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KEEP THE STREETS CLEAN.

Now that gardening has commenced, it seems, as in former years, to be a great temptation to those engaged in making gardens to throw all sorts of rubbish, which has accumulated during the winter, into the public streets.

Acton Village Council.

A meeting of the council of this municipality was held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday evening, 3rd inst. Members all present. Received in the chair.

Moved by W. U. Storey, seconded by M. Speight, that by-law No. 1, to close a portion of Agnes street and to provide for the opening of one in lieu thereof, be read a first time. Carried.

By-law read the first time. Moved by D. W. Henderson, seconded by D. W. Campbell, that this council meet as a Court of Revision on Tuesday, 31st May, at 8 o'clock p. m., and that the clerk give the requisite notice of the same. Carried.

The Street and Sidewalk Committee presented their first report, which will be found in another column.

Moved by D. W. Campbell, seconded by M. Speight, that the report of the Street and Sidewalk Committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by M. Speight, seconded by W. H. Storey, that the sum of \$450 be placed to the credit of the Street and Sidewalk Committee for contemplated improvements. Carried.

Moved by D. Henderson, seconded by W. H. Storey, that a premium of fifteen dollars be offered for the most suitable design for a town hall, for the village of Acton, accompanied with full specifications and estimate of cost. Hall to be of brick, about 40x70 feet in size, and of suitable height, with tower and bell. To provide on ground floor, council room, lock-up, engine room, wood house, etc. Hall to be full size of one above and to possess good acoustic properties. Cost not to exceed from \$4,000 to \$5,000. Plans to be submitted to this council within two weeks from date. Premium will be paid to the person whose design is approved. Carried.

Council adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, 17th inst.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

List of Repairs and Extensions to be performed on streets and sidewalks

During the past week the street and sidewalk commissioners took a tour of inspection throughout the village, and noted all streets and sidewalks requiring repairs, and also where extensions to the sidewalks were most required. The following is the list of improvements to be made:

- Sidewalk on Frederick street, from Mill street to Bower Avenue, four feet wide. Sidewalk on Mill street, from Bennett's hotel to G. T. R. crossing, four feet wide. Sidewalk on Elgin street, from Church to Agnes street, four feet wide. Sidewalk on Willow street, from Mill to Agnes street, four feet wide. Sidewalk on Church street from Main to Willow street, four feet wide. Sidewalk on Mill and Main streets, from Willow street to the bank, six feet wide. In the construction of the above sidewalks pine lumber will be used, two inches thick and from 8 to 12 inches wide, to be laid on 4x4 cedar scantling. The planks placed one-half inch apart, and not less than 4 to 6 nails used in each plank.

Crossings.—On John street, across Bower Avenue to Dr. Morco's; On Mill street, across John street, both north and south sides; Across Willow street, south side; From Church to Mrs. Secord's block; Across Mill street, west side; Main street; Across Main street, at Agnes's hotel; At the junction of West Bower Avenue and Main street. Plank 4 inches thick and 10 inches wide will be used in all the crossings.

The estimated cost of above improvements is about \$450.

A NEW TOWN HALL.

Public Meeting.

According to announcement a meeting of the ratepayers was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, 2nd inst., to take into consideration the necessity for erecting a town hall in this municipality. The record took the chair at 8:30 o'clock, about fifty ratepayers being present. After explaining the object of the meeting he called upon those present to give their views on the subject.

Mr. M. Speight stated that a deputation of the council had visited Georgetown town hall, and such an one, with a few changes, would suit Acton very well. He was in favor of the erection of a hall, and thought the village could not do longer without one.

Mr. D. Henderson would go in with the ratepayers to build a town hall. He thought it was a very necessary improvement, and would be an ornament to Acton. He would like to hear what all the ratepayers present had to say in the matter.

Mr. Thomas Moore was in favor of building on the main street, and one such as Major Allen had described, one which could be erected for from \$4,000 to \$5,500. The revenue to be derived from the hall would more than pay the interest, and he would support the thing.

Mr. Fred Secord said he was in favor of the erection of a town hall, as Acton needs one very badly, but he did not concur with Major Allen as to the building of stores in connection with the hall. Did not believe in the council competing with ratepayers, and as there are sufficient stores in town he would go against the proposition erecting any.

Mr. R. Warren thought the discussion referring to the plan of the hall was premature. Would like to hear if the people were in favor of a town hall. Thought the village was getting along very well without a new town hall. The revenue of the hall might pay the interest, but the principal would have to be met.

