. D. and S. McKenzie and Miss Marie S. McKenzie, son and daughter of Mr. Donald McKenzie, of Glenarm, received a handsome and costly present from their aunty, Ann McIntyre, in Scotland.

BEXLEY.

(Correspondence of The Post.)

Mr. Joseph Magill and wife, of Deloraine, Manitoba, are at present visiting at Mr. Geo. Peel's.

Mr. Perrin, of Cameron, was here on business last week.

Mr. D. Laidley has moved into our neighborhood and is occupying Mr. Jas. H. Peel's house. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Laidley to our midst.

Rev. Mr. Young occupied the pulpit of our church last Sunday and preached a very instructive sermon.

Mr. Geo. Ward is at present confined to the house, but we are glad to learn is recovering.

Mr. Henry Davey is recovering from a severe attack of tonsilitis.

We understand that a skating rink has been opened in our midst, but as yet it has been poorly patronized by our young people. The managers are offering big wages for good skaters.

The other day one of the hopeful youths of our neighborhood informed us of a matter which is troubling him greatly. He is growing rapidly at present, but his lower extremities are not developing so rapidly as his upper extremities, and he fears that soon his legs will not be long enough to reach the ground. He has our heartfelt sympathy.

UPHILL.

(Correspondence of The Post.)

The weather has continued very cold and blustering during the past week, and consequently the road are more or less blocked up, which makes travelling very unpleasant and no person seems anxious about sleigh-riding just for the pleasure of the thing, consequently everything seems very dull; even politicians seem to be effected by the cold snap and bad roads However, a little mild weather would do a good deal to put all these things in shape.

We are sorry and disappointed at the action that the county council (in their wisdom or unwisdom) thought fit to take in refusing to supplement the government offer by a like amount of $250 for the repairing of the Victoria Road south from here. We might reasonably expect that the county would do something towards keeping this road in first-class repair, in fact it is a reflection on the loyalty of these members of the council who voted down the amendment of Messrs. Baily and Austin to give us even the small amount of $100. Now we, the people of this section would have taken it as a favor if the county had made us a grant in order to help us to get the government money, for the road wants repairing very badly, but since they thought fit to refuse us I think I will try to show them that we are perfectly entitled to some consideration, in fact that we are asking no favor but merely a recognition of what our rights are: 1st, because the council makes liberal grants to a great many institutions and charities from which we derive no benefit and for which we pay our proportion. Amongst these are Farmers' Institutes, Rifle Associations, Public Libraries, Dairymen's Association, Children's Aid, Home for the Poor, Prisoners' Aid, Law Association, grant to incorporated villages for building lockups, etc., also a large amount for road machinery which none of us is ever likely to see except we should make a trip to Ops, Mariposa, or perhaps further south. Now don't understand me as condemning a majority of these grants, or in fact any of them just now—I have merely enumerated them to show that whilst the back townships contribute their prorata of the county funds the front part of the county receive grants in numerous ways, if not on roads, that we have neither part or lot in, We therefore consider that we are entitled to an occasional grant for roads to help to equalize things. There are five townships here in a block, namely, Carden, Dalton, Lacton, Digby and Longford, that have never received one cent for any of the above enumerated institutions of things, and when we ask a little assistance for roads we are brushed to one side without a thought. It would appear that our county councillors at least a majority of them have money to grant for anything and everything except for roads. 2nd, because a greater number of people from all over the county travel the Victoria road during the season than travel any other road in the county; I believe this is especially so during the huckleberrying time, which lasts from six weeks to two months. There have been counted sixty teams, mostly all heavily loaded, passing this village going north in one day, while they were nearly as many going south, besides what passed during the night, (for berrypickers travel at all hours.) Now, these people come from Lindsay, Ops, Mariposa, Fenelon, Eldon, etc., and we think the whole country should contribute towards the maintainance of this road. Then this is just about the time that statute labor is being performed, and after a few days of this heavy travel a stranger could not tell where it had been done. Now, Road Instructer Campbell, when before the council last, said amongst other things "A county road system equalizes the cost of maintaining leading roads; in every county within a certain radius of a market town traffic constantly increases as the town is approached. The cost of construction and maintainance increases in proportion to the traffic. It is unfair to charge those living near the town with the cost of keeping roads to support the traffic from a distance," etc. Just so—that is the whole thing in a nut shell, and just applies to our case with this difference, 1st that a town receives some benefit by the trafficking, whilst in our case we receive none, but a great deal of annoyance and things even worse sometimes. 2nd, where there is a town there is population, and whilst the thing is still unfair, for the reasons alluded to they are better able to stand it. Concluding this article, which is somewhat lengthy, I am inclined to believe that owing to the press of business to be gone through our councillors overlooked the merits of the Victoria road south of this place to a grant of money, and I believe that between now and the June session, when they will have leisure to consider the justice of the matter, they will feel it their conscientious duty to this part of the county to make such a grant as will enable us to reap the benefit of the government grant of $250. Thanks to Messrs. Bailey and Austin for their kindness in moving for a grant of $100 for our road. I will tell the people in the south part of this county how to get good roads cheap—take a drive out this far about the time the frost leaves the ground; when you get back your roads will be splendid.

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