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ACTON, THURSDAY, March 31, 1881.

### THE NEW TOWN HALL

At the beginning of the year we recommended the newly elected village council to take into consideration the erection of a new town hall and look up, in some central site in one village. Since that time considerable conversation on the subject has been indulged in by the ratepayers and citizens generally, and at the last meeting of the council the matter was taken up, and notice was given that at the next meeting a motion would be presented to the effect that, "in the opinion of this council the time has arrived when steps should be taken to secure a proper town hall and lock-up." We understand that it is the intention of the council to visit a number of halls in other towns, for information respecting the construction and cost of a suitable town hall. The reeve will probably call a meeting of the ratepayers, in a week or so, to lay before them the result of the investigations and to ascertain their opinions on the subject.

Now that the matter has been taken hold of by the proper authorities, we trust it will be pushed forward with such despatch as is consistent with the importance of the undertaking. As far as the public meeting concerned, we feel certain that the opinion of the ratepayers will be undivided on this question, as all are doubtless fully alive to the necessity of securing a public hall for our village, and see that it is the duty to the citizens and convenience of our continually increasing population.

As in a previous issue, we would advocate the erection of a building which would meet the public requirements for the next twenty years, and in a style creditable to our industrious and enterprising town. The hall might be built two stories high, with basement. The first story fitted up for the public hall, the second for lodgerooms for secret societies, and the basement for lock-up fire hall, etc. The hall proper would bring in considerable revenue, and the lodgerooms would add a very respectable amount to this.

The payment of the amount required for the erection of the new hall can be extended over a period of twenty years, and it will thus be very light on the juries of the ratepayers, as the revenue derived from the hall will amount to more than the annual interest on the sum required.

There is no doubt that different men will have different opinions on the subject, but we know that public opinion is in favor of a new hall, and we are confident that the great majority of the ratepayers will use their influence in that direction.

What is your opinion on the question? One column is open. Speak out freely.

### THE CENSUS

The commissioners are unanimously of the opinion that it would greatly facilitate the proper taking of the census for the public generally, including clergymen, school teachers, newspaper men, and all persons having any public connection, to impress the fact that the census is in no way connected with taxation, and that the information given to enumerators is under the strictest order of secrecy; the enumerators being sworn not to reveal or to allow any one whatever to give information gained during the taking of the census. In the census of 1871, enumerators made a preliminary call and left a blank schedule to be filled up by the householder. This schedule is dispensed with in the present census and each enumerator will have to gain the information requisite when he calls at the house. Manufacturers and others in business should have no difficulty in giving the fullest information as to their business. Nothing will be revealed by those engaged in taking the census.

The United States, with its population of fifty millions and holding the status of an independent nation, is content with seven heads of departments, costing for salaries \$56,000 a year. Canada, with less than a tenth of our neighbor's population and occupying the position of a dependency, has thirteen heads of departments, who cost for salaries \$92,000 a year—or \$105,000 if we add the sessional indemnity. Who says Canada is not too much governed?

SEEDS, SEEDS,

### CLEAR AWAY THE RUBBISH.

It is now time that every man should clean up the refuse that has collected about his buildings. If left for a few weeks longer it will cause much sickness, more than many realize. Every year discrepancies are made showing that the most dangerous and deadly diseases are caused by neglecting to clean up the garbage and waste that has accumulated for months, and perhaps for years. Our village has been very fortunate in escaping these diseases, which is partly owing to the location, but it should not cause us to neglect our duty; we should clean up all the filth and put it where it can do no harm.

### TO FARMERS AND STOCK BREEDERS

It will be gratifying to our numerous readers to learn that a work is soon to be circulated in Canada that must prove as valuable and indispensable to the farmer as his spade, or any other labor-saving implement, and that will, by careful study and following the instructions therein contained, place him in a position to greatly increase his profits.

