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THE GAMEY CHARGES.

No more convincing proof of the wisdom and fairness of Premier Ross' course in proposing a Royal Commission for the investigation of Mr. Gamey's charges against Mr. Stratton could possibly be advanced than has been afforded in the course taken by Mr. Whitney and his followers, and the Tory press, during the progress of the debate in the house, as reported from day to day. It must have been made apparent to every fair-minded man that the intemperate and prejudiced stand taken by the opposition leader and his supporters precludes all hope of a fair investigation before a Committee of the House, because the Tory party and the Tory press have already convicted Mr. Stratton, as well as Premier Ross and the other members of his Cabinet. It is eminently fitting that the opposition, having evinced a supreme disregard for the right of a British subject to be regarded as innocent until proven guilty, should impugn the integrity of the highest members of our judiciary by insinuating that Premier Ross, in referring the charges to a commission of judges for the fullest investigation, was "loading the dice." The insinuation was a shameful one, and fairness in the conducting of any investigation of a political character is not to be expected from the party and press which applauded it.

Speaking of the press, the contrast between the positions taken by the Liberal and Tory organs is very great, and much to the credit of the former. The Liberal journals have discussed the charges in a calm and temperate style; they have not abused Mr. Gamey nor upheld Mr. Stratton to any undue degree, and are a unit in demanding a close and searching investigation and the punishment of the wrong-doer, whoever he may be. On the other hand, the Tory press has all along indulged in language that would lead a stranger to believe that Mr. Stratton's guilt was beyond peradventure, and that Premier Ross is actually shielding a man who should be wearing a convict's stripes.

Much has been said and is being said as to the constitutionality and intent of the Government's course in upholding a reference to the charges to a Royal Commission, in preference to a Committee of the Legislature. The Globe disposes of the objections in a very effective manner, as follows:

In view of the fact that Mr. Goldwin Smith has been asked for his opinion on the present situation and has expressed his preference for a Parliamentary inquiry, it is interesting to recall that that eminent publicist had to say about the procedure in dealing with the Pacific scandal just thirty years ago. In The Canadian Monthly for 1873 he said:

"The best thing for the country is a prompt, searching and complete inquiry, conducted, not by an impartial tribunal, and one whose sentence may be received with respect and confidence abroad as well as at home. The members of the committee were manifestly right in refusing to allow it, without the authority of the House, to be turned into a commission appointed by the party accused. But a Royal Commission appointed by the Governor-General himself, not by the Minister using the Governor-General's name, and consisting of judges or other persons unconnected with party politics, and in whose character the nation has confidence, is probably the best tribunal available in the absence of any proper provision for such cases in the constitution. It is for the house of Commons to say whether its objects can be attained, and to address the Crown, if it thinks proper, for a Royal Commission. Of the two modes of inquiry, a committee of the House of Commons and a Royal Commission, we have our decided preference for the latter, supposing it can

be invested with sufficient powers, and provided that it be appointed with the full consent of Parliament." If the above passages had been in the hands of the Premier and his colleagues when they drafted their resolution now under discussion, they could not have more closely followed the suggestions they contain.

BEET SUGAR NEWS.

The efforts to secure a beet sugar factory at Whitby have been abandoned for the present, and the farmers of that district are being advised to grow beets for the Berlin factory for a couple of seasons in order to gain a knowledge of the business. If the yield turns out well and the growers are satisfied another attempt will then be made to induce capitalists to establish a factory near that town.

A number of Peterboro citizens and leading farmers of the townships roundabout are also interesting themselves in a beet sugar project and are making a determined effort to secure contracts for a sufficient acreage to warrant them in asking the Ontario Beet Sugar Association to erect a factory there. The Peterboro Company in the course of a few days will receive 45,000 pounds of seed from Germany, and will endeavor to place all of it with farmers.

In connection with the above it may be well to state that, whilst little has been said of late about a Lindsay factory, we are assured there is authority for the assertion that some progress is being made, hence we would warn our farmers against making contracts with any outside company for a term of years.

