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## The Weekly Post

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, MAR. 21st, '02

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### The Librarians' Salary.

(To the Editor of The Post.)  
Dear Sir,—I see by the report of the meeting of the Public Library Board which appeared in the issue of your paper of the 9th inst., that the request of the librarians for an increase of salary has been refused. And why? It is because they already receive a reasonable amount for their services? No person who is not imbued to an extraordinary degree with the spirit of a modern Sisylock would dare make such an assertion. Then what is the reason? "Because we (the Public Library Board) cannot afford it." Then we cannot afford to have librarians—the town of Lindsay as a municipality cannot afford to have in its employ two adults drawing the miserable pittance of three hundred dollars a year. Think of it! about 48c. per day!

It is no argument to say that other municipalities do not pay any more. If a criminal was to stand in a witness box and claim that he was justified in stealing because some other individual had done likewise, would that argument be entertained by a judge or jury? But such an argument would be on a par with that used by the Library Board for keeping in its employ two citizens at so unfair a wage.

We sincerely hope, for the honor of the town of Lindsay, that the Library Board will reconsider their decision and grant the more than reasonable request of the librarians—Yours, etc.,  
**NORTH WARD CITIZEN.**  
Lindsay, March 14th, '02.

#### RECEIVED AN ADDRESS

When They Were Leaving Reaboro—Mr. Wm. Cornell Goes to Peterborough.

The members of the Canadian Order of Foresters at Reaboro met in their lodge rooms recently and presented Messrs. Wm. Cornell and Jos. Bradley with the following address, which was accompanied by a useful and costly present to each:  
Messrs. Wm. Cornell and Jos. Bradley:

Dear Brethren,—In view of your swiftly approaching departure from Reaboro, we, your brethren in fraternity in this place, wish to express to you our esteem and good wishes. To say that we will miss you would be but a faint idea of our feelings, but we love to realize that "We better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." May you be useful, beloved and happy in your homes, as you have been here. As a pledge of our good wishes we ask you to accept these gifts. Signed on behalf of the Brethren of Court Reaboro, No. 557, C.O.F., Thos. Skaggs, Thos. Downey, James Green.

Mr. Cornell will make his home in Peterborough, having purchased a house there. Mr. Bradley has moved on to the David Toole farm, south of Omeenee.

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# SUITS AGAINST THE COUNCIL

## Full Text of the Judgment Delivered at Osgoode Hall on Wednesday.

We publish in full the judgment of the Master-in-Chambers upon the application to unseat the Council. It will be seen that he adopts the view of the case taken by Town Solicitor Hopkins in his opinion. The Master seems to think that Mr. Jackson, from the financial statement published on 15th December, 1900, and the auditor's report for 1900, should have known that By-law No. 917, passed on 3rd December, 1900, transferring these mortgages to the Sinking Fund, had not been carried out. This, in justice to Mr. Jackson, should be explained, and the explanation is easy. First, the financial statement to 15th Dec., 1900, was not produced before the Master at all, and if it had been, would not show the fact; second, the auditor's report is not published for months after, (the auditor's report for 1901 is not yet published) and Mr. Jackson says he had no occasion to refer to it and no reason for imagining that the by-law had not been carried out in due course.

If it was not intended to carry out By-law No. 917 in 1900, as alleged by ex-Mayor Smyth, it is surprising that, as there were three meetings of the Council and three meetings of the Finance committee after it was passed, that the by-law was not repealed or some reference made to it. Alderman Hore and ex-Aldermen J. D. Graham and E. P. Gilgoly all make affidavits and corroborate Alderman Jackson, and state they intended By-law No. 917 to be carried out, and never heard to the contrary. It is a pity ex-Mayor Smyth did not take his colleagues into his confidence. His action, without any authority from the Council in improperly directing the auditor that By-law 917 should not be carried out, has apparently caused the whole trouble.

### REX ex Rel. MALLON v. INGLE et al.

This is an application by the re-lator A. D. Mallon for an order setting aside and declaring invalid and void the election of the respondents, George Ingle as Mayor, and Alexander Jackson, John Hore, John O'Rielly and William M. Robson, as Aldermen of the Town of Lindsay, held on the 30th of December, 1901, and 6th of January, 1902, on the ground that the Council of said town unlawfully diverted \$960.80 of the Collegiate Institute Sinking Fund and applied the same or the larger portion thereof towards paying the current and other expenditures of the municipality in the year 1901, and that the respondents voted for the illegally diverting of said moneys for such current or other expenditures, whereby they respectively became disqualified from holding office under sub-sections 2 and 3 of section 418, chapter 223, R.S.O.

The facts of the case appear to be as follows:  
In the year 1900 the Town of Lindsay purchased the Waterworks System, then in operation in that town; and in its purchase took over by Commission on behalf of the town on the first July, 1900. Having been applied to put down extensions of the system the Commissioners communicated with the Mayor and Council of the town, with reference to carrying out the same during that year, and requesting money for the purpose—if the Council were in favor of the work being done. The Council, agreeing to the work, passed a report of the Finance committee on the fourth August, 1900, on the motion of Alderman Jackson, authorizing a by-law to be introduced at the next Council meeting to strike an additional rate of one mill on the dollar, and that the sum thus raised, together with the amount under the two mortgages on Queen's Square property, amounting to one thousand dollars, be set aside for the necessary extension of the waterworks and for a new fire alarm system.

