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AN OBJECT LESSON.

As the result of a fortuitous combination of circumstances, the Post reporter was enabled to attend a meeting of the board of works Tuesday evening last.

We incline to believe that, while citizens will welcome the report as interesting as well as instructive, they will find it difficult to see anything in the proceedings which can justify the council in refusing to permit such information to be supplied to them regularly.

THE WHARF QUESTION.

A committee of the Board of Trade was appointed at a recent meeting of that body to consider the question of having wharves built along the lakes tributary to Lindsay.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Joseph Janofsky, a Doukhor immigrant, brought a printing outfit with him from Russia, and purposes to set up an early date to establish a Doukhor paper in Canada for the interests of his fellow-countrymen.

The Globe says that the Massey-Harris Co., of that city, are completing plans for the erection of a fine club house and library for the use of their employees.

Good Roads

Prov. Com. Campbell's Excellent Address.

A SMALL BUT REPRESENTATIVE AUDIENCE AT LAST TUESDAY'S PUBLIC MEETING.

Short, Snappy Speeches by the Commissioners—What Other Towns and Villages in Ontario are Doing—Mr. Campbell Approves the Selection of Streets and Says that \$20,000 will Make Them Perfect Roadways—A Resolution of Confidence in the Scheme.

Our citizens are evidently laboring under some delusion as to the seating capacity or comfort-assuring accessories of town hall. It is on record that in the palmy days of Manager Menzies' regime 1,000 persons crowded at one time within the four walls to witness a farce-comedy, but now things are different, and the members of council find it as hard to get within talking distance of a crowd of ratepayers as it is for duck-hunters to get within range of a flock of birds on Sept. 1st.

Such an opportunity was afforded citizens last evening, as the proposed law to discuss the proposed law of \$20,000 for the improvement of certain leading streets. The fullest publicity possible had been given to the meeting, and the complaint that it was due to insufficient notice; copies of the proposed by-law and hand-drawn map of the streets had been placed in almost every house under the superintendence of Chief Bell; yet notwithstanding all this citizens proved apathetic and all this citizens responded to the call not more than 125 persons.

Mayor Walters presided, and Mr. Geo. McHugh, Mr. J. D. Flavell and Mr. J. S. Graham had seats on the platform with Provincial Road Commissioner Campbell. An invitation to members of council to join the committee met with no response. Opinions of the proposed law were also invited forward, and Alderman Crandell stood out as their representative.

In his opening remarks Mayor Walters referred to the objection raised at last meeting against combining the several propositions for which money was asked, and pointed out that under the new by-law citizens would be able to vote for or against the good roads scheme apart from the steel bridge and fire hall proposals named in commissioners' hand bills.

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improve only the leading streets. He understood some opposition was threatened because King-st., east of the bridge, was not included in the plan. Mr. Campbell said that he had a perfect right to do so, but his reasons should be sound. Well, he had told the commission that unless Queen-st. was selected in preference to King-st., he would oppose the by-law, and he had offered opposition on that point.

Mayor Walters then called on Commissioner Campbell, but he suggested that some reference be made first to the other propositions embraced in the by-law—the steel bridge and the fire hall.

Mr. Campbell said that he was in favor of the money for good roads, but I understand you have \$8,000 in hand; why not use that for the bridge and fire hall?

Road Commissioner Campbell was the next speaker, and was warmly received. He had felt pleased when he received the invitation to visit Lindsay and assist in presenting a plan for street improvement, as he remembered very distinctly his former visit three years ago, at the time of the good roads agitation, because more intricate points in road-making had been touched upon than at any other time.

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