OPS TOWNSHIP ALDERMEN.

BUSINESS MEETING HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON LAST.

A Number of Communications—More Wire Fences Bonused—Other Business.

A regular meeting of Ops Council was held on Monday, March 23rd. The minutes of last regular meeting were read by the Clerk and were, on motion, duly confirmed, after erasing Mr. Hawkins' name and inserting Mr. Hickson, as second of the resolution re Reabore road closing.

Communications.
From the Clerk of Manvers, in reference to Wm. Willie's statute labor.
From Mr. McNeillie, re stone crushing.
From Fenelon Council, asking that the fence be removed off the boundary road between Ops and Fenelon, opposite the second concession of Ops.

More Wire Fences.
Mr. Grimson, owner of east half lot 23, con. 1, explained to Council that he intended to build about 120 rods of wire fence along the east end of his farm and would be grateful if the usual bonus was paid him. Mr. McLean said that he was pleased to know that a wire fence would be built there, and regretted that he could bonus only 60 rods of it. Next year's Council would likely pay him the balance, as the fence would benefit the road very much at that point every winter.

Mr. Donald McLean also asked for a bonus on 60 or 70 rods of fence, but Mr. McLean could only promise him a bonus on 25 rods, and said he would prefer bonusing wire fences somewhat nearer Lindsay, by which a greater number of ratepayers would be benefitted. Mr. McLean said he wanted a bonus on 50 rods or more; that one drift had reached a height of thirty feet last winter, at his place, and that if that ought to entitle him to a good bonus, he would withdraw without ceremony, audibly cogitating as to whether he would build any fence or not.

Fenelon Boundary Dispute.
The Council, after referring to the statement made by Mr. John Brock, owner of lot 23, con. 2, about the survey and the fixed stone posts marking the n. e. and n. w. limits of his land, passed a resolution instructing the Clerk to communicate with Fenelon Council on the matter, with a view of settling the dispute amicably, if possible.

Drains and Other Matters.
Mr. Geo. Murphy called the attention of Council to the road and ditch east of his land being in need of clearing out. On motion of Messrs. Hawkins and Hickson it was referred to the hands of Commissioner Coulter.

Mr. Wm. Willie's good work was on motion transferred to Manvers boundary, as requested.

On motion of Messrs. Hickson and Best the Reeve was instructed to have a supply of culvert pipes cast as soon as possible for the use of the Commissioners, each Commissioner to be charged with all used in his division.

Township Officers Appointed.
Moved by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Hickson, that 95 pathmasters, 22 fenceviewers and 34 poundkeepers, named in Schedule A, B and C, be appointed to serve in the township of Ops until their successors shall have been appointed, and that a by-law be passed confirming their appointment.—Carried.

The by-law confirming the appointment of pathmasters, fenceviewers and poundkeepers then reciting the usual readings and was passed, signed and sealed as By-law No. 601.

Tenders for Printing.
The Clerk was instructed to call for tenders for the township printing for the year beginning May 1st, next.

On motion of Messrs. Hawkins and Best, the Council adjourned till Thursday, May 28th, at 10 a. m., when they will meet as a Court of Revision and to transact other business. W. F. O'Boyle, Clerk.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEET.

THE GOOD ROADS BY-LAW AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION.

Mayor Sootheran and Ald. Cinnamon Are Anxious to Make Another Attempt to Convert the Obtuse Property-Owners.

On Monday evening, after the Council meeting, the Aldermen devoted an hour or so to committee business.

The Gas Contract Again.

Police and Lighting matters were first taken up, Ald. McCrean in the chair. Several L. H. & P. Co. accounts were recommended for payment, after which the chairman expressed his willingness to wind up the Gas Co. business in short order if someone would move the necessary resolution. The Co. might be allowed one month in which to submit the promised lamps for approval, or to get out.

