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THE WARDENSHIP.

The County Council, in session at Owen Sound this week, has elected Mr. Samuel Rogers, of Proton, to the Wardenship for 1893.

Dominion Parliament opens in Ottawa to-day. Ammunition is plentiful—the tariff supplying a large quantity—and the session will no doubt be a very interesting one and the wordy battle rage with unwonted fury.

Walkerton and Hanover have now taken up the railway question, and are pushing for connection with the east, at a point to strike the C. P. R. at Flesherton, Dundalk or Markdale. This line would work well in conjunction with the proposed route via Kimberly to Thornbury or Meaford, and would, we believe, be a paying line. The Hanover and Walkerton people seem to be earnest in the matter and propose communicating with Manager Van Horn. There is no reason why, if all should put their shoulder to the wheel, that this line should not be carried through from Kincardine to Thornbury. We believe the C. P. R. people would look with favor upon it, as it would give them an outlet to Lake Huron, as well as serve a purpose which is acknowledged to be an urgent want.

The Toronto Globe sets the pace for all other Canadian dailies, and there are apparently none that can keep pace with it as a general newspaper. It is ambitious and enterprising, and has lately had two reporters travelling around the country, writing up affairs agricultural and financial. This feature, however, will not, we imagine, be of any particular benefit more than to show that there are satisfied and dissatisfied individuals in this country—as there are in any other. There is a feeling that these reporters visit only the extremists and that the deductions do not give a fair summarization of the country's condition. During the past year the Globes "tone" has noticeably improved; and its editorial articles are marked with ability, moderation and forceful argument. While, of course, we do not agree with its motives, we cannot but concede that its methods are worthy of all praise and emulation.

The Manitoba schools case was argued before the federal ministers at Ottawa on Saturday last by Mr. Ewart, of Winnipeg, a full text of whose speech has appeared in the dailies. Manitoba was not represented at the hearing. The opinion appears to prevail that the case of the Catholic minority in Manitoba is a helpless one and that the Dominion Parliament will not interfere in any way. Speaking with evident assurance, the Globe says: "The Manitoba school question will not be a subject of legislative action at the coming session (if at all), but there is nothing to prevent its being discussed upon a resolution moved by a member on his own responsibility, and this appears to be the intention of Mr. Tarte, the newly-elected member for L'Islet. As we believe that the determination

of parliament will be that the province must be left to manage its own educational affairs without federal interference, it probably will not materially affect the case whether that decision be arrived at during the coming session or subsequently."

A Condemnation.

To the Editor of The Advance.
 Sir,—I am fully in accord with your editorial comments in last issue on a certain anonymous fly sheet circulated through the mails re the late municipal election. The author has taken a method of venting his ill will on the Reeve which must meet with universal condemnation. Being anonymous it is especially mischievous as it leaves innocent persons open to suspicion of its authorship. I hope I scarcely need assure your readers that I have had nothing to do with its production or circulation. I know no more as to who is the author than the public generally and I as heartily condemn it as you or any of your readers can do.

M. RICHARDSON.

Kimberley.

From our own Correspondent.

Last Sunday night Rev. Mr. Tonge, of Flesherton, preached in the Methodist church. An unusually large audience listened with much interest to an eloquent discourse from text 1st Cor., 14, 20. Among the visitors present from the outside were Miss Gilroy, of New York state; Miss Shaw, of Brampton; Mrs. Gilroy, of Winnipeg, who is visiting her father, Dr. Halsted.

Mr. Bowman, of Meaford, is taking Mr. Moore's work here on Sunday night in the interest of the Friends church.

Squire Stuart, 1st Deputy Reeve, is this week attending County Council at Owen Sound.

Rev. J. Keefer, of Disciple church, Meaford, is holding services in the Hall. "Railroad building" is an interesting topic around town. The executive committee is at work, also the subordinate committees along the line.

Miss Maud and Mr. A. McLean returned home last week from B. C.

Mr. T. R. Scott has gone to Barrie, where he will take up a course of study in the High School.

Miss Myrtle and Mr. J. M. Thurston have returned home, having spent a few weeks visiting friends in Michigan.

Osprey Council.

The members elected to serve at the Council Board for 1893 in Osprey met at 11 o'clock A. M. on Monday, 16th Jan., in the Orange Hall, at Maxwell, and having severally made and subscribed their declarations of office and declaration of qualification, filed them with the Clerk and took their seats as follows: Reeve, T. Gamey; Deputy Reeve, D. K. Preston; Councillors, Joseph Taylor, Wm. J. Monaghan, and John Speers.

Minutes of last meeting read and signed. Communications were read from Municipal World, sample copies for council. From D. Grant, bill \$3.00, balance due Wm. Armour for coffin for John Sherrard. From N. D. McKinnon, bill \$6.00, post stamps to Clerk. From Advance Office, Flesherton, bill \$20.45, Collectors' roll and stationery, printing Treasurer's Statement, ballots and election stationery. From clerk, bill \$15.00, assisting Treasurer to prepare statement and transcribing same for printer, posting up statement and nomination notices, delivering ballots and election expenses.

By laws Nos. 304, 305, and 306 respectively, to appoint an assessor, to appoint auditors, and to appoint health officers for 1893, received their several readings and passed.

Samuel Taylor received the appointment of assessor at a salary of \$90, including Truant Act services.

Robert Heron, Sr., on behalf of the Reeve, and James Potts, on behalf of the Council, were appointed auditors.

