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The Weekly Post. LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 29, 1899.

Nice Things Said by the Council of Each Other.

THE LAST MEETING FOR 1899

Mayor Walters Now Approves of Secret Meetings.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS BY-LAW THROWN OUT.

Mayor Walters Given the Now Justomary Honorarium of \$100-A Meeting to be Called in Support of the Waterworks By-law-Reading of

Reports and Other Routine Business. What was probably the last meeting of the present council was held in the council chamber Tuesday evening, all members being present.

In the absence of the clerk, Mr. H. Knowlson filled the position, and read a number of accounts, which were referred to the proper committees.

A Batch of Reports.

Ald. Lennon, chairman, presented a report from the town property committee, which was adopted. Ald Ingle read the board of works re-

port, which passed without amend-

Ald. Horn read the report of the police and lighting committee. The principal clause recommended the appointment of police commissioners, and authorized the committee to introduce | matters on Tuesday evening next.

a by-law. The report was adopted. Ald. Sootheran presented a lengthy report from the finance committee dealing with accounts, the payment of the men left unpaid by Contractor Luscombe, applications for rebate of taxation and other mafters .- Adopted.

Waterworks Purchase.

Ald. Jackson asked Mayor Walters if it was the intention of the council to call a meeting in favor of the Waterworks by-law-one had been held in the interest of the railway project, and it seemed to him that the council were a little dilatory with reference to a matter fully as important. Mayor Walters-"Well, it is not

customary for the mayor to call a meeting unless requested to do so. I agree with Ald. Jackson that the question is as important for the town, and a meeting should be held at the earliest date possible."

Related Reports. spector, presented a report stating that town gardens had been unusually well kept during the year, black knot having been found in only 22 as compared with 68 found infected last year. payment of aldermen.

Mayor Walters-"It's too had these reports come in so late." Ald. Sootheran-"I notice there are several other reports yet due. The

law I have not yet had sufficient time to consider: I would like Ald. Horn and Jackson to wait awhile. I have not been able to write to other towns for information, and at present I cannot conscientiously support the by-

Mayor Walters-"Well, we might give it a second reading and withhold the third till we get the information." Ald. Lennon-"I am in the same posiion as Ald. Sootheran exactly. I was under the impression that other towns imployed commissioners, but have since learned that such is not the

Ald. Horn-"Who gave you that Ald. Lennon-"Either you or Ald. ackson. I got it at the committee

Ald. Horn-"You didn't get it from Ald. Jackson or myself." Ald. Lennon-"The by-law has been sprung upon us, at any rate-there has has been nothing said about police commissioners all year, and I think it would be wrong to let the control of the police pass out of the council's

Ald. Jackson-" The appointment of police commissioners was discussed early in the year. We have not the information referred to, but we know that the statutes give us the power

Christmas Continued.

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to appoint commissioners, and we compliments of the season. Although | McDonald's letter estimates it at a the police magistrate and the mayor. | to offer for re-election. Ald. Ingle-"I would like to see the | Mayor Walters then resumed the by-law held over. I am hardly in a | chair, when the minutes were read and

position to vote intelligently-it was adopted. sprung upon us last evening. Ald. Jackson-"Some towns do appoint commissioners, and in any case there is no good reason why Lindsay should not be the first to do so." Ald. Crandell-"It seems strange to overlooked all the year and be now

me that this matter should have been sprung upon us. Several attempts have been made to pass a similar bylaw during the time I have been a member, and at one time I was in favor of the idea until I received better | John McDonald's New Position with Relight. Let us leave the question for our successors to settle." Ald. Horn-"I would much prefer

that my colleagues came out boldly commissioners. If I had not given notice of the by-law there would be it had been "sprung" on the council. The matter had been discussed where all was quiet, the committee were instructed to introduce the by-law tonight, and I don't know what has happened in the meantime. If the plan proved unsuccessful could police affairs be any worse than they have been in the past? Is the council in County Judge and the Police Magistrate, who are constantly in communication with them? I have been on the police committee for two years and can say that the work of the po!ice has not been as satisfactory as it should have been. I will withdraw the by-law, as the proposed postponement is merely an excuse to

Mayor Walters - "The matter evidently came up in my absence." Ald. Horn-"It was discussed in

committee last night." Mayor Walters-"I have heard on the street that Ald. Horn thinks we have not sufficient policemen to perform the work successfully. If it is a question of increasing the force A vote was then taken and the introduction of the by-law, was defeated

-4 to 2. Will Hold a Meeting.

Moved by Ald. Jackson, seconded by Ald. Horn, that his worship be requested to call a public meeting of ratepayers to discuss Waterworks Ald. Sootheran-"It seems to me

we have been very dilatory about 000, as in a few years we will have to pay \$90,000 for them. The C. P. R., if it comes here, will, pay \$500 a year for water and after ten years will pay The Love Feast.

