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CITIZENS UNITE IN CAMPAIGN FOR THE UP BUILDING AND ADVANCEMENT OF TOWN

The citizens responded nobly and loyally to the call for a public meeting last night in the Council Chamber, for the purpose of discussing matters concerning the town's future, and more especially with a view to booming the town's industrial development.

The Council Chamber was crowded to the doors, and an air of optimism prevailed the proceedings. The addresses of the different speakers were full of hope for the future and the strong point emphasized was that loyal, united action was essential in order to successfully advance the town's interests.

J. D. FLAVELLE.

Mr. J. D. Flavelle was selected as Chairman, and in his opening remarks stated that he had been criticized for taking the initiative in calling this meeting, as it was claimed that he was assuming a position that was not warranted. Mr. Flavelle said he thought that now when the citizens were manifesting an enthusiastic spirit that now was the time for all to join such a meeting. There was no reflection cast on His Worship Mayor Beal and no criticism had come from that gentleman. Mr. Flavelle said he felt that now was the time for all to join hands and boost the town—the best town in Canada, with its splendid advantages and unrivalled railway facilities. All must admit that for several years we have been drifting farther and farther apart, and it behooved one and all to try and come together. It was an easy matter to get apart and to impute motives to men who were conscientious. We should all try to be a little more charitable, even if our views are different on certain occasions. Mr. Flavelle said he would frankly admit he had said many things that would have been better left unsaid. Surely there was common ground for agreeing. We should magnify all points. We agree on and minimize those on which we disagree. Mr. Flavelle said he did not expect the millennium or that we won't have obstacles to contend with. He might be as prone as anyone else to jump the traces, but he would do his utmost to bury all bitterness. It is astonishing, said the speaker, how easily bitterness will die if we are honest in our efforts to try and stamp it out. If we are going to boost the town we must sink all bitterness. If we unite we will accomplish great things. We recently had a strenuous contest with everyone working conscientiously for the good of the town. All should now join hands, as he believed the Seymour Co. was capable of wonderful industrial development. Let us irrespective of our views, join hands in getting all we can for the town. Mr. Tudhope has assumed charge of Sylvester plant. Let us hold out the right hand of fellowship to him and give him a right royal welcome.

Mr. Flavelle, in conclusion, said he would not outline a general policy, but would leave it to the meeting.

MAYOR BEAL.
 Mayor Beal said as far as he was concerned he cherished no hard feelings against any man. That was not his politics. What he believed in was not in the administration of people, but of things. He was prepared, like Mr. Flavelle, to advance Lindsay first with the Seymour or any other people. What the town don't get is what it could not get, as it was dealing with a trust.

JOHN CAREW.
 Mr. Carew said he was glad to see a bumper house. He came to listen, and hear citizens give their views. We are living in a good town, and it's up to each citizen to do his share. We should make this the best town in Canada, but if we pull apart, we will accomplish nothing. Mr. Carew instanced Peterboro's, Oshawa's and Orillia's growth, due to the citizens pulling together. Mr. Tudhope, who has done so much for the Sylvester Co., went into Orillia council, because he said he could not afford to be out of it. He has lots of interests that are not centred in Orillia. The citizens should welcome him to the town and give him the right hand of fellowship. It would be better for the citizens to become broader in their views and not be suspicious. Mr. Carew said he never suspected any man in a business transaction trying to get the best of him. He always looked for a square deal.

Mr. Carew said he had advocated the purchase of the local plant, but some of the Council thought it would not pass and the vote was withdrawn. He afterwards met Mr. Mulholland, and when he submitted his proposition, Mr. Carew said he did not approve of it until important changes were made. The committee afterwards appointed to deal with the Seymour Co. got more from the Company than they expected. The committee trimmed it down to meet

their view, and he never met a finer man to do business with than Mr. Mulholland. He promised if the town would instal poles on Kent-st., he would give cluster lights. It would have been all right for the town to own the plant, but he wanted to see the Sylvester Company started and the Seymour Co. said they would not only start that industry, but would bring others. The more factories we get the more the town will advance. If the citizens only pull together we will accomplish great things. The man who hammers his own town is not a desirable citizen.

