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MARKDALE, OCTOBER 20, 1904.

Presentment of Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury at the court of general sessions held at Owen Sound last week made the following presentment:

We the Grand Jurors in attendance at this sittings of the high court of justice for the County of Grey beg leave to make the following presentment:

We join in your Lordship's congratulations upon the comparatively small number of indictments presented before us. In our judgment this is good evidence that the people of this large county are peacable and law-abiding citizens.

In accordance with your instructions we have visited several of the public institutions of the County and are pleased to be able to report all of them in good condition.

The County Goal, under the supervision of Governor Miller, we found to be well-kept, clean and healthy. There are at present confined therein 14 prisoners, viz: 12 males, 2 females. Of these 4 are confined as insane. It is satisfactory to know that this institution is no longer being now used for the confinement of those whose only crime is old age, poverty or physical infirmity.

The General and Marine Hospital was visited and found to be in excellent condition. It is gratifying to see the splendid work being done here by Miss Duncan, the lady superintendent and her staff of nurses, in the alleviation of human sickness and suffering. The hospital we found crowded with patients and an enlargement of premises is a necessity. This institution is deserving of a larger measure of financial aid from the county than it at present receives and in our judgment the county council by increasing its annual grant to this work would be doing a great public benefit. One generous hearted lady of Owen Sound, the widow of the late Dr. Horsey, has equipped the operating room with a complete set of up-to-date surgical instruments. We trust her worthy example may be emulated by other citizens in supplying much needed things for the hospital.

The County House of Refuge was opened this year at Markdale for the reception of the poor and feeble of the county, and the jury felt it their duty to inspect this new public institution, although to do so the members were obliged to pay their travelling expenses out of their own pockets. We feel that this is not right and therefore recommend that the county council provide for the travelling expenses of the Grand Jury for the inspection of this county undertaking at least twice a year.

This Institution we found to be an admirable one. The house itself is well built, commodious and thoroughly fitted with everything necessary for the comfort and convenience of those who have to occupy it. We recommend however that the county council purchase a quantity of hose for fire protection.

Although the house has been open only a few months, there are now 23 inmates, viz: 19 males and 4 females, all apparently happy, contented and well pleased with their surroundings and care.

We do not think however that the matron can continue to discharge the heavy duties developing upon her. In our opinion the county council should supply further help for the house work.

We regret to be unable to report favorably upon the barn. It is not in keeping with the rest of the Institution and does not appear to be suitably designed or constructed for the purposes intended.

The county is to be congratulated upon having now a comfortable well-equipped and up-to-date home for those aged citizens who through poverty, infirmity or misfortune have no home of their own.

The one unhappy circumstance connected with the erection of this House of Refuge is the fact as we are informed that the contractor has sustained a heavy financial loss. We recommend that the county council do not allow the contractor who has done his work in such a thorough and satisfactory manner to be a loser through his faithfulness in the performance of his contract.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
On behalf of the Grand Jury.

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35c " " " 22c.
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Artemesia Council.

Artemesia Council met in the township hall on Saturday, Oct. 1. The members were all present, the Reeve in the chair. Minutes of September session were read and confirmed. Bylaw No. 641, to invest part of sinking fund on account of S.S. No. 5, was introduced and read a first, second and third time and ordered to be entered in the Bylaw book.

Meads—Best—That this Council grant fifty dollars to be expended in opening up sideroad 30 from Durham Road to base line to Ceylon.—Lost.

Gibson—Meads—That the Reeve and Mr. Purvis be a committee to inspect contract of 1903, done by Geo. Graham on Valley Road, also the road in dispute by Robert Graham, and to report to this Council in the matter.—Carried.

Purvis—Best—That the following accounts for work on Saugeen bridge, Toronto line, be paid, viz:—D Muir $13, A McArthur $9, D McLean $1.50, H Paton $2.50, James McArthur $7, and H McPherson $2.

Meads—Best—That D. McTavish be paid $4 for plow head furnished L. Latimer, broken in repairing snow roads and repairing scraper.—Carried.

Gibson—Best—That D. McTavish be paid $17.60 for repairs to grader in 1903 as per account rendered.—Carried.

Gibson—Best—That the following accounts for gravel used on roads as certified by overseers, be paid, viz:—James Neilson 70c, J H Watson $2, W Badgerow $1.20.—Carried.

Gibson—Meads—That H. Wilson's account for repairing grader, $12.65, be paid, as per account rendered.—Carried.

Gibson—Best—That the account of R. McDowell, C.E., for surveying, plans, descriptions and report, be paid, $68.45.—Carried.

Gibson—Meads—That this Council do now adjourn to meet on the second Saturday in November, 1904, which will be November 12th.—Carried.

Council adjourned accordingly.—Advance.

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