Ald. O'Reilly—"That's like a police court sentence—30 days. We don't want to play the Gas in this matter. The Co. are at present sacrificing 20 per cent. of their possible income and will be as prompt as possible. There are two sides to every question, and a friendly settlement of a dispute is always advisable. It should not be forgotten that every proposition made by the company has been 'without prejudice,' which means that in case we try to force them they may take their original contract to court and try to hold us to it. We know also that decisions very often go against corporations."

Ald. McCrean—"Didn't you say a while ago that the present contract had been cancelled?"

Ald. O'Reilly—"I did not. We have taken the first step in settling the arrears."

Ald. McCrean—"There is a resolution somewhere giving the ratepayers the power to deal with the matter."

Ald. O'Reilly—"Read it. There is no motion to that effect on the minute book of your committee or on your file."

Mayor Sootheran—"You haven't any authority to deal with the matter, Ald. McCrean, and if you pass a resolution I will have to rule it out of order at next meeting of Council."

Ald. Storer—"Have we no possible relief, then, from the present unsatisfactory situation with regard to street lighting?"

Mayor Sootheran—"At the proper time—the next meeting of Council—you can move a resolution and have it discussed."

An Isolation Hospital.
Ald. McWatters, chairman of the Town Property committee, called attention to a neglected resolution regarding the lack of an isolation hospital.

Ald. O'Reilly suggested that the frame building formerly used by the town and township as a hospital be sold at a cost of \$75 or \$100.

Ald. McWatters—"I'm afraid the building is too old."

Ald. Storer—"A cement building is what we want; it can be built cheaply, and will be easy to fumigate and clean."

Mayor Sootheran suggested that the advice of the Board of Health be asked as to the site of building required, and if the old hospital would answer if removed to the gravel pit lot. This was agreed to.

A motion respecting the improvement of the market was next taken up, and the Clerk was instructed to notify the Town Solicitor and Mr. J. D. Flavelle to attend a meeting of the committee dealing with the enlargement of the doors leading from the horse stalls in the fire hall was next on the list.

Mayor Sootheran—"I think they're too narrow, and I suggest that they be examined by the Council in a body."

Ald. Storer—"They're certainly narrow—2 ft. 8 1/2 inches, and when the doors are open the space is a good deal less."

Ald. Cinnamon—"The horses are a peculiar shape, anyway."

Mayor Sootheran—"The trouble is that if we enlarge the doors we will have to close up the rear entrance, and I don't like the idea of backing the wagons in through the front doors."

Ald. McCrean—"We can put on hinges that will give the full width."

Some discussion took place about the heating of the horse stalls, which was condemned by several of the members. Ald. O'Reilly said it was a great mistake to chip the horses' last fall.

Ald. McCrean—"Are we going to buy a new fire team?"

Ald. Robinson—"There's a farmer willing to give us \$150 for the present team."

ant matters before us to-day, and I believe that if we could vote on a by-law now every citizen would support it."

Mayor Sootheran—"What about submitting the by-law again?"

Ald. McCrean—"Submit one for \$60,000; that amount would carry quicker than \$20,000."

Ald. O'Reilly—"It's no use, the by-law would be voted down as before. We'll have to let the people educate themselves."

Ald. Storer—"I think so, too."

Mayor Sootheran—"But the bad roads are injuring the trade of the town."

Ald. O'Reilly—"That is probably true, but the property-owners can't be induced to see it that way. When any of them speak to me concerning the condition of the streets I tell them 'you voted for bad roads.' I worked hard for the last good roads by-law, but I will be on the other side if another is submitted this spring or summer, because the people don't had time to change their minds, and it would be a waste of money."

Mayor Sootheran—"The reason the by-law was voted down last year was because the people didn't want Chambers to build the roads."

Ald. O'Reilly—"It was explained very clearly at the time that Chambers' term of office would expire at New Year's. The people elected Commissioners to expend the money and at the same time turned around and defeated the by-law to raise the money."

