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VILLAGE MATTERS.

At the last meeting of the Village Council three very important items of business were transacted, and it is our intention to consider these matters, and express our opinion thereon.

The first item is the street and sidewalk committee's report, which by reading the council minutes in another column, it will be seen was passed. On finishing over the report—which is too lengthy for publication—we notice that the committee have done their work in a systematic and orderly manner, and they intend to repair and grade those places in our streets which need grading most; to build bridges and crossings where they are wanted the most; gravel the streets in such places as it is most required; lay sidewalks where they are a necessity, etc., and they have had the sum of \$300 placed at their credit. The report is satisfactory, and we trust the committee will immediately set men at work, and have the intended repairs and additions attended to at once.

The next matter was the motion that legal proceedings be instituted against the tax collector for 1877, and his services, to enforce the return of the rent for that year, and the payment into the treasury of the municipality of all money not yet accounted for. Our readers are mostly aware that Jim Hawkins, the collector for that year was negligent, and did not attend to his duties, and now his sureties, Messrs. P. S. Armstrong and J. Matthews, together with the collector himself, will be called upon to answer for his neglect, and the uncollected balance, amounting to \$311.42, will have to be paid by them.

The last matter to which we intend to refer is the cemetery question. Last fall we agitated the necessity of a new cemetery, and the council of 1878 do appoint a committee, but after they reported nothing further was done. We are now glad to learn that the present council is so well aware of the wishes of the ratepayers that they have appointed a committee. We trust the matter will be carried through, as every year the present graveyard presents a less healthy and more disgraceful appearance.

Before concluding this article we would call attention to two letters in this issue, which refer to the condition of our streets, and the disposal of garden and other rubbish. We heartily concur in the opinion of our correspondents, and would very much like to see our streets present a more respectable appearance. It is very unpleasant when walking through our streets to come across first a pile of garden rubbish, then a heap of stable refuse, among wood-pile, and so on. We think the citizen should see that the master is attended to. This sensible has informed us that if the master does not receive immediate attention the By-law which bears on the subject will be filed to the latter.

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FALL WHEAT.

From reliable information received from all parts of the County, we learn that the fall wheat has a most promising appearance. It was feared that the frosts, which set in rather severely during the early part of this month, would have had a damaging effect; but we are glad to learn that no serious results are likely to follow. It may be that the wish is parent to the thought; but there appears to be a general opinion that the crop will be good this year, and if the present indications are worth anything, there is a prospect that these anticipations will be realized. A failure of the crops this season would be a serious calamity for Canada, and a bountiful harvest will do more to relieve our depressed industries than all the machination of political thimblerig at Ottawa, for the next decade. In this section, a large acreage of fall wheat has been sown, and though there may be a "slip between the cup and the lip," a very presentable appearance. The constable or peace officer in this community should be the person to see to the matter, and the position should be filled by a person of vigorous activity and

INAUGURATION OF GUELPH

Over 15,000 visitors.

On Wednesday of last week a new city, named Guelph, was born. On that day fifty-two years ago, the first tree where the city now stands, was cut down. It is this man who rapid growth has been made by that place.

Forty-two years ago the first inhabitant of the wilderness where now a city with a population of 10,000 people has been built. The day was celebrated in a very royal as well as royal manner.

Early in the morning flags and bunting were displayed from almost every house in the city. People commenced to arrive before seven o'clock, and continued arriving until it was considered that over 15,000 people were in the place.

At 7 a.m. a royal salute was fired by the W. F. B., and almost simultaneously all the bells and whistles in the city joined in the noise.

At 9 o'clock the school children were gathered in the Drill Shed. At 11 o'clock a grand procession composed of Council and guests, volunteers (Artillery and Rifles), Firemen, Royal Societies, various trades, and citizens generally, with several military and other brass bands, was formed at the Principal Hall, and marched through the principal streets. At 1:30 o'clock a procession of volunteers, bands, firemen, etc., was formed at the City Hall, and marched to the Exhibition Park, where games of all kinds, a baby show, band competition, &c., were in order; at 2 o'clock the inauguration ceremony took place, during which a royal salute was fired by the batteries, also a feu de joie by the Rifles, accompanied by beating of drums and other military demonstrations, which was followed by short addresses from prominent public men. At 8 o'clock a torchlight procession was formed at the Drill shed, and marched through the principal streets and back to the Market Square, where a grand display of fire works was presented. During the evening the stores and many of the private dwellings of the city were illuminated, and it presented a pleasant appearance.

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intelligence, and who has the time and energy to do his duty.

