

# GETTING BACK AT YOUR FRIENDS

All hail to Merry Christmas time,  
When, thanks to toil and thrift,  
We meet our friends unflinchingly,  
And give up gift for gift.



## GRAHAM'S Christmas Card.

Before this week's issue of THE POST reaches all its readers Christmas Day will have come with all its pleasures and cordial greetings.

We therefore take this early opportunity of extending to one and all the congratulations and well wishes of the season—"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

We have good reason to be gratified when we reflect how continuous our Christmas successes have been, and the rapid rise in our sales gives us much cause for rejoicing.

A. J. GRAHAM.



## FORGOTTEN FRIENDS OR SOMEONE OVERLOOKED.

Forgetfulness causes many an annoyance to some on Christmas day. Those who have resolved to make amends before New Year's, by returning the "Gift for Gift," will find ample scope still at Graham's for appropriate selections of

# SOLID COMFORT GIFTS

For Men, Young Men and Boys

Christmas will be continued for another week all over this store with prices still under the Christmas spell. We can well afford to be generous, and so you have an extra good chance to secure PRESENTS at very greatly reduced prices before January 1st, 1904.

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## EVERY TASTE SUITED AND EVERY POCKETBOOK PROVIDED FOR.

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East of Benson House.

# A. J. GRAHAM

The King Clothier.

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## MARIPOSA COUNCIL DOINGS

### COURT OF REVISION MATTERS DEALT WITH.

Commissioners to Have Full Control of all Statute Labor Work.

The Municipal Council of Mariposa held a special meeting on Tuesday, the 8th day of December 1903.

Mr. J. P. Cunnings waited on the Council and presented a by-law to provide for exemption from taxation, except the school taxes for the period of ten years, the property of the Victoria Cement and Power Co. Limited, which will be situated near Goose Lake. Mr. Cunnings informed the Council that the Company would reimburse the township for whatever expense the Council should incur in securing a vote on this by-law at the time of the municipal elections.

Moved by Mr. Michael, seconded by Mr. Mark, that By-law No. 555, being a by-law to provide for exemption from taxation, except the taxation for school purposes for a period of ten years, the property of the Victoria Cement and Power Co. Limited, be received and read a first time. Carried. By-law No. 555 was read a second time and the Council adjourned till Tuesday, the 15th Dec.

The Statutory Meeting. The Council met at Oakwood on Tuesday, 15th December. The members were read and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Sinclair, of Sonya, was present and addressed the Council on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, of Sonya, who had become incapacitated on account of old age and who would probably require some assistance this winter. Mr. Cameron was authorized to see them, provided for the present till more definite arrangements can be made.

CASITORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Pictor*

The Clerk presented the report of the commissioners on the equalization of the money expended and the statute labor done on the boundary of Brook and Mariposa.

Moved by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that the report of the commissioners, William Suggitt and James St. John, in reference to the work done and the money expended on the boundary of Mariposa and Brook in the years of 1901, 1902 and 1903, showing a total expenditure of \$682.29 by Mariposa and \$705.18 by Brook, and leaving a balance of \$22.89 in favor of Brook, be received and adopted, and that the treasurer be authorized to pay the treasurer of Brook the sum of \$11.45 to balance the account.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Michael, that following persons be appointed deputy returning officers to hold the municipal elections on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1904: No. 1 polling sub-division, school house S. S. No. 13, C. H. Shaver, D. K. officer; No. 2 polling division at the Orange hall, Valentia, James M. Swain, D. R. Officer; No. 3 polling division at York's hall, Little Britain, E. Z. Yegor, D. R. Officer; No. 4 polling division the town hall, Oakwood, John F. Brass, D. R. Officer; No. 5 polling division, the old B. C. church, Manly, S. J. Clarke, D. R. Officer; No. 6 polling division at schoolhouse, S. S. No. 13, Peter Brown, D. R. Officer; No. 7 polling division, schoolhouse S. S. No. 3, Donald Campbell, D. R. Officer; No. 8 polling division at school house S. S. No. 16, D. S. Beacham, D. R. Officer.—Carried.

On motion By-law No. 556, fixing polling places, etc., was read the usual number of times, signed and sealed.