Mr. D. D. Christie said that years ago a town hall had been spoken of, and he thought that both a town hall and lock-up were necessary, but that a suitable building could be erected for less than the amount named by a former speaker. An expensive hall would be a burden to Acton, but as money could now be obtained at a low rate of interest he thought the present a very favorable time to build a moderately priced hall. The council should be careful not to submit a by-law unless they were certain the by-law would carry.

Mr. John Cameron was in favor of building a town hall at a moderate price. Would commence the building so that the design could be carried out to the end, and not leave to cartail after the building was half completed, and spoil the appearance. Would have cells on first floor and no basement.

Mr. John Warren asked if a hall was necessary, and if the municipality is able to build a hall without injury to itself. The village was not in debt at present, and he did not believe in getting into debt. Georgetown is heavily in debt, and it is hard for them to get along. At present if a man in Acton wanted to sell out all he had to do was to insert a notice to that effect in the FREE PRESS and his property would soon be disposed of. Not so in Georgetown. Debt is against the public interests of a place. Thought Acton wanted to show off and spread herself by building a town hall. He asked the working men to consider the question well before they get Acton into debt.

Mr. D. W. Campbell favored the erection of a town hall at a moderate cost.

Mr. W. E. Brown was pleased with the manner in which Mr. Warren had expressed himself. He thought the cost of a town hall would be much more than the convenience was worth. Would like to see a town hall in Acton if we could get it without costing anything.

Mr. James Moore thought that if every property owner present would speak on the subject it would not be a fair expression of the opinion of the people. The village should be canvassed on the question. Was in favor of a hall, but thought that one costing less than \$6,000 would do us.

Mr. D. Henderson was pleased to see the people so outspoken on the question. That was the object of the meeting. Thought the question raised by Mr. Secord should be considered and that the village should build nothing in competition to ratepayers. Acton would not be better able in ten years to build a hall than at present.

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The record said, to be consistent he should vote for by law.

Mr. John Speight could not see how a man could consistently sign a petition in favor of a by-law and then vote against it. Acton needs a town hall, lock-up, fire hall and hook and ladder company, and he was in favor of supplying all of them. We might have a fire one of these nights which would cost much more than a town hall. We do require a town hall, and did not think it was because Acton wanted to "spread herself," that she wanted a hall. He was in favor of it, and if the council saw fit to build it and pay for it in one year he would do his share.

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Moved by D. D. Christie, seconded by John Speight, that this council authorize the reeve to get plans, specifications, etc., of a hall not to cost more than \$4,000 complete, including site, the same to be submitted to a public meeting on the 3rd inst.

Moved in amendment by W. P. Brown, seconded by Alex. Grant, that the council do not build a town hall at all.

Mr. Brown's amendment was put and responded to by himself only. The original motion was then presented and was almost unanimously responded to.

It is evident that nearly every property owner in town is in favor of a town hall of moderate cost, and we feel confident that the next public meeting will authorize the council to proceed and submit the by-law required.

Neighborhood News.

From our own correspondent.

On Tuesday last the residence of Mr. John Canute, lot 22, was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Canute also lost nearly all his furniture. The fire started in the roof of the building. As there was no insurance on either the building or furniture Mr. Canute's loss will be considerable.

Scarlet fever, of a mild type, is very prevalent in the vicinity of Brookville.

The farmers here are all busily engaged with their spring work.

A good shower of warm rain would be very acceptable.

Hazard's Pectoral Balsam is a purely vegetable healing Balsam. It cures by loosening the phlegm and corrupt matter from the Lungs and expelling it from the system. Croup, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all pulmonary diseases yield to it promptly. It costs 25 cents per bottle.

Imminent Danger threatens any one troubled with a hacking cough. Inflammation, when it attacks the delicate tissue of the lungs and bronchial tubes, travels with perilous rapidity. It is worse than madness to neglect a cough or cold. To do so is simply to invite consumption and premature death. Battle with and overcome the disease in its infancy, and avert the peril. Do not allow the lung-eating tubercles to develop themselves before resorting to medicine. Experience has shown that the preparation best adapted to subdue a formidable cough—to soothe and heal the lacerated lungs—is Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda—a swift and sure specific for bronchial and lung affections, laryngitis, and the various forms of scrofula. It is not pretended that this favorite remedy will cure fully developed consumption, but that it will avert it is a fact too well proven to admit of any reasonable doubt. The fact is equally well known and appreciated, both by the public and the profession, that this article is an admirable fertilizer of the blood, imparting to it those constituents which are essential to the complete nutrition of the system and its preservation in a state of health. In an enfeebled system, phosphorus—that necessary element of bodily substance—is deficient. This constituent, as well as lime and soda, (important in bone formation) are supplied in the Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil. Prepared by Northrop & Lyman, Toronto. Sold by all druggists.