It is a well known fact that large profits have hitherto been made on stock raising, by man who understand their business, and that the department of stock breeding is now becoming more important than ever and yielding better returns than any other branch of husbandry. We do not say, however, that all have been successful, who have embarked in this line, for it is as in all other walks of life, there have been failures. Hitherto the want of a first-class, reliable, practical work on Live Stock has been felt by every farmer as a reference book for breeding, breaking, training, sheltering, buying, selling, and care, as well as wherein to obtain the most recent, improved, humane methods for the preservation and care of stock, the prevention of any disease and the reduction of the cost of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry. The greatest want is now to be supplied by the World Publishing Co., of Guelph.

The following testimonial, from some of our best judges, speak for themselves. They have carefully examined complete copies of the work, and ordered one for their own use.

UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND EXPERIMENTAL FARM, GUELPH, Feb. 7, 1881.

To the World Publishing Company, Guelph:

GENTLEMEN—I have made a careful examination of your new book, entitled "Illustrated Stock Doctor and Live Stock Encyclopedia." One thousand pages in one volume, having 400 illustrations dorsoed entirely to information on horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, is certainly a new feature in agricultural literature. There has long been a want, both in Europe and America, of what I should like to call a text book on this special branch of rural economy, and the work now before me comes the nearest to this idea—of course the farmer's reference book, and a guide, rather than a treatise, written for the farmer, making it to our farmers as well up to the times, thoroughly practical, and what to me gives it greatest value, every class of animals is handled in detail; points and judging fully explained and illustrated, and all items in health and disease fully treated. In short, in this age of live stock raising, your work is bound to have a very large circulation, and should be in the hands of every farmer.

Yours, faithfully,  
J. E. McGARVIN,  
Professor of Agriculture and Farm Superintendent.

GUELPH, 15th Feb., 1881.  
World Publishing Company, Guelph:

GENTLEMEN—I think J. R. Manning's book, called "The Illustrated Stock Doctor and Live Stock Encyclopedia," from what I have seen of it, is a very useful tool for breeders and farmers to have to hand.

I am, gentlemen, yours, &c.,  
J. E. McGARVIN,  
Importer and breeder of Shorthorn and Hereford cattle, Cotswold and Southdown sheep and Berkshires and small white breed of pigs, and Falstaff horses.

To the World Publishing Co., Guelph.

GUELPH, March 2, 1881.

GENTLEMEN—After a careful examination of your new work by Dr. Manning, I am of the opinion that it is a work which should possess a copy. For years I have had a strong prejudice against all books sold by carriers, having known so many exceptions and misrepresentations palmed off on the people in that way, but having seen a full copy of this work, and having examined it thoroughly and having examined it to be thoroughly good and every hour I read it I became more and more convinced that I needed the work, as I am certain does every farmer who desires to succeed. The work is extremely well arranged; for references, just what you want to know, and all can be found in a few moments. Your son should be proud of it as a daily practical ready copy of this book. Farmers get the work, it will pay well; it can easily be had by any leading druggist at 10 cents.

BANFF, April 10, 1881.

REED & CO., THE WOODEN WORKHOUSE,

Importers and breeders of Shorthorn and

Hereford cattle, Cotswold and South-

down sheep and Berkshires and small

white breed of pigs, and Falstaff horses.

To the World Publishing Co., Guelph.

GUELPH, March 24, 1881.

To the World Publishing Co., Guelph.

GENTLEMEN—Having carefully examined your publication, entitled the "Illustrated Stock Doctor and Live Stock Encyclopedia," by J. R. Manning, M.D., V.S. I am satisfied it is of great value to farmers and stock breeders generally, as the best work of the kind I have yet read. The general information concerning each particular breed will be found most interesting and in-

valuable.

Acton, March 24th, 1881.

W. H. STOREY, { Executor

W. H. STOREY, { Auctioneer

D. W. CAMPBELL, { Executors

H. C. STONE, { Auctioneer

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