Moved by Mr. Mark, seconded by Mr. Cameron, the following accounts were ordered to be paid:  
William Copeland..... \$ 5.00  
Garnet Treleven..... 24.00  
A. M. Rusland..... 3.90  
William Sangster..... 4.90  
S. W. McClung..... 1.19  
J. B. Weldon..... 4.95  
The Municipal World..... 25.11  
Angus Campbell..... 3.50  
Nicholas Hill, account..... .35  
Albert Davidson..... 32.90  
Cyrus Crozier..... 2.00  
Charles Kennedy..... 1.00  
Samuel Fox..... 14.90  
G. W. Hall..... 13.00  
The Watchman-Warder..... 17.65  
William Broad..... 15.00  
P. J. Anderson..... 15.00  
C. C. Perrin..... 11.15  
Anson Walton..... 2.25  
Robert Nichols..... 5.90  
Richard Ferguson..... 47.30  
Edward Sluggitt..... 4.80

Court of Revision. As per adjournment of the 9th of November the Court of Revision re the Hill drainage by-law reassembled with all the persons interested present with the exception of Mr. Hill and Mr. P. J. Anderson, who were duly notified but failed to attend. After some little parleying the good judgment of those present resolved itself into the principle of give and take and the following changes were made in the assessment schedule.

Moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Mark, that the following changes be made in the award of the engineer in the matter of the Hill

drainage by-law assessments. Hector Grant assessment, \$98.00; reduced to \$50.00; W. D. McCrimmon assessment, \$95.00, reduced to \$56.00; Charles Chippendale assessment, \$95.00, reduced to \$40.00; Richard Hall assessment, \$228.00; raised to \$308.00; P. J. Anderson assessment, \$50.00, raised to \$44.00; J. D. McCrimmon assessment, \$24. raised to \$28.00; Angus McCrimmon assessment, \$168.00; raised to \$182.00; and that the assessments be confirmed as revised and that this Court of Revision do now adjourn.—Carried.

Council Again in Session. Moved by Mr. McLeod, seconded by Mr. Michael, that an order be drawn on the treasurer for each of the following accounts:  
Thomas Souley..... \$ 8.00  
Hoctor McDonald..... 1.00  
William Channon..... 79.05  
J. F. Dix..... 18.00  
George Barry..... 1.00  
James Harrison..... 1.00  
Hogg & Lytle..... 29.43  
Ross & Lytle..... 11.30  
John Carew..... 112.34  
Henry Carpenter..... 7.25  
Alfred Webster..... 6.00  
William Cook..... 1.50  
J. B. Weldon..... 20.60  
William Suggitt..... 41.69  
W. F. Workman..... 29.43  
Donald Cameron..... 28.70  
Alex McLeod..... 29.58  
P. S. Mark..... 35.58  
J. J. Michael..... 27.03  
Pascoe Bros..... 4.23  
Pascoe Bros..... 4.53

Moved by Mr. Michael, seconded by Mr. McLeod, that the collector's roll for the south half of Mariposa be received and that the following abatements be allowed: James Woolcott, \$1.00; John Jackson, \$1.24; Richard Hancock, \$1.00; Thomas Reidle, \$1.00; John Rodman, \$1.00; and that the following amounts be charged against the lands: Mrs. M. J. Cory, \$3.59; James Porter, \$1.64; James Woolcott, \$2.80; Richard Jeffrey, \$14.56; and that an order be given on the treasurer for \$55, in favor of James J. Glass, collector. Also that the collector's roll for the north half be received with the following abatements allowed—Laura Coulter \$1.00, W. Wilson, \$1.00, Grace James, 95c, Minnie James, \$3.92, E. T. Roeder, \$2.49, and the following amounts be charged against the lands—John Barribald, \$3.45; and that an order be given on the treasurer for \$55 in favor of Peter Brown, collector.—Carried.

The reading of the Hill drainage by-law was completed by a resolution by Messrs. Michael and Mark. The treasurer presented the Financial statement for this year, and upon a resolution by Messrs. Michael and McLeod was received and the clerk authorized to get 200 statements printed for distribution.

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his account of \$93.00 for services in the Hill drainage award.—Carried.

Statute Labor Question. The business of the year being pretty well completed the Council started upon a discussion of the question of abolishing statute labor throughout the township. It was decided that the township should be divided into two divisions with one commissioner in each division, who shall hold office continuously during the pleasure of the Council. These Commissioners are to have the exclusive control and management of the maintenance, repair and improvement of all the roads, streets, bridges and highways in their respective division in so far as the communication and other monies appropriated to his division will enable him to do subject always to such instructions as he may receive from time to time from the Council or a road and bridge committee in his division. The statute labor will be commuted at 80 cents per day and the present method of calculating the number of days will be continued. These monies will be supplemented from the general township fund. The Commissioner shall have power to employ, direct and discharge all men and teams he may require to carry on his work. General instructions are given the Commissioner as to his duties, the wages to be paid at current rates. Several other provisions are included in the by-law, and upon a resolution by Messrs. Cameron and Mark, the by-law was read a first and second time and the Clerk authorized to get a number of copies printed for distribution.