Fresh, Choice, Cheap New Goods, Arriving Daily, --AT-- Christie, Henderson, & Co's

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Wishes to announce to the people of Acton and vicinity that he has removed his Tailoring Establishment to the premises lately occupied by Mr. McNair. At the same time, I would thank those who have so liberally patronized me since commencing business in Acton, and solicit a continuance of their favors.

MY STOCK OF SPRING GOODS IS NOW COMPLETE, AND COMPRISES THE LATEST STYLES IN Irish, English, Scotch and Canadian TWEEDS, WORSTEDS & C.

Large stock of Spring Hats in latest styles. R. E. NELSON

WM. STEWART & CO., GUELPH

Will this week show the finest display of NEW SPRING & SUMMER MILLINERY, OFFERED FOR INSPECTION IN GUELPH.

Also in Bonnets and Hats, Chips, Tuscan, Leghorn and Cantons—the Latest Novelties.

Ladies will do well to see our Stock before buying elsewhere.

Also a grand assortment of Flowers, Feathers, Doves and Hat Ornaments, Ribbons, in Cloth, Satin and Felt.

We also show specialities in Spanish Lace, Scarfs, Fleeces. We hold the greatest variety of Parasols, Sunshades and Umbrellas in the city.

In Black Hattin, lace trimmed, veils from 25 cents and on. Hosiery and Gloves, exceptional good value. In Band & Button Kids, Silk and Thread, in 2, 4 and 6 Buttes, Lace Mitts in Black and Colored.

Our Stock in Every Department is Fully Assorted. Great Variety in New Dress Goods. Great Value in Silks from 80 cts.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

Kenney & Son, OF THE Dominion Boot & Shoe Store.

Men's, Women's & Children's Boots and Shoes. ORDERED WORK. Particular attention is paid to ordered work and the best materials will always be used.

REPAIRING. Repairing promptly and carefully attended to. Call and Examine our Stock. Kenney & Son. Acton, March 21st, 1881.

NEW ARRIVALS. Gents Kid Gloves of a new make, and a very Superior Article. White and Colored Shirts. Gents' half Hose, in Cotton, Merino, Cashmere and Wool. Summer Underclothing. SHAW & MURTON, Merchant Tailors, Guelph.

Seeds, at J. E. McGARVIN'S

THE CITY GROCERY

A. W. GREEN

Will open his stock in the premises lately occupied by Mrs. B. A. Secord, on Saturday, 7th May, When he will be prepared to offer bargains to all times in

GROCERIES, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, STONWARE, & C.

The Goods were received direct from Montreal this week, and as everything is Pure, Fresh and New, Satisfaction will be given to every purchaser.

"Competition is the Life of Trade." and the City Grocery intends to lead in Acton with FIRST-CLASS GOODS AND LOWEST PRICES. A. W. Green.

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SPECIALTIES.

MANTLE SILKS, MANTLE CASHMERE, FRINGES, GIMPS, SATIN PARASOLS, FINE DRESS MATERIALS.

THESE GOODS WE HAVE JUST OPENED OUT, AND ASSURE OUR PATRONS THAT THEY ARE EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD VALUE.

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A Big Purchase in COLORED DRESS SILKS at 75 cts a yard. All the new spring shades represented in this lot.

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MAMMOTH HOUSE, GEORGETOWN. The New and Fashionable Goods are pouring in. 350 cases and bales have arrived all ready and consists of

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Our Millinery Show Room is now open. A large assortment of Millinery and Fancy Cloakings, Parasols and Sunshades. An immense stock of Domestic Goods, Grey and White Cottons and Denims. A superb assortment of Canadian and Imported Cloths and Gents Furnishings for our Ordered Clothing Department. Our ordered Clothing Department is an immense success.

Carpets, Oilcloths, Beets & Shaws, etc. We cordially invite inspection of one of the Largest, Cheapest and Best assorted stocks in this section of the country. We guarantee satisfaction. We are going to insist on CASH, and are SECOND PRICES. McLEOD, ANDERSON & CO., Mammoth House, Georgetown.

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