

ALD. KYLIE MOVES FOR ENQUIRY INTO ELECTRIC LIGHT QUESTION

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE AND CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF TOWN TAKING OVER PLANT—OTHER BUSINESS OF IMPORTANCE AT COUNCIL'S MEETING.

The Town Council met on Monday night in accordance with their motion for adjournment as passed at the inaugural session in the morning. Mayor Begg occupied the chair, and there were present: First Deputy-Reeve W. L. McLean, Second Deputy-Reeve B. W. Jordan, Aldermen Geo. Calvert, H. Dobson, A. J. Campbell, R. Kylie, M. J. Lewis, A. C. Babcock and Amos Howkins, Reeve Geo. A. Jordan, who is in North Ontario, on important business, and thus unable to be present, being the only absentee.

was passed and the recommendation endorsed. Mr. Porter will sleep at the fire hall. Deputation for the Poultry Show. Deputy-Reeve McLean called attention to the deputations present, and on motion these were heard. Mr. D. C. Trew, on behalf of the Poultry and Pet Stock Association, asked for the usual grant for the Society and for the use of the market hall. He also pointed out that the town hall might be needed for the lecture which it was expected that Mr. L. H. Baldwin, of Deer Park, would give on the evening of one of the days of the show. Mr. Trew briefly but aptly pointed out that the poultry show was not only a benefit to the town, but also of natural advantage to the country roundabout. The benefit to the poultry industry through this event in Lindsay could not be overestimated, and the advantage derived could not be questioned. Mr. Thos. Trotter, Mr. J. P. Ryley and Mr. John O'Reilly and others were present for the Poultry and Pet Stock Association.

From Geo. Coombs, asking for appointment as inspector of construction work. From the Canadian Municipal Journal asking for subscriptions from the Council to that paper. From James Fleury and G. H. Lindsay, making application for the position of assessors. In view of the increased work of the positions they thought that at least \$200 should be paid for the work. From Thomas Connelly, making application for the position of assessor. From J. P. Ryley, secretary of the Poultry and Pet Stock Association, approving the Council of the desire of the Association for a similar grant to that given last year and for the use of the market hall building for the poultry show on Jan. 26th, 27th and 28th.

On motion of Deputy-Reeve McLean, seconded by Ald. Calvert, the usual grant was given, and the use of the hall granted as asked, it being understood in the latter case that the place should be left in as good condition as before the show. "Oh, of course," said Mr. Trew, "we'll guarantee that. In fact we'll leave it in better shape than we get it if possible." A Member of the Council—"Well, it was left in first-class shape last year. The system of cleaning and disinfecting is all right. Number of By-Laws Passed. A number of by-laws were given their first readings. Deputy-Reeve McLean, seconded by Second Deputy-Reeve W. W. Jordan, introduced the by-law to provide for the borrowing of money to meet the cost of local improvements. Ald. Lewis and Deputy-Reeve McLean—To appoint a member for the Public Library Board to take the place of Mr. F. D. Moore, whose term had expired. Ald. Babcock, Deputy-Reeve McLean—To appoint members of the Board of Health to take the places of Messrs. Jas. Keith and J. A. Williamson, whose terms had expired.

From the Board of Railway Commissioners for Ontario relative to general matters regarding municipalities and appeals and proceedings with the Board. From the Ontario Municipal Association relative to the town's membership. From J. L. Primeau, in reference to securing permission for the erection of a cold storage and packing house in the rear of his store. Mr. Primeau explained that he would comply with all the necessary conditions of the Fire By-law. From the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, asking for a donation for the work. From Rider & Kitchener, giving a statement of the men and boys employed at the factory together with the hours worked and wages paid, as required by the exemption by-law.