The Council then adjourned, sine die. J. B. WELDON, Township Clerk.

## INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

### LINDSAY CITIZENS WANT A CHANGE IN MUNICIPAL PROCEDURE

Interesting Address by Mr. Walter H. Roebuck, of Toronto.

A public meeting was held last Friday night in the Council chamber, under the auspices of the Lindsay Federation for Majority Rule. It was poorly attended, there only being about fifteen or twenty citizens present, but the smallness of the gathering was no doubt due to the short time given.

It was 8:30 before Mr. W. M. Robinson, the chairman, called the meeting to order, and after outlining the objects of the meeting, called on Mr. Walter H. Roebuck, of Toronto, to give an address on "The Initiative and Referendum." Mr. Roebuck spoke for over an hour, and he handled his subject in a manner that would do credit to a man much older in years. Following we give a synopsis of his remarks:

Because we are governed by a par-

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liament and because every four years that parliament is chosen by a public election, it does not follow that we govern ourselves. In many countries 90 per cent. of the cases the aggregate vote of the two defeated candidates exceeds that of the man elected, so that it is a minority and not a majority of the constituency that is represented. The same thing happens three candidates run, and applies to the municipal elections. Whenever the number of candidates more than doubles the number of possible elections a minority can, and often does, elect the aldermen. So true is this that both the Dominion and the Provincial houses were elected by a minority of the people.

Now, these men are appointed in this clumsy, unjust fashion and during their term of office what control have the electors over them? They elect them, and yet the people have no control whatever over them. They can grant away any franchise they please. They can put through what steals their place. In fact they can do absolutely as they please, and the people cannot stop them. It is said that at the end of their term we can discharge them. But as a minority often does the electing, the majority cannot always defeat them. And what hardship is it to an alderman to lose his seat over a franchise deal, when he received more for his vote on that deal than he could make in fifty terms of honest work? In addition to this, an alderman cannot properly represent all who elect him. He may be elected by a majority of the people, and yet they may disapprove of whole platform except one plank, and for the sake of that plank they elect him. But they may differ amongst themselves as to the plank they endorse. For instance, Smith says that he approves of the new sewerage system plank but objects to all the others, whereas Jones approves of the public ownership plank but objects to all the others. Here, then, is a man elected by opposing interests. Once having elected him, however, they must abide by his actions and put up with whatever legislation he chooses to endorse.

When an insurance company appoints a representative they retain the power to veto the contracts he may make, and when we appoint a representative to attend to our legislative work why can we not do the same? To do this, all that is necessary is that measures passed by the Council shall lie on the table for thirty days before going into force. If within that time a petition of 8 per cent. of the voters is presented asking that any measure be submitted to a referendum of the electors the Council should do so and follow the will of the people as expressed by that vote. As most of the municipal business is done through by-law it would impose business too much to hold them all over this way, so that only such measures as pertain to the granting, renewing or extending of franchises, granting tax exemptions, raising the tax rate above certain figure, erecting public buildings, need stand. These are the most important measures, and if once the electors had such a check on these kind of transactions how many a vote of the electors the Council should do so and follow the will of the people as expressed by that vote.

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For how many corporations would buy aldermanic votes when those votes could not "deliver the goods"? Hand in hand with this goes the People's Initiative. If 10 per cent. of the people present a petition requesting that a certain measure be passed, the Council should either pass it, submit it to the people or draft a corresponding measure and submit both to the people and let them decide whether they want such a measure or not. These two reforms are in operation with the best of results in Switzerland, Nebraska, South Dakota and Utah, the city of San Francisco, and Toronto is about to adopt it.

To secure it we must pledge the candidates at election time to adopt the rules in the Council. This was the course pursued in Toronto, and was eminently successful. This is the work the Lindsay Federation for Majority Rule is engaged in. Peterboro is also organized and is engaged in a campaign.

### Joy in Chicago.

(Chicago Record-Herald.) There has been eight murders in Chicago during the past nine weeks. Well, this isn't an average of one a week, anyway. Hurrah!

### Slight Collision in Lindsay Yard.

A double-header freight train, pulled by engines Nos. 106 and 375, bound for Midland, collided with a couple of freight sheds last evening about 5:30 o'clock, with the result that one box car and the pilot of the front engine were damaged.

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