

Mr. Elliott's Letter.

Mr. Editor.—For reasons I need not name, I with great reluctance, notice Mr. Elliott's...

thus loses the benefit of such rains as may have fallen much sooner than, with shelter, would have been the case.

There is, too, another and very important cause. The presence of woods tends so to distribute the yearly rainfall, as to give, during the growing season, many refreshing showers—showers which would otherwise have added their amount to the heavy rains of spring and summer which are of course, not so valuable.

These reasons have given foundations for the statement made by those who have considered the subject that a country one-third or even one-fourth in woods will give more crops with less labour than one totally cleared. I would suggest that it should be the endeavour of every one to keep some portion of forest on his farm. To do this, it will be found of very great assistance to exclude cattle. If necessary a portion of woods may be reserved for them, but not the portion it is intended should remain in permanent forest.

Yours, &c., R. W. PHIPPS.

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Euphrasia Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment on Oct. 30th, 1886:

Members all present—minutes of last session of council read and confirmed. The Reeve and Mr. Boyd, were instructed, to get fence erected in front of the site for Township Hall. Mr. Boyd was authorized to make improvements on 9 and 10 side road con. 9 and 10,—By-law No. 374, appointing polling places and Deputy Returning Officers, carried through the different stages and passed.

Moved—Seconded,—and Carried, that the collector be instructed to return his Roll on or before the 25th November

The Treasurer was authorized to have the Township Hall, insured in the Sydenham Insurance Company.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay for the Selection of Jurors as follows; viz. to the Reeve \$4.00; Assessor \$4.00 Clerk \$6.

The Reeves Orders were issued on the Treasurer to pay as, follows, viz. John Clingston, \$11; 2 Culverts on 4th line Abraham Crabtree, \$10; work on 7th line, Hugh Curry, \$2.50; fixtures for Town Hall, Rufus Wickens, \$3.40 balance on approaches to bridge, George Crinckshanks, \$2.50; work on bridge end scraper, W. Hewgill, Esq., \$4.00; to pay for work on town line, William Brown, \$29.00; work on 11th line at lot 10, Thomas Bassett, \$1.50; work on town line Holland, James Smith, 60c. removing stumps from road, James Falls, \$4.50; work in hall stove pipes freight &c., Robert Allen, \$15.00; work on 3 & 4 side line, and \$9.80; work on blind line between 3rd & 4th con's, Irwin Fawcett, \$1.00; removing timber from 6 & 7 side lines, George Graham, \$6.90; repairing bridge on 4th line, Henry Ellis, \$2.50; repairing bridge on valley road.

Council adjourned until the last Saturday in November next. ROBERT DUNLOP, Clerk.

Our Forests the Great Assistant to Fertility. To the Editor of the STANDARD.

Sir,—I should like to address a few words to your readers on a very important subject—that of the relation of forests, woods, or even of lines of trees to the fertility of the adjacent land. It has been thoroughly observed and is a matter of history that those countries such as Syria, Spain, parts of Italy and France, and many another where forested land was altogether or chiefly deprived of its trees, grew less and less fertile, some portions becoming altogether barren. And this being observed, some of these, by replanting, are now, after about fifty years of gradual improvement, becoming fertile again.

The reasons are these. Where a country is deprived of its trees, rain falling, passes away at once over the surface in torrents carrying with it much of the best soil to the lakes and rivers. Where woods abound, moisture is held for a long period, passing gradually away in creeks, water courses and the numerous underground channels of the earth, thus preserving the ground its great assistant to growth—its natural moisture.

Where, too, there is no shelter from rapid winds, ground dries out very quickly, and thus loses the benefit of such rains as may have fallen much sooner than, with shelter, would have been the case.

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