Deputy-Reeve McLean, seconded by Second Deputy-Reeve Jordan—To appoint a High School Trustee to take the place of Mr. A. B. McIntyre, whose term had expired. Second Deputy-Reeve Jordan, Ald. Babcock—To provide for borrowing money for current expenditures. With Deputy-Reeve McLean in the chair these by-laws were given their second readings in committee of the whole. On motion of Mayor Begg, seconded by Second Deputy-Reeve Jordan, the names of Messrs. James Keith and J. A. Williamson were inserted in the by-law as the appointees to the Board of Health. On motion of Ald. Dobson, seconded by Second Deputy-Reeve Jordan, the name of Mr. J. E. Adams was proposed as the High School Trustee. Mr. Kylie proposed Mr. McIntyre, but it was explained that while Mr. McIntyre had been a faithful and useful member he had expressed his desire to withdraw. Mr. Adams' name was consequently inserted in the by-law. For the Public Library Board, Mr. F. D. Moore's name was again inserted on motion of Second Deputy-Reeve Jordan, seconded by Ald. Howkins.

Better Than Required. This statement showed that this firm were doing much better than required. To obtain the privileges of the by-law the firm was required to employ men's labor for 41,472 hours and boys' labor for 16,125 hours. For 1908 the firm showed actual working hours for men to total 64,359 and for boys 25,466. This made a surplus or excess over requirements of 22,887 hours of men's labor and 9,338 hours of boys' labor. In the matter of wages paid the showing was still more favorable. The by-law calls for \$6,000. The actual amount of wages paid for 1908 was more than double that amount, \$12,213.33. The various communications were referred to the several committees to be dealt with. A number of accounts were also read and referred to the committees for consideration and action. Report of the Chief of Police. The report of the chief of police was received and read as follows: To the Police Commissioners of the Town of Lindsay:—Gentlemen:—Herewith I beg to submit my report of the Police Department for the month of December. There were eight cases brought before the police magistrate, being a decrease of fifteen compared with last month.

On motion of Mayor Begg, seconded by Second Deputy-Reeve Jordan, the by-law for raising money for current expenditure was given its second reading. In discussing this by-law, Ald. Dobson asked if cheaper money could not be obtained. He wanted to know if any of the other banks would give better terms. Ald. Kylie hoped that the Finance Committee would take up this question. He thought that when a bank paid three per cent. on money and let it out at 5 1/2 per cent. the bank was making a pretty wide margin. Ald. Kylie thought the money market was easier at present and perhaps better terms could be secured. Mayor Begg explained that an effort had been made very recently to have the rate reduced, but without success. They were getting the best terms possible, and no bank offered any better. Perhaps in the near future, with the money market easing off as it was, better terms could be secured. The by-law for the raising of money for local improvements was given its second reading, and then the committee rose and reported. The by-laws were then given their third readings and finally passed on motion of the following members of Council: Babcock-Jordan, Messrs. Jas. Keith and J. A. Williamson to be members of the Board of Health. (Re-appointed.) Jordan-McLean—A. B. McIntyre to be High School Trustee. Lewis-McLean—Mr. F. D. Moore, K. C., to be member of the Public Library Board. (Re-appointed.) Jordan-McLean—By-law to provide

Disorderly and swearing, 4; assault, 1; vagrancy, 1; perjury, 2. These cases were disposed of as follows: Fined with option of going to jail, 3; dismissed, 2; sent to jail, 1, committed for trial, 2. Amount of penalties imposed, \$39.65. Fines and penalties collected, \$49.70. Dog taxes collected, \$13.00; exhibition license collected, \$50.00; cab license collected, \$5.00; balance pedlar's license collected, \$25.00; total collections, \$142.70. All of which is respectfully submitted. Your obedient servant, RALPH C. VINCENT, Chief Constable. Lindsay, Jan. 1st, 1909. Market Clerk's Report. The report of Mr. C. Callaghan market clerk, was received and filed. The weighing fees for the past month had amounted to \$77.55; the market tolls to \$13.24; the total being \$90.89. New Fireman Appointed. The report of Chief Bell, of the Fire Brigade, in which the recommendation was made that Mr. Bert Porter be appointed a member of the fire brigade in place of Mr. Geo. Reilly, who had left town, was considered. On motion of Deputy-Reeve McLean, seconded by Ald. Babcock, the report