Ald. Sootheran called attention to the omission of a very important item from the report of the finance committee, being the grant of \$100 to Mayor Walters as a slight acknowedgement of his valuable services during the year. By general consent (he report was amended by the addition of

Mayor Walters acknowledged the favor in fitting terms. He did not think he was entitled to the grant any more than any of the councillors. It should be laid down as a precedent to follow that the occupant of his position should receive, not \$100, but \$200. He would not accept that Mr. D. C. Trew, Black Knot in- amount-he merely mentioned the matter for the good of those who would follow him. At the ensuing session of the legislature he hoped that a bill and Mr. Kylie, first Reeve, and insigwould be introduced providing for the ted upon their demanding stock in-

vacated the chair, which was taken by the Company who would not consent built for \$8,000 per mile. Now, I can Ald. Jackson. A resolution referring to the proposition. I then went even inform the said gentleman that I did in very complimentary terms to Mayor | sol far as to offer to submit the quel-Walters' faithful performance of his tion to Sir William Van Horne, who clerk should notify the parties to send duties during the year was read by was the best authority in the Domin-Ald. Sootheran, who in the course of ion as to which plan would prove the his remarks said that it had been the most beneficial to the Railway,-Moved by Ald. Horn, seconded by most agreeable year he had ever put in stock taking by the municipalities or eral public meetings in 1893 I asserted Ald. Jackson, that the by-law to ap- at the council board. The other mem- bonuses, but to this offer they would this road would cost over \$13,000 per point police commissioners be read a bers took advantage of the opportunity; not consent;" and that "these facts" mile. I have no recollection of sayto say nice things about the Mayor and were before me. Now, I would like ing this at any meeting, and if either Ald. Sootheran-"Well. that's a by- each other. The resolution was then to know what warrant Mr. McDonald Mr. McHugh or the Editor of The carried by a standing vote.

had taken him somewhat by surprise- before me. I never heard that he it was too flattering. He could say had done any such thing until I read prepared those figures for him during of his colleagues that a more enlight- his letter in your paper of 19th inst. the last campaign. He is certainly ened body of men had neven sat in I wat in some measure in the confi- mistaken, as I was in the North-West the council. A great deal list been as to their Board of Directors. Mr. McDonald couple of days before the voting took method of doing business, but on the was a member of that board, I attend-place, and so attended no meetings. eve of leaving the council he would ed one or more public meetings attend- The speakers representing the Board eve of leaving the country and the bestway say that he believed it was the bestway ed by him, I discussed the then pro- of Directors are telling the ratepay—it avoided all friction and promoted ject with him, and the idea of the era that this road will cost \$15,000 -it avoided all friction and wished all for their municipalities taking stock was never per mile. I maintain it can be built good feeling. He thanked all for their municipalities taking stock was never per mile. I maintain it can be built mentioned by him or any other dir- for \$8,000, which the following statehearty support and wished them the

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Stone from River Bed. Ald. Crandell, a member of the committee appointed to engage a piling ground for the stone dredged from the river reported that they had rented a lot from Mr. Dovey for \$40. The members then dispersed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

gard to the C. P. R. Connection.

(To the Editor of The Post.) Dear Sir,-I am glad that Mr. John and say that they are not in favor of | McDonald has come out from under cover. I stated at a public meeting some grounds for the assertion that | in Lindsay that I thought I knew from whence originated the idea of the municipalities taking stock, and that it came from an enemy of the project. I had reference to Mr. McDonald, and his letter satisfies me that I am right ! in my surmise.

as good a position to see that the ideas put forth by him? Was he pres- other iron given to him recently by police are doing their duty as are the ent at the public meeting called by his worship the Mayor, and open to he tell us whether, before the manpresent, why did be not take the plat- | term of years, they will require that the chairman's call for him personally | 56, or 65, or 70 or 72 pounds per yard?

to come forward and speak. the matter will require very careful en by municipalities practically or such men as Messrs. George Mc-

I made the statement which I did- | Yours truly, not on my own responsibility alonebut upon the authority of people of great experience in affairs of finance, among them Messrs. Pellatt & Pellatt, the well known brokers of Toronto, a firm which has bad a very wide experience in financial matters, and who this matter. It will be a calamity if | can speak with some authority upon the electors do not carry, the by-law a matter of this kind. I quote from while we can get the works for \$75,- them: "We have no hesitation in "saying that it would be almost imtheir money in this railway with "the view to its construction if outside directors should be placed upon the Board. In other words, capital-"ists who find money to construct the road would not for a moment "listen to such a proposition," and again, "If the municipalities wish to put a serious obstacle in the way of the financing of the railway then the course suggested would very 'likely lead to the withdrawal of cap'tal seeking such an investment. "Do not let the project be hampered by the proposition you ment on." With all due deference to Mr. Mc-Donald, I think most people will pre-

fer the opinion of Messrs. Pellatt & Pellatt to his. In reply to my question put at the public meeting why this theory was not heard of before, Mr. McDonald states that he "went personally to Mr. Ray, then Mayor of the town, stead of giving a bonus. Then, as Mayor Walters said the resolution no facts, knowledge of them was not ings I shall consider it a favor.