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR

Mayor Beal said if Mr. Carew went around town he would find a lot of things to do for which there was no money. The question of insufficient power was important, and the agreement says addition power will not be available for four years. What would be the situation if new manufacturers desired power?

MR. MULHOLLAND'S PROMISE

Mr. Carew stated Mr. Mulholland said if the contract was not satisfactory, he would give the town power in six months or as soon as any industry demands it. Is that not good enough? Why do you need extra power when there is no need for it? We would like to wait it, but if we don't require it, it would be unfair to put them to that much expense.

CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Flavelle asked the meeting to abstain from discussing past questions. Mr. Mulholland will give the citizens all the power the town wants because his Company had power to sell.

MR. SPARLING

Mr. Sparling said he appreciated the remarks of the different speakers as they expressed his feelings. The town had enjoyed a low power rate given to induce industries, but we had been eminently unsuccessful. They now took advantage of another method and the people should stand behind the Seymour Co., and when they had a good thing on he wanted them to think of Lindsay first. Mr. Sparling said he had read a sentence in a magazine which he felt was very appropriate. It was "opportunity knocks at every man's door, but you will not hear him if you are knocking."

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Mr. Sparling then introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. J. Boxall, and carried unanimously:

"That we, the citizens of Lindsay, here assembled, desire to express our appreciation of the very fair and generous manner in which the town 'has been met by the Electric Power Company, Limited, in all matters relating to the franchise now about to be granted; and further, that we also hereby pledge to them and their representatives our hearty support and co-operation in facilitating the working out of such franchise, believing as we do that the interests of our town and the Company are one and identical with respect to the industrial development of Lindsay."

JAS. BOXALL.

Mr. Boxall said he wished to state that they found the Seymour people the fairest people they ever dealt with. They not only gave the committee all they asked for but something more. We have a good town, said the speaker, and if we want to see it prosper we must pull together. Mr. Boxall said he had every faith in the town, but all must take off their coats and pull together with a view to making it more prosperous.

D. CINNAMON.

Mr. D. Cinnamon said he believed the meeting was the most representative meeting he had ever seen in Lindsay. He felt there are great possibilities in Lindsay. If all the past bitterness has brought this meeting about it has been energy well spent. Lindsay was one of the best towns in Canada, but it was due to the magnificent agricultural district surrounding it. It would be a much greater town if our citizens only pulled together. The speaker instanced the history and growth of the McLaughlin Carriage Works, of Oshawa, to prove what united effort would accomplish. Things have taken a change in Lindsay, and if the citizens write on common grounds the town will make farther strides.

MR. KYLIE.

Mr. R. Kylie said Mr. Cinnamon's remarks were along the right lines. He often wondered why the town did not have more industries. It was he believed, because we were not forced to secure them, because of our agricultural surroundings. Now the town is compelled to go out and get industries. Mr. Kylie said he believed when he advocated the purchase

of the Fenelon Falls power, that it was a good thing for the town but when learning that the Hydro-Electric had accomplished in Western Ontario in encouraging industrial growth, he wondered if Lindsay could not possibly be benefited along the same lines by some organization. He instanced the prosperity Trenton was experiencing, as a result of the advent of the Seymour Co., which, he never believed would extend its operations as far as Peterboro. However, as soon as Mr. McLaughlin stated that the Seymour Co. would come to Lindsay, it did not take him five minutes to make up his mind what attitude to take. Mr. Kylie outlined the many advantages, especially the unlimited supply of power, contained in the Seymour proposition, and stated it would be an impossibility to build up a town with a limited supply of horse power. He closed by prophesying a bright future for the town if the citizens would only exert themselves.

MR. J. HUGHES.