for the raising of money to meet the cost of local improvement work. On motion of Second Deputy-Reeve Jordan, seconded by Ald. Campbell, the Mayor was authorized to sign the petition to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the letter on file. Mr. Primeau's Building. Mr. Primeau, who was present, was asked if he wished to say anything further regarding the building he desired to erect. In reply, Mr. Primeau said he would comply with all the requirements of the Fire By-law. He would use the building also for cold storage and storehouse purposes. Mayor Begg thought Mr. Primeau should apply to the Board of Health in the latter connection. It would be well to see that there was no conflict with the Board of Health rules and regulations before the structure was gone on with. To Consider the Light and Power Question. It was moved by Ald. Kylie, seconded by Ald. Dobson, that the Mayor, Reeve Geo. A. Jordan, Ald. Lewis and Ald. Babcock be a committee to investigate and report as to the practicability of the town of Lindsay taking over the Light, Heat & Power plant and conducting it as a municipal enterprise. In introducing the motion, Ald. Kylie explained that he was not influenced in his action by the discussion going on at the present time. He was a firm believer in municipal enterprise and always had been. He had advocated the taking over of the electric light plant years ago. Ald. Kylie instanced the success of the waterworks plant as a sample of what could be accomplished in the municipal ownership line. While some would say that the waterworks rates were almost as high under municipal ownership as under the old private ownership, Mr. Kylie reviewed the history of the purchase and previous conditions. He showed the extension of the service, which had not been possible under private ownership and also touched on the fact that the town was saving almost \$1,100 in hydrant rental, compared to what it would have to pay had the conditions of private ownership continued. The waterworks for the past year had a surplus of about \$5,000. The waterworks plant was making money, and Mr. Kylie could not see why the town could not as advantageously take over the electric light plant. Ald. Kylie said he felt that the people of Lindsay owed a great deal to the L. H. & P. Co. That company had risked their money in an investment that was doubtful of success. Lindsay had received the benefit of the best lighting system it ever had. Mr. Kylie said he had nothing but praise for the members of the company. They were all good citizens, but at the same time he thought the town should carefully look to anything that might promise the municipality profit or advancement. Mr. Kylie then reviewed the history of the electric light plant briefly. Lindsay had missed its opportunity when the town had not taken advantage of the chance to get the Fenelon Falls power. The expert sent down by the town, however, had declared against the scheme, saying that there was not sufficient power available. Mr. Sadler, however, with his practical experience had known more than the expert and decided differently. Mr. Sadler had faith in the enterprise and had risked a lot of money in it. Mr. Kylie thought that the men who had risked everything on the venture deserved all possible consideration. Mr. Kylie also referred to the time when the town was getting light at the rate of \$30 when it was proven that it could not be produced for less than \$34, even with the capital and credit of the municipality behind the business. Mr. Kylie said he had brought this question up before. It had been before the Board of Trade some time ago, but for some reason or other was allowed to drop. He thought it was only common business sense to inquire and see what could be done. It was only a couple of years now until the electric light and power franchise would expire and that time was short enough for the consideration, preparation and action, because corporations moved slowly, and it would take much time to get information and details and to make a change possible. Mr. Kylie, in presenting his motion was greeted with applause from those in attendance at the meeting. This is a rather unusual thing to see at a council meeting in Lindsay, and it suggests the popularity of the motion of Mr. Kylie. On motion of Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Babcock, the name of Ald. Kylie was added to the committee who are to investigate and report on the electric power and light question. As seconder of the motion of the motion, Ald. Dobson spoke briefly. He said that there had been much consideration of the question by the public and he felt that nothing could be lost by the consideration by the Council of the matter. It was always wise to see if advantages can be bettered. So much had been said and written to the effect that light and power were too high that the Council owed it to the people to inquire into the matter. Mayor Begg said he thought it a splendid idea to bring up the matter early in the year. It would take time to get things in shape, and it was never too early to take up a question