While on this subject I would ask if no attempt is to be made by the council this season to replace the trees cut down in the demolition Bower street. In a few years' time, by proper attention, would form a beautiful avenue, and a pleasant resort on a summer evening. Surely laziness and indifference is not going to deprive us of such a benefit.

Thanking Mr. Editor,

I am yours respectfully,

Acton, April 30, '79.—UNIDENTIFIED.

The Village Fathers.

WHAT THEY DID AT THE LAST MEETING.

Village Council met on Monday evening, 23rd ult., pursuant to adjournment. The Roaring in the Chair, Number all present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A number of petitions and accounts were then read.

Leave was granted to introduce a Bill for the appointment of path-masters, fence-sitters and poundkeepers for the current year.

\$10 was paid to A. McDonald for work done on lot 10, 5th line of the Township.

The account of the municipality for 1878 were passed, and 250 copies of the same are to be printed for distribution.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the following sums to the following persons for the following reasons viz:

George Mino, clothing for child \$12;

Joseph Arthurs, post of coat of living late Wan. Glover, \$5; Widow Swackhamer, remission of taxes \$8.75; James Y. Nitton, dog tax of Robt. Stundish, \$1; Joseph Standish, damage to wagon, &c., \$80; Hart & Hawlinson, assessment roll notices, etc., \$12.75; Ross & Ruston, statute labor tax, \$2.25; Mrs. Margaret Ross, etc., \$6.91; Alex. Waldie, shoveling snow, \$4.50; Hugh Morrison, burial expenses of late John Whittaker, \$1; Alex. Henderson, for work on 7th line, \$5; Albert Appleby, yard for work on 7th line, \$3; Diana Williams, error in school tax, \$19.57.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay the persons named the sum named for the reasons named viz:—Samuel J. McKenzie, 2 sheep killed, \$6.66; Wm. Dudge, 4 sheep killed, \$24; A. B. Wright, 1 sheep killed, \$4; James Scott, 1 sheep and lamb, \$16. Carrried.

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday, the 30th April.

(The following was inserted last week.)

Esquising.

From our correspondent.

I thought of communicating with a few lines on spring; but on glancing over the last Free Press I noticed how your P. D. bounded the poet who entered your column and commenced to write:

"Hail gentle Spring,

The gentle spring—

However, it feels more like Spring to me than it has for some time. The farmer in anticipation of the good prices they are to receive from the N. P. is sowing a great deal of grain this Spring. Very little wheat will be sown in this neighborhood, especially on the clay soil, as it is thought to be too late for it to yield well. The body of Alexander McDonald, who suddenly disappeared on the evening of the 25th October last was found resting home from Hockerton, about one-half mile below Victoria Bridge, and about twelve feet from the shore. He was a strong, healthy man, about forty years of age and was just seen alive on the evening of the 25th of October. He was formerly a resident of Esquising, but for some time lived near Elora. When he disappeared he was in a state of intoxication. Mrs. Stewart, wife of Duncan Stewart, one of the oldest settlers in the Block, died very suddenly on Friday the 12th instant, after a short sickness. She was for years connected with the Boston congregation of the Presbyterian church, and was buried on Monday in the Presbyterian burying ground. The funeral was well attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances, and sympathized extended to the widow. She is deeply deplored. Rev. Mr. G. Campbell, who was the appointed pastor of the Presbyterian church, died a short time ago, doing good work. He instilled the teachings of God's word in an able manner, and has a wonderful power of impressing them in the hearts of his hearers. His whole heart is in the work.

ONE WHO LOVES CLEAN STREETS.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR.—It is observable to all who take a walk through our village that many of our citizens, while engaged in gardening, are depositing the rubbish which accumulates in the gardens during the year, on the streets, which custom, I am sorry to say, does not in any way beautify the appearance of our otherwise clean-looking little town. Now, I beg to remind these parties of the clause in By-law No. 6, sec. 7, which says—"any person placing or depositing earth, dirt or rubbish of any kind, on any of the streets without permission from the constable shall remove the same after receiving notice to do so by such officer; and it shall be the duty of the constable, in case of the said earth, dirt or rubbish, or other obstruction, not being removed within two days from said notice, to immediately cause the same to be done." Hoping that while gardening conditions will exercise more prudence in the disposal of their rubbish than to do so on the streets, and to help the constable in his duty, and that the constable will attend to his duties faithfully.

I am yours etc.

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To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR.—Permit me through the medium of your columns to call attention to a matter which at present forms the theme of common conversation.

I allude to the dirty and untidy condition of the streets in this community. Recently we are retrograding as a people, if the absence of tidiness in respect to our streets and habits. Now, the council may receive a good deal of efficient practical advice to take in this regard.

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