Mr. J. Hughes said he thought they were through with the power question. Although he opposed the Seymour proposition he was prepared to stand loyally by them. The question is what will we do with the future? Let the past be buried. Mr. Hughes referred to his first visit to Lindsay, and when he looked down on its many chimneys and homes he felt that it was an important town—not another better situated than Lindsay, but if it is what it is claimed it is what is the cause of the stagnation, existing at present? The citizens should do as a business man would do who discovers a leakage in his business—make a move to remedy conditions. The cause is not in the town, but in its management for the past thirty years. He felt this was a fact, and he would like to draw up a code of new management, but the Chairman gave the key to the situation in loyal, united action on the part of her citizens. Industries are needed, and it matters not what power Company has the floor, new industries will come if you make an effort to get them.

A BANKER'S VIEW.

Mr. H. B. Black said he was heartily in favor of the sentiment of the people, as well as the Seymour proposition, and felt that a new regime was inaugurated. He did not agree with the statement made that the town's financial standing was at a low ebb. He was in a position to state that it was in a healthy condition and with the tonic that was now being administered it would become robust. Mr. Black said that he had known that he would have been called upon to say anything he would "electrify" the meeting.

G. H. HOPKINS.

Mr. G. H. Hopkins, K.C., referred to the fact that the Seymour Co. would place their poles underground, on certain streets, and suggested that the Council insist on the phone and telegraph companies doing likewise, and the Water Commissioners also lay their new main down Kent-st. in order that the thoroughfare might be paved. Mayor Beal he said was entitled to credit for the favorable conditions in the agreement relative to the bringing in of outside power. The speaker also referred to the installation of cluster lights on Kent-st. The interest in the money expended on purchasing lamps could be made up by cutting off some of the lights on some of the "goose patches." The speaker closed by referring to the town's splendid advantages and its great possibilities.

JOSEPH STAPLES.

Mr. Staples said he believed there should be some housecleaning in the Board of Health, as that organization was almost defunct, and should be reconstituted. They had assembled to discuss the securing of new industries and he felt the town should engage a man for that purpose.

DEP.-REEVE DOBSON.

Deputy Reeve Dobson said he was pleased to see the meeting. It resembled a revival meeting and he hoped it would continue. One gentleman said he was nearly as silly as Mayor Beal. He would not rake up old sores, but he was against the franchise because it was a monopoly. Mr. Hopkins said that to have cluster lights on Kent-st., we could take the "goose patch" lights away. He objected to that. He was willing to fall in line for the best interests of the town. He had done all he could for Lindsay and he would like to see all this come from the head and body to which all communications should come. He suggested the following gentlemen on the committee: Messrs. J. D. Flavelle, J. Carew, R. Kylie, J. O'Reilly, J. Staples, F. W. Sutcliffe, J. Boxall, G. H. Hopkins and W. B. Sparling.

MR. SUTCLIFFE.

Mr. F. W. Sutcliffe said it was gratifying to see such a large audience

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present. Mr. J. D. Flavelle had given a great deal of time in resuscitating the Sylvester industry, and he felt that he was in a position to do still more. The Board of Trade was nearly defunct and he felt that he could not, as President, devote his time to the office. He felt that the Board should dissolve, and the Industrial Committee named constitute a Board of Trade. He had a letter from a promoter of a white ware industry, who had no money but had the experience. He felt that probably the financial assistance required could be secured from subscriptions by the citizens. Another letter had come to him from a gas electric motor company, wishing to secure a site in Lindsay for an industry.

COULD NOT ACT.

Mr. J. D. Flavelle said as far as an Industrial Commissioner was concerned he had not the time, the desire, or inclination to serve, but would work energetically with the committee to advance the town's best interests. He did not think the Board of Trade should be disbanded.

MR. HOPKINS CONCURRED IN THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

ROTARY ENGINE INVENTOR.

Mr. Augustine said he was not prepared to discuss his proposition. He said his engine was a great power producer, and if a subsidiary plant was installed here the town could supply its own power. If the citizens operated at Ingle's planing mill. He get together you can build a plant here to manufacture the engine and make Lindsay one of the best towns in Canada. The engine would be demolished the citizens to consider the question of organizing a plant here for the manufacture of the engine. Two companies were now being organized in the U. S. to make the engine which proved that it was all that was claimed for it.