of this kind. Ald. Howkins wished to know if the Council would be at the mercy of the L. H. & P. Co. in the matter of price should it be decided to buy the plant. In reply, Ald. Kylie said that the matter was in the hands of the people. The business would be much less valuable without the exclusive franchise and the Council did not need to renew that franchise. In any case there was provision in the law for the acquiring of such plants by giving 10 per cent. more than the actual cost of the plant, etc. The motion was then carried, without dissent. Questions About the Chief. In reply to three leading questions by Ald. Dobson, Mayor Begg said that Chief Vincent was High Constable for the County as well as Chief of Police for Lindsay. When county business necessitated his attention, Chief Vincent always left a good man to take his place here. This substitute was paid by the Chief, not by the town. Ald. Babcock brought up the case of Mr. Richards, Duke-st., who complained of a telephone pole set in front of his driveway so as to block the way. In reply it was pointed out that this matter should be laid before the chairman of the Town Property Committee. The Telephone Co. were not given permission to erect poles anywhere, the idea being that they could place their poles, and if such poles were an inconvenience or danger the company would remove them when notified. This had worked out all right, and the present pole would likely be set right when attention was called to it. Mayor Begg briefly called attention to the rules of proceedings, and pointed out that business would be facilitated by observance of the parliamentary rules adopted by the Council. This would also avoid disorder and confusion. Second Deputy-Reeve Jordan called attention to the question of purchasing stone for the use of the town. At this slack season it could be drawn much cheaper. One man had offered to draw and deliver stone at \$3.00 per cord. Deputy-Reeve McLean agreed with this, and he thought at this time even a lower rate than \$3.00 could be obtained. One man had told him he would do it for \$2.50. Ald. Calvert thought a uniform price should be paid, as it would not be fair to pay one \$3.00 and another \$2.50. To this all were agreed. Mayor Begg suggested that the walks, etc., to be built this year should be considered first and when it was decided just what works were to be done, and where, the stone could be delivered to advantage, the contracts for this could then be made. HORSES CAN COME IN. Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The Department of Agriculture, in view of advices from the United States Government that the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease is being stamped out in the infected states, has amended the previous rigid quarantine regulations to allow the importation into Canada of horses originating outside of any quarantined country in any one of the prohibited states. This action of the Department allows the free entry of race horses for the winter ice races, except from about a dozen counties still under the ban in a number of states.

made things interesting for the Belleville goal-keeper, but luck was against them, several shots failing to score by the narrowest of margins only. Belleville's fast man — Pepper — played forward the first half, but was placed at point in the second half. He was kept busy assisting the goal tender, and was seldom afforded a chance to do stunts up the ice. It was not until near the end of the second half that Stoddard again saw his opportunity to make another smashing onslaught on the Belleville goal. Securing the puck, he fairly flew down the ice, backed by his trusty bunch of forwards, who brushed aside their opponents with ease and gave their champion a chance to send a "smasher" at the goal man which he was unable to negotiate. The large crowd took the defeat of the locals in poor spirit, hissing the umpire frequently — even when he gave decisions against Belleville. Even the members of the Belleville team proved hard losers, and only two or three turned up after the match to greet the victors. Every man on the Lindsay team played a "star" game. Randall took all kinds of punishment without losing his temper, and was always in the thick of the fight. Only one Lindsay man was penalized, while three Bellevillians were sent up. The Lindsay team returned to town this morning flushed with victory, and enthusiastic to their chances against Cobourg next week.

Lindsay Hockey Champions Won Out a Belleville. 2-0

FAST AND EXCITING GAME WITNESSED BY HUGE CROWD—LINDSAY RAN AWAY WITH THE BAY BUNCH, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER PLAYED A STIFF GAME.

(Special to The Free Press.) Belleville, Dec. 9th.—A fast and exciting game of hockey was played here last evening, being an intermediate O. H. A. match between Belleville and Lindsay. The game was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. The result was a victory for Lindsay. The Lindsay hockey boys scored 2 goals, while the local players were unable to score. Mr. J. H. Moxan, of Toronto, was the referee, and whilst strict was impartial. The line-up of the teams were as follows: Belleville — goal, Spangenburg; point, Irvine; cover-point, Dr. Gilbert; rover, Allen; centre, Burke; right wing, Pepper; left wing, Reeves. Lindsay—goal, Newton; point, Koyl cover-point, Sullivan; rover, Stoddard; centre, Taylor; right wing, Randall; left wing, Cote. The Game. For the first fifteen minutes the play was fast and furious, both teams making a series of determined rushes on the opposing goal. Combination play was lacking on both sides in the early stages of the game, owing to the fast rushes. Near the end of the second quarter Stoddard made one of his irresistible charges down the ice, well supported by the Lindsay forwards, and succeeded in scoring the first goal by brilliant work. The second half was a repetition of the first in the main, although Lindsay got a better "com" going. Rushes predominated at the start, and Newton, in Lindsay goal, stopped a lot of hot ones. Lindsay likewise

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Kip Has Bee in Bonnet Says Fenelon Paper

FALLS JOURNALIST TWISTS THE POET ALL UP ON THE MATTER OF BEES.