Ald. McWatters—"Well, if they won't vote for a by-law we will have to raise the rate two or three mills every year until the roads are good."

Ald. O'Reilly—"The trouble is that only property-owners can vote on the by-law, and only a small proportion of them drive or use horses."

In reply to a question Clerk Knowlson said the last good roads by-law had been defeated by a majority of 107 votes.

Ald. O'Reilly—"At the time of the last vote I spoke to many who had three or four horses, and he refused to support the by-law. The other day he complained to me about the bad roads and I answered him rather sharply, yet I feel certain he would vote against another by-law to-morrow."

Mayor Sootheran urged that it was not right for any member of Council to set his face against the by-law if submitted, and expressed the opinion that the people would support a by-law to transfer last year's deficit to the debenture account could be sent to the people at the same time, and should be carried.

It was then moved by Mayor Sootheran, seconded by Ald. McWatters, that a special meeting of Council be called to pass a by-law to be submitted to the people, authorizing the borrowing of a sum of money for the construction of good roads.

The motion was adopted, Aldermen O'Reilly and Robinson dissenting.

After giving Chairman Storer authority to clean Kent-st. and other thoroughfares when conditions are suitable, the committee adjourned.

REVENUE FROM LICENSES.

Interesting Figures From the Report of Ontario License Inspector.

The report of the Ontario License Inspectors for the year 1902 has been issued and contains 116 pages of hard facts and figures. It sets forth that in the province there are 2,577 licensed taverns, or five less than in 1901, and the revenue from these in fines and fees was \$300,369.17, or about \$3,200 less than in the preceding year. The total collections from taverns and shops amounted to \$927,852.22, of which \$11,876.03 were fines. Toronto, with 150 ordinary licensed places, contributed \$58,104.17 to the funds of the province; Ottawa, with 76 places, \$29,694.17, comes second, and St. Catharines, with 42 places, paying \$5,527.24. The number of persons committed to jail for drunkenness last year in Ontario was 2,674, the largest number in ten years.

Police Court Calendar.

—The man named Castor, alias Forsythe, who stole clothes from Mr. Trotter, of the G. T. R., and who was brought to Lindsay from Stouffville on Saturday, appeared before P. M. Steers that afternoon, and was remanded till Friday next.

—Philip Curtin, of South Ops, appeared before P. M. Steers yesterday morning for displaying his pugilistic powers on Albert Walker on Tuesday evening, March 17th. He was fined \$10 and costs, \$14.45 in all.

—For being disorderly and using profanity on Kent-st. Jas. Cronley, of Ops, faced the "Court" yesterday, and was fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$8.45 in all.

—Pat Doris, formerly well known as a boat builder, but who has been an inmate of the Home for the aged for some time, became rather aggressive the other day and assaulted a fellow inmate named Daniel Brooks. Pat was unable to give a satisfactory reason for his behaviour, and as a result he will be a resident of Castle Jackson for the next 30 days.

The Ontario Library Association.

The third annual meeting of the Ontario Library Association will be held in Toronto—Easter Monday and Tuesday, April 13 and 14, in the Canadian Institute, Richmond-st. east, near Church-st. The sessions will be on Monday afternoon and evening, and Tuesday morning. Mr. H. H. Langton, University of Toronto, will give the permanent Library address on "What a permanent Library Commission can do for Libraries."

Dr. Jas. Bain, Toronto Public Library will speak on "The Mental Training of a Library Assistant." Other speakers will be Mr. Gordon J. Smith, Paris, "Library Building in Ontario, 1902-3"; Mr. L. J. Burpee, Ottawa, "Can the small Library use any of the Modern Library Methods?" Mr. J. A. Brown, Toronto, "First Steps in Library Training"; Mr. E. A. Hardy, Lindsay, "Public Libraries." A good attendance is expected and a profitable meeting. It is hoped that the public may be had on application to the secretary, Mr. E. A. Hardy, Lindsay.

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