> ector in my hearing The project placed before the pecple and the bonuses asked by the present promoters is the same as that asked upon the former occasion. Upon the former occasion Mr. McConald was as energetic for and talked as much in favor of, the municipal Right of way, 8 acres, per bonuses as he does now against them. He was a director then-this Ties, 2,500, of fair size time he has been left off the board. Mr. Smyth at the public meeting said that it had been estimated that the road would cost from seven to eight thousand dollars per mile and when asked by me who had made that Stations per mile estimate he said "Mr. McDonald | Fencing, per mile had." It was then that I used the Gates and crossings per mile word "sorehead," and said that I thought such an estimate must have

know also that council can repeal the 'he would not be a candidate for the | trifle less than \$9,000 pen mile, which by-law when desired if the plan does | mayoralty-and he wished to take the | is sufficiently absurd, but not so abnot work well. The council is a con- opportunity to make his decision un- surd as his figures quoted by Mr. stantly changing body while the com- | derstood-he thought that as many as | Smyth Why was it that on the missioners would be the county judge, possible of the present council ought former occasion he estimated it at so very much more than \$9,000 per mile, and those who know say that railway construction is much more coakly now

Three engineers-reputable, competent and disinterested-have at various times given opinions upon the cost of constructing this road. The last of these three personally went over the ground from Burketon to Lindsay, and thence to Bobcaygeon. within the past four months. E:ch of these men has placed the cost more than 50 per cent above Mr. McDonald's highest figures, and they are better authority than he is. I mean Mr. McDonald's figures now given, not his figures of six years ago. His former figures were more like the cor-

Mr. McDonald, assuming an air of superior knowledge, quotes his own estimates upon the street corners, and in language more expressive than elegant, asks what the Provisional Directors know about the cost of railway construction.

Will Mr. McDonald give us in detail his estimate of the cost of the road, and at once, that it may be examined and reported on by some one who knows the cost of construction? Will he make that estimate tally with Is Mr. McDonald sincere in the the quotations upon steel rails and Rice, Lewis & Son? What weight of rail does he estimate upon? Will every person? He was in town. agement of the C.P.R. will agree to If he was not present, why not? If | lease and operate the road for a long form and why did he not respond to it be constructed with steel rails of

Anyhow, how much does he know It was stated by myself and other about this more than the promoters? speakers at the public meeting that. Shall we accept the lead and adit would be next to impossible to get | vice of such men as Hon. Senator capitalists to put any large amount | Dobson, Squire McDonnell, Col. Deaof money in the construction, of this con. Messrs. William Needler, John railway in partnership or in a stock | Kennedy, M. M. Boyd, J. D. Flavelle, concern with the municipalities, or if | F. C. Taylor, John L. Read, W. T. C. they did so it would be upon such Boyd, James Graham, Robert Kenterms as to give themselves-the capi- nedy, Thomas Brady, J. G. Edwards, talists-absolute control of the ven- J. T. Robinson and A. E. Bottum,ture and thereby leave the stock tak- these are the Provisional Directors, Hugh. M.P., Warden Bryans, S. J. Mr. McDonald makes reference to Fox, M.P.P., Dr. Vrooman, and many this, and says that it is "all non- others who are supporting the pressense." Well, my opinion or Mr. Mc- ent project; or shall we accept the Donald's may be "all nonsense," but | lead and advice of Mr. McDonald ?-

THOS, STEWART. Lindsay, Dec. 21st, 1899.

A Correction. (To the Editor of The Post.) Dear Sir,-Mr. Robert Smyth tells me that the estimate given by him was from eight to nine thousand dollars, not seven to eight thousand, as stafed possible to get capitalists to put in my letter. The latter figures are what I understood at the time, but Mr. Smyth was at one end of the hall and I at the other, and there was some noise at the time and I must have misunderstood him. I accept the correction. However, this does not affect the point I was making, namely, that Mr. McDonald's estimate of \$9,000 per mile was nearly fifty per cent. less than his estimate of six years ago, when the railway construction was not as costly as now, and more than fifty per cent. less than the estimates of other competent men .- Yours truly, THOS. STEWART.

> The Cost of the C. P. R. Connecting Links, and Some Facts in Favor of the Stock-taking Scheme.