The following is from the Fenelon Falls Gazette: Little has been heard in this country of Rudyard Kipling since he visited it a year or so ago and expressed his views of conditions on the Pacific coast in a poem, "A Servant when he Reigneth." The poem was a blunder. Now Kipling is blundering again. He is attacking Socialism, and is receiving the attention of Canadian Socialists, as well as those of other lands. In a fable, entitled "The Mother Hive," published in the Windsor Magazine, he likens Socialists to wax-moths that enter the hive and bring about the destruction of its occupants. The opening paragraph is a gem. It reads thus: "If the stock had not been old and overcrowded, the Wax-Moth would never have entered; but when bees are too thick on the comb there must be sickness or parasites." In one way it matters little to Socialism or Socialists whether the assertions made in the paragraph quoted coincide with the facts or not. In other respects it does matter. So we will be pardoned for pointing out a few inaccuracies. To begin with bees live only six weeks in the busy season, and a hive cannot possibly become crowded, to say nothing of becoming overcrowded, unless a generous supply of young bees is constantly hatching to replace the old ones that die. Second—Wax-moths devote their attention exclusively to spare combs not in use and to hives in which there are not many bees. Third—Plenty of bees in a hive is the best evidence of its health and prosperity. The hive that is boiling over with bees is the one that resists disease and parasites, and gives profits in the shape of surplus honey. While he was at it, Kipling might just as well have made it appear that the majority of the bees in the hive had from time immemorial been in the habit of handing over all their honey to the other bees in exchange for the privilege of using part of the hive; that the misguided wax-moth tried to break up this eminently proper, harmonious and divinely ordained arrangement by sneaking in with seditious literature, stirring up strife, inciting the workers to violence, etc., and that therefore, of course, Socialists must be a bad lot. It would be just as true as the rest of it.

Kipling's production does not prove anything. It makes us forget the good things he has written, or doubt that they are good. And it shows that opponents of Socialism are hard up for arguments when they resort to such methods to discredit it. That is all it does. Kipling could get almost any amount of money he might choose to ask for if he would consent to come out on a public platform and meet a representative of Socialism in debate. An offer of \$10,000 and all expenses has been standing for seven years waiting for Bryan, the Democratic candidate to accept it. The challenge has not been accepted. Bryan is afraid. Would Kipling debate? Not on your life. He doesn't need the money. And inventing fabrications about moths and bees is a less strenuous task. People generally know very little about these creatures, and are likely to believe what they are told by such a clever and distinguished writer as Kipling. Would it be irrelevant to suggest that he study up, say, fleas and foxes or red mites and chickens for his next attempt? If he could satisfactorily demonstrate that there is a close resemblance between red mites and Socialists it would be a smashing blow to Socialism and a feather in his cap. At present he has only a bee in his bonnet.

TAXES IN MINDEN

It may be of interest to note that the township rate for Minden has remained unchanged for three years at 10 mills on the dollar. The county rate is 4 mills, general school rate 13 mills, nearly as much as the township and county rates combined — while added to this is the school trustees rate and in four school sections a debenture rate amounting to a total of 30 mills school tax, which with the township and county rates added make a grand total of 44 mills, and a large part of it, over which the townships have no control.—Minden Echo.

BALL LAKE NARROWS MAY BE BRIDGED

A proposal is being discussed and meeting with general approval, to bridge Ball Lake Narrows, says the Bob. Independent. The Lakehurst portion of Harvey is within a few miles of the Bobcaygeon market and train service as a crow flies, but is cut off by the lake. To Lakefield is about 24 miles by Buckhorn, and to Bobcaygeon by Gannon's Narrows is very little less than to Peterboro. If a bridge were placed at Ball Narrows it would bring Lakehurst within about 13 miles of Bobcaygeon. The proposal is a good one, and it would be well worth making an effort to see if it could be put in practicable form.