MR. MCCOMB.

On the wooden doorways of Nikko Temple, in Apple Blossom Japan, about 150 miles north west from Tokio, there is a carved panel representing three monkeys; one has its hands over its ears, one has its hands over its eyes, and the other has its hands over its mouth. This panel represents the tradition of wise King Toal, an ancient philosopher, naturalist, and King who ruled the land of Nubia more than a thousand years before the Christian era. This old King and philosopher had to rule his people with Justice, even-handed to all, and was now longing for that peace of soul and mind which comes from perfect understanding. As covered with years he prepared to leave his people and their fate in the hands of the gods, he was borne down with fears as to their future, for among them was petty jealousies and strifes, and vain ambitions, and his mind was distraught with fears as to his people's future, and the old King born down with his load of sorrow and fear, went up into the mountains to pray to the gods of wisdom to tell him how to rule his people so that he might leave them in peace among themselves, and their neighbors, and as he prayed he fell asleep and a dream came to him; he dreamed that out of the branches of the tree above him came an old, gray-haired monkey, seared with the weight of years, who had a look of benignity and kindness, and he said: "O King, why comest here to pray?" And the old man told the monkey his troubles. The monkey said: "King, I have three daughters. The world might call them the most unfortunate of creatures in that one is blind, one is deaf, and one is dumb; but instead of being the most unfortunate of creatures, they embody the wisdom of right living, for my daughter that is blind can see none of the evil around her, my daughter who is deaf can hear none of the evil reports, and my daughter who is dumb can speak none of the evil that is seen or heard; and so, O King, take this message to your people, and engrave it on their memories that they see no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil, and there shall come to them peace

between men, tribes and nations. And so the story and tradition of the King Toal has been perpetuated upon the Temple Door, and preaches a lesson of peace to individuals, tribes and people.

This, gentlemen, is a lesson for the modern world, and stands out as a guide board upon the way that makes Communities a unit, in that there is no scandal, no petty bickering, and no word of fault of the other fellow. We are here to-night for the good of this town, and in what is that good represented? It is represented in the unity that is among the men who make up that Community. In the States they organize boost clubs, to boost their town, and what is a booster? A booster is a man who never knocks, for if he boosts he has no time to knock: he sees no evil, hears no evil, and speaks no evil of his fellows, and he therefore does not knock, for he has nothing to knock about. The road behind may have been strewn with broken hopes of fame, but the road ahead is bright with promises; fields of golden grain ahead for the people of Lindsay to garner the crop of good things, and gentlemen, it is for yourselves and for your town.

I have just finished a work among you in which I have been valuably assisted by your Citizen's Committee, and I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks and to voice what I think should be the feelings of this community towards this committee. Its chairman, Mr. Boxall, Mr. Flavelle, Mr. Carew and Mr. Beal, have given unsparingly of their time and in effort in the work of the Sylvester Company just finished. I like your people. I have never found myself working in a field where it was more pleasant. I do not know as to the future. Some of you have been kind enough to suggest my going on with other work here. I have had some discussion with some of you regarding the Malleable Foundry proposition which will be taken up later, but now I feel that all the citizens of Lindsay should join hands in deep appreciation to the citizen's committee, who have so valiantly worked for the town, and who have accomplished so much. Your differences, as pointed out in the past, must be buried. You have each in your own way, and from your own view point been honest.

You have striven for the best as you each saw it, and now you are facing the future, and that future will be of your own make. The men of the town make it. This town may have all the advantages that nature can give it but the men themselves make the town. They make it for good or evil, they make it for prosperity or the reverse, they make it intellectually, spiritually, morally, and industrially, and so now, gentlemen, it is up to you to bury your differences and to speak no evil, hear no evil, and see no evil, and join hands shoulder to shoulder, heads down, with the only view ahead for your town, buck the line, all together and win the goal.

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