Sir,-In your report of the Railway meeting held at Murphy's schoolhouse last Monday evening, it was said by Mr. McHugh that he did not believe I had made the statement that the R. On motion Mayor Walters then now, there were men conected with R under present discussion could be make the statement referred to. At the present prices of R.R. material this road can be built for "hat sum. Mr. McHugh said also that a' sev-

ened body of med deal had been said dence of the former Provisional during that time, returning only a ment in detail will prove, and is as nearly correct as possible :.

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110.00

130.00

100.00

70.00

Telegraph poles and wire, per Surveying and engineering per mile... Cattle guards, per mile been made by some "sorehead." Mr. Track-laying per mile

Station ground per mile Bridges per mile Solicitor's fees per mile Fish plates, bolts and spikes, Contingences per mie...

Now let those who are advocating the \$15,000 per mile give their statement in detail. It appears that Mr. McHugh cannot understand the advantage of stock for municipalities. I will not accuse him of any wilful misrepresentation in advocating bonus in preference to stock, but can show him that he is mistaken by giving an instance in this town. Mr. J. D. Flavelle and Mr. 1 Hopkins have purchased a controlling interest in the stock of the Lindsay Waterworks, which gives them possession of this valuable property-not

any more valuable to them, however, than the controlling stock of the L. B. & P.P. R.R. would be to the municipalities. Still another instance: the stock of the old Midland R. R. held by the municipality of the township of Thorah, in North Ontario, by which the said township receives annually 81,600. These are facts which cannot be contradicted by either Mr. McHugh or any of the

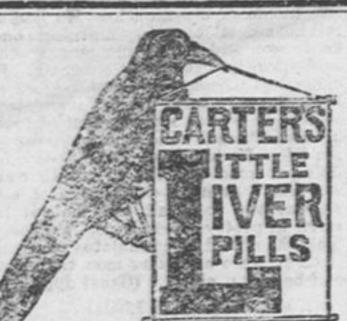
Now, I would like them to point out one instance where the munic'palities giving bonuses, have even received one dollar in return. It has also been asserted that R.R. iron is higher now than in 1893. At that time it was \$35 per ton. Steel rails reached their lowest in 1896, when the C.P R. bought the rails for the Crow's Nest Pass at \$17.50 per ton. about one-half the present price, and that was the time Mr. Wickham should have built this road, instead by allowing the government charter to run out .- Yours truly.

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Accident Near Grass Hill Last Week -The Auxiliary Car Crdered from As the Coboconk train, in charge of Conductor Greaves and Driver Deyman, was bowling along on its northwesterly run Wednesday week, something went wrong with the tender

7.15, and as a result the engine was It was found necessary to wire

truck when near Grass Hill about

Tne Red Cross. Arrangements are being made for holding a public meeting for the purpose of raising funds for the Red Cross The meeting will be held on or about the 9th of Jan. in the council chamber. Particulars later.

THE SERVANT GIRL PROBLEM. Some Sound Advice Pr. ffered.

In a recent lecture John Charlton, M. P., touched on the domestic help which every employer of female help ought to ponder. He said:

If I had the power, I would abolish the expression "servant girl," and give to them the proper appellation of housekeepers * * * I think the art the head of the list of female employments. I well remember when a boy. that these distinctions had no existence. The daughters of farmers, where there were more girls at home than required to do the work, took positions with other families where help was needed. They were designated not servant girls, but hired girls. Their social position was as good as that of the daughters of their employers. Girls of the very best families in the country, possessed of intelligence, refinement, and the most desirable qualities that grace womanhood, were not above accepting occupation in this line. They were as likely to marry the sons of their employers, as otherwise. There was no servant girl question then, no difficulty about obtaining efficient assistance. Now the free-born Canadian or American girl has objections to accepting employment under conditions which relegate her to a position of social inferiority. She declines to enter upon an employment with these attending condit ons, and I sympathize with her in the spirit she manifests. I pity the class of mistresses who mourn over the difficulty of obtaining satisfactory assistance in their houses, simply because they insist upon retaining and aggravating the conditions, which are false and unnational in a free country, where all its citizens are equal before the law.

Probably the treatment of the girl "helps" as inferiors-unquestionably too studied and common-has as much to do with making household employment unpopular as have the long hours and unending duties. And you cah't always be sure that the Venus of the kitchen and dining room is less educated, less intelligent, less sensitive, in short, less a lady by birth and breeding and behavior, than the haughty person of the parlor who sometimes assumes intolerable airs of superiority.

What Do You Think, Voters?

Mr. Edward Meek, the well known Toronto lawyer, in a recent article on municipal matters, says: Canvassing should be stopped. It is a nuisance. It destroys the secrecy of the ballot. It is disliked by candidate and elector-if they are sensible men. I am aware that some like to be asked for their vote, They reason. "If my vote is worth anything it is worth soliciting." The humiliation of it is such that only the few, I am glad to say, will undergo it. The best men are turning away from it, in loathing, and the day will come when it will be utterly tabooed.

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