The two mortgages referred to in this report were held by the town as mortgages. A by-law was passed at the next meeting of the Council directing a levy of one mill on the dollar for the purposes above mentioned; and on the fourth September, 1900, a resolution was passed, on the motion of Alderman Jackson, directing the Waterworks Commission to proceed with the work at once, as the Council had provided nineteen hundred dollars for extensions, and the town treasurer was thereby authorized to raise the same by the bond from time to time as they required. On the nineteenth November, 1900, a by-law numbered 917 was introduced in the Council authorizing the disposal of the two mortgages referred to in the Finance Report of the fourth August, and the investing of the proceeds in the waterworks extensions. This by-law recited that the corporation held two certain mortgages from S. P. Davis and C. G. Preston, respectively, given in part payment of lots sold to them pursuant to 46 Victoria, chapter 36, upon which there was respectively due two hundred and eight dollars and interest, from first January, 1900, and eight hundred dollars and interest from first October, 1900; that it was desirable to dispose of them and invest the proceeds in the extension of the waterworks, and that the Town had moneys on hand for investment being moneys belonging to the Sinking Fund under by-laws numbers 492, 523 and 575; and it was therefore resolved that the two mortgages be and the same were thereby set apart as part of the said Sinking Fund—the same to be charged up at their face value, with interest to the date of the passing of this by-law, and it was further enacted that the proceeds of the said mortgages received from said Sinking Fund be and same were thereby set apart to be invested in the extension of the waterworks system, and the Town Treasurer was thereby authorized to pass same to the Board of Water Commissioners on account of the extensions above referred to, and that the same be charged up to the waterworks acct. The by-law was finally passed on the third December, 1900.

The cost of the extensions was only fifteen hundred and eighty-five dollars and ninety-three cents, and not nineteen hundred dollars, as estimated; and the amount of same was paid in three sums of five hundred dollars, on the fifteenth September, five hundred dollars on the fifth October, five hundred dollars and fifty-three cents on seventh of December, 1900,—or four days after the passage of the by-law No. 917.

# FROM LORD METHUEN

## Heroic Conduct of the Infantry and the Artillery.

### HOW THE PANIC WAS CAUSED

Mounted Troops Retired, But the Infantry With the General Held Out For Three Hours Longer—The Cape Police Held Out Longer Still, Until British Guns Were Turned on Them—It's a Tragedy.

London, March 17.—The War Office has received the following communication from Lord Methuen at Pretoria: "Lord Methuen has sent me a staff officer with a dictated despatch from which it appears that certain particulars previously given are inaccurate. The rear screen of mounted troops was rushed and overwhelmed at dawn. There was a gap of a mile between the ox and the mule convoys. The mounted supports, to the rear of the screen, with Gen. Methuen, immediately reinforced by all the available mounted troops and a section of the 38th battery, maintained themselves for an hour, during which the convoys were closing up without disorder.

In the meanwhile, two hundred infantry were being disposed by Lord Methuen to resist the Boer attack, which was outflanking the left of the rear guard. The Boers pressed that attack hard, and the mounted troops, for an hour, during which the convoys were closing up without disorder. In the meanwhile, two hundred infantry were being disposed by Lord Methuen to resist the Boer attack, which was outflanking the left of the rear guard. The Boers pressed that attack hard, and the mounted troops, for an hour, during which the convoys were closing up without disorder.

Two guns of the 36th Battery were thus left unprotected, but continued in action, until every man, with the exception of Lieut. Newham, was hit. Lieut. Newham was called on to surrender, and, upon refusing to do so, was killed. "Lord Methuen, with two hundred of the Northumberland Fusiliers and two guns of the 4th Battery, then found himself isolated, but held on for three hours. During this period, the remaining infantry, viz., 100 of the Lancashires, with some 40 mounted men, mostly Cape Police, who had occupied the kraal near the wagons, also continued to hold out against the repeated attack of the Boers.

"By this time Lord Methuen was wounded and the casualties were exceedingly heavy amongst his men. Their ammunition was mostly exhausted, and the surrender was made at about 9.30 in the morning. "The party in the kraal still held out, and did not give in until two guns and a pom-pam were brought to bear upon them at about ten o'clock, making their position untenable.

"It is confirmed that most of the Boers wore our khaki uniforms. Many also wore our badges. Even at close quarters, they could not be distinguished from our own men. "It is clear the infantry fought well, and the artillery kept up the traditions of their regiment. In addition to the 40 members of the Cape Police, already mentioned, a few parties of Imperial Yeomanry and Cape Police continued to hold their ground after the panic had swept the bulk of the mounted troops off the field.

From other despatches it appears that Gen. Methuen was shot while riding to bring up the mounted troops, and that his horse was killed. After the surrender Gen. Delarey rode up and treated Gen. Methuen with the greatest courtesy and consideration. He ordered his return to Klerksdorp under the care of his own nephew and a medical officer. According to the Klerksdorp correspondent of The Daily Mail, the Boers were so angry at this that a party of them went out and brought General Methuen back. General Delarey, however, overruled the objections of the burghers.

Lord Methuen's Casualties.  
London, March 17.—The War Office publishes a list of additional casualties to Gen. Lord Methuen's force in the fight with Gen. Delarey. This list gives the names of ten other men of the Imperial Yeomanry killed and thirty-three wounded. The first list gave the names of four officers and thirty-eight men killed and seventy-two men wounded, in addition to a number of officers.

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