

The Free Press.

Acton, Thursday, Jan. 28, 1881.

Ontario Legislature.

Opening of the Second Session of the Fourth Parliament.

On Thursday at three o'clock p.m. the Honourable John Beverley Robinson, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario, proceeded in State to the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly, and being seated on the Throne, opened the second session of the fourth Legislature of Ontario with an appropriate speech from the Throne.

The Biddulph Prisoners.

John Percell, one of the Biddulph prisoners, told a reporter to-day that he had quarrelled with James Carroll, the alleged ringleader of the vigilantes, and they have not been on speaking terms for a month. He says Carroll has been putting on "side" over the rest of the boys, and wanted to boss the war on all occasions. He (Percell) resented this, and an angry dispute arose. They once were going to fight, but trouble was prevented by Carroll being removed to an upstairs ward. Percell says Miss Blake who was killed in the late unfortunate railway accident near Chatham was the witness on whom he relied at the coronial trial. It is understood that 90 fugitives have been seized by the Queen in this case.

Acton Village Council.

The members elect having taken and subscribed to the declaration of qualification and office. The reeve took the chair, with the members all present.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by W. H. Storey, that the reeve, the mover and seconded, be a special committee to strike standing committees for the current year. Carried.

The committee reported as follows:

FINANCE COM. W. H. STOREY, D. HENDERSON, C. S. SMITH. COM. ON STREETS, D. W. CAMPBELL, M. SPEIGHT, AND SIDEWALKS. C. S. SMITH.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by M. Speight, that the report of the committee appointed to strike standing committees for the current year be adopted. Carried.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by M. Speight, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to provide for the appointment of Auditors for the village of Acton, for the year 1881, and that said by-law be now read a first time. Carried.

By-law read the required number of times and passed.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by D. W. Campbell, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint an Assessor for the village of Acton, and that it be now read a first time. Carried.

By-law read a first and second time.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by D. Henderson, that this council adjourn to meet again on Monday evening, Jan. 24th. Carried.

Esqueping Township Council.

The first meeting of the municipal council of the township of Esqueping was held in the Council Chamber, at Stewarttown, at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Monday last.

The members elect were all present, and made and subscribed the declarations of qualification and office, as follows:

Wm. Clay, reeve. Wm. McEnery, Deputy Reeve. Ninian Lindsay, Deputy Reeve. Richard Graham, Councillor. John Warren, Councillor.

The members having taken their seats, the reeve addressed the council.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Warren, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint Auditors of the township accounts for the year 1880. Carried.

By-law was then read the required number of times and passed.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of \$1 for dog tax be refunded to John Leslie, as he possessed no dog. Carried.

Council adjourned at 12 o'clock for lunch.

Council resumed at 1.30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. McEnery, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the following sums be paid to the undermentioned parties by the treasurer:—Mrs. McMaster, taxes refunded, \$2; Samuel McMaster, taxes refunded, \$3.10; A. McDonald, taxes refunded, \$2.92; D. Reid, stone-hammer, \$4.60. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. McEnery, that the sum of \$5.57 be paid to Hugh Morrison for cleaning out the water course opposite lots 10 and 12, con. 7. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. McEnery, that leave be granted to

J. E. McGarvin,

introduce a by-law to appoint an Assessor for the township of Esqueping for the current year. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the following accounts be paid:—W. Harding, stamping on 6th line, opposite lots 25, \$8; Hart & Rawlinson, election blanks, \$13.30; Thomas Neelands, printing minutes & by-laws, etc., \$23. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. McEnery, that the council go into committee on the whole on the by-law to appoint an assessor or assessors for the current year, with Mr. Graham in the chair.

Council went into committee of the whole, and after considerable discussion decided to report at next meeting. Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the following sum be paid out of the dog fund, to the parties named:—To Wm. Moore the sum of \$4, being two-thirds value of one sheep, and to Mr. Chas. Cameron \$12, being two-thirds value of two sheep killed by dogs, the owners of which are unknown. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the taxes of Mrs. D. Swackhammer, \$5.25, and Mrs. Gerwin, \$3, be refunded, they being unable to pay the same. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the collector of Div. 5, be refunded \$3.03, being taxes he can not collect. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the sum of \$6.16 be paid to Lawson Bros. for plank supplied this municipality. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of \$7 be paid to William Thompson for repairing the hill between 15 and 16, in the 7th con. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the treasurer pay Wm. Snyder \$6.40, for damages. Carried.

Council adjourned to meet again on 31st inst.

Esqueping Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the Esqueping Agricultural Society was held in the Council Chamber, Stewarttown, on Thursday, 13th inst., Mr. W. R. Graham, President, in the chair.

The annual report was submitted to the meeting, and on motion was adopted.

The President's address was then read and votes of thanks passed to the retiring President, the Directors, and the Secretary and Treasurer, for their efficient services.

The following officers were then elected for the present year:—

James Marshall, President. William Wilson, Vice President. J. Murray, Sec'y & Treas. John Stewart, Director. John T. Elliott, " Charles Brown, " Dr. Webster, " Richard Graham, " David Henderson, " Alex. H. Brown, " William Walsh, " D. McKenzie, " W. H. Cross, Auditor. Dugald Reid, "

The meeting then adjourned to meet again at the call of the President.

Nassageweja News.

Rev. H. H. McPherson intends taking a trip to Halifax, N. S., for the improvement of his health, which for a few weeks past we are sorry to say has not been very good.

The fishonville Temperance House lately vacated by the removal of R. Dickey, has been taken possession of this week by Mr. J. Martinioti, an Italian, from Everton.

Nassageweja council has been elected by acclamation for 1881, and consists of Mr. J. Ramsey, reeve; Mr. Jas. Menzies, dep. reeve; and Messrs. Jno. McPhedran, Wm. Watson and Joshua Norris, councillors.

Miss Lizzie H. Hutcheon left on Monday last for Hamilton Collegiate Institute, which institution she is at present attending.

The History of the Sea.

We are pleased to announce to our readers that a book of no common merit is soon to be circulated among us. We speak of the "History of the Sea," written by Dr. Goodrich, a historian and one of the first writers of modern times. The land and its products we are fully acquainted with, but what a history is there to be told about the various seas of the world. The great value and variety of its products, including fish, minerals, gems, etc., is important for us to understand, especially of our own great possessions. This book goes back to the very earliest times, and gives the history of all great navigators

and expeditions down to the present time. Every land and climate can be visited by our friends if we have this book in our hand, and we can travel with Columbus, Magellan, Captain Cook, Sir Henry Hudson, Sir Francis Drake and hundreds of others. We quote the following from its title-page which gives only a faint idea of the value of the work: "The History of the Sea," a graphic description of maritime adventures, achievements and explorations, including hazards and perils of early navigators, cruelties and experiences of noted buccanniers, conquests and prizes of the great pirates, discoveries and achievements of the great captains, conflicts with savages, cannibals, Robbers, etc., Arctic explorations and attendant sufferings, growth of commerce, ocean navigation, naval power, etc., to which is added an account of adventures beneath the sea, diving, dredging, deep sea sounding, latest submarine explorations, etc., etc., performed with great danger. We will further add that the illustrations of this work are nearly 300 in number, and are executed in the best style of the art, and the book far surpasses that of any book of the kind that has ever been sold in this section. It is a beautiful work, and is sold at a very reasonable price. We can think of no book more valuable for teachers, more interesting and important to children, or more useful in every home except it be the Bible. The opinions of a few of our best judges after they have thoroughly examined a complete copy of the work as given in another column.

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