For health officers, Thomas Gamey, chairman; Thomas Scott, Secretary; D. K. Preston, J. Taylor, and John Speers. Dr. Scott was appointed Medical Health Officer.

A deputation of the President and Directors of Osprey Farmers Milling Company were before the council, asking that the company's property be exempted from taxes for 1892, also asking that the council loan the said Company \$1000 for one year at bank interest. This matter was referred to a special committee of Messrs. Monaghan, Taylor, and

Preston. The following is the report of the committee:

To the Council of Osprey:

GENTLEMEN.—Your Committee have had before them the application of the Osprey Milling Company, asking for exemption from taxes for 1892, and a loan for one thousand dollars. After carefully considering the matter in all its bearings, your committee feel that in justice to the ratepayers of the township, they cannot recommend the granting of their request, as the statutes do not authorize the council to use the township funds for any such purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
 D. K. PRESTON, Chairman.

Dated at council room, Maxwell Jan. 16/93.
 The standing Committees for the year 1893 are composed as follows: The Reeve, D. K. Preston and John Speers, to enquire into the Treasurer's securities. D. K. Preston, W. J. Monaghan and J. Taylor on road and bridges. The Reeve, D. K. Preston, and John Speers on printing. The Reeve, W. J. Monaghan, and J. Taylor on Finance and Assessment.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Hugh Currie, ordering him to remove his fence off road allowances on deviation road, Con. 14.

Orders were issued on the Treasurer to pay as follows: W. H. Thurston, \$20.45, printing; Wm. S. Inkster, Josiah Gamey, Ira Perigo, Robt. Morrison and Thos. Scot, \$3 each as deputy returning officers; W. H. Arnott, J. W. Gamsy, A. McGirr, I. Morrison and J. Douglas, \$2.00, as poll clerks. N. D. McKinnon \$6.00 postage stamps to Clerk, Wm. Armour, \$3, balance on coffin for John Sherrard. Gus Robinson, \$3, polling booth; D. W. Clinton, Robt. Kernaghan, Wm. Edwards Edward Potts, \$2.00 each for polling booths. D. W. Clinton, \$2.00 for nomination; Thos. Scott, \$4.00, assisting Treasurer to prepare Financial Statement, \$5; posting up nomination notices and financial statement, \$6, delivering ballots and boxes to deputy returning officers.

Council adjourned to meet at Fever-sham on Monday, Feb. 20th next.

Proton Council.

Council met at Hopeville on January 16th. Members present, S. Rogers, Reeve; P. Shaw, deputy Reeve; Jas. Corbett, Thomas Laughlin, Geo. Watson, Councillors. These qualified for office and council assembled for business.

Shaw—Watson—That the Reeve, councillors Laughlin and Corbett be a committee to inquire into the Treas. surties, and report at next meeting.

Shaw—Laughlin—That Jno. A. Cooper be auditor for council and Alex. Gillespie be auditor for the Reeve.

Watson—Corbett—That Jno. Moody be refunded \$4.00 for statute labor performed for lot 27, con. 17.

Laughlin—Watson—That the treasurer receive \$11.44 taxes lot 25, con. 13, for 1891. The clerk to notify county treas.

Shaw—Laughlin—That the collector receive taxes from John Cosgriff on lots 26 and 27, Con. 1, for year 1892.

Watson—Laughlin—That the Treas. receive \$15.20, taxes against lot 12, Con. 2, on N. R. roll 1892. The Clerk to notify the county Treasurer.

That John Boyd be refunded \$5.00 for statute labor performed 1892, lot 12, Con. 2.

Corbett—Shaw—That the following be paid for work division 5, for 1892; Jas. Lockhart, \$3.00, culvert on towline between Proton and Artemesia; Alex. Williamson, \$2.00, repairs 230 side-road, 2nd and 4th range.

Shaw—Laughlin—That the following be paid for work, division 2, 1892:—Jno. Dazell, gravelling 7 side road, con. 9, \$25.00 (grant); Jno. Dazell, gravelling 7 side road, con. 9, \$25.96 (Div. money); Thos. McLaren, gravelling 225 side road, con. 9, \$18.25 (Div. money); Wm. Bryce, gravelling 225 side road, con. 9, \$2.50.

Shaw—Corbett—That Ainsworth Jack be assessor for 1893. Sal. \$60.00 and \$10.00 for school return for tenant officers.

Watson—Corbett—That Jas. McDonald, Dep. Ret. office, Div. 3, extra service, receive 50 cts, and Jno. Russell, Dep. Ret. officer, Div. 2, extra service, receive 50 cts.

Laughlin—Corbett—That the clerk receive \$9.00 for registration 1892. Births 65, marriages 6, deaths 19.

Watson—Corbett—That Theo. Hall be paid \$42.34 for printing financial statement and election supplies.

Laughlin—Shaw—That by laws 21, pay of members of council; by law 22, appointment of auditors; by law 23, appointment of assessors; by law 25, re. dog tax, as read 1st, 2nd, and 3rd time, be passed, signed, etc.

Corbett—Watson—That Walter Murdoch, owner of lot 35, con. 1, be paid \$4.84 unexpended under drainage B. L. no 1.

Watson—Laughlin—That the treasurer half yearly statement for 1892 be received and filed in clerk's office.

Shaw—Laughlin—That the council adjourn to meet at Bell's Corners, on the 14th of February, clerk to notify council of west Luther of meeting, to arrange about road on towline.

JAS. CAVANAGH, Tp. Clerk.

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