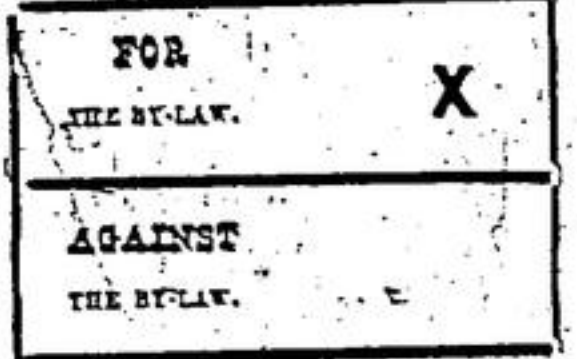


How to Vote on the Town Hall By-Law.

Those who will have the privilege of voting on the Town Hall By-Law to-morrow should make themselves acquainted with the ballot paper to be used at the election. It is an exceedingly simple one and there will be no reason for any voter making an error in marking the ballot. The vote is for and against the By-Law and the following is the form of the ballot:



The voter cannot but understand that "For the By-Law" means in favor of the erection of a Town Hall in this municipality, and "Against the By-Law" means against the erection of such building. Those desiring to use their franchise for the By-Law should mark their ballot as appears in the diagram, and of course those wishing to vote against the By-Law must place the mark in the space below.

Mr. Warren and the Town Hall By-Law Election.

In another column appears a lengthy communication from the pen of Mr. John Warren, Esquire, relative to the election on the Town Hall By-Law, which takes place to-morrow. Mr. Warren has withheld his letter until the last issue of the Free Press before the election, and those who are advocating the erection of a Town Hall will consequently have no opportunity for a reply before the election takes place. Under these circumstances we feel justified in making a few comments on Mr. Warren's letter, and correcting a few statements which it contains. Throughout his letter Mr. Warren evidently seems to wish to convey the idea that the village council have all along been endeavoring to force something upon the people in a dark or underhand manner, and that "The people did not know what they were doing, nor to what they were binding themselves." Now we wish to be distinctly understood in this matter. We do not intend in this article to recommend nor to oppose the erection of a Town Hall, but having been present at all of the meetings of the village council when the Town Hall was under consideration, we feel that the council have acted honorably and above-board throughout in the matter, and will only refer to those clauses directed at the council or individual members thereof. 1. The petition referred to by Mr. Warren was merely a petition from the ratepayers asking the council to submit the By-Law, and the clause speaking of "binding to support," probably arose out of a question asked by a citizen at one of the public meetings, viz: "Would a ratepayer signing the petition be bound to vote for the By-Law," and was answered by one of the speakers to the effect that a man should certainly consider himself in honor bound to support the By-Law, after signing the petition, and we think that all who signed the petition, thoroughly understood what they were doing." 2. The council very plainly set forth in their By-Law, which was published for three consecutive weeks in these columns, that the amount required to be raised each year to meet the loan is \$485, which includes both the annual payment of principal and the interest due; the whole sum amounting in the twenty years to \$9,700, while Mr. Warren evidently wants the people to believe that they will have to pay compound interest on the whole amount for the twenty years, which, according to his calculations, would make the sum amount to \$17,600. The council have nothing to do with compound interest, and those who preserve a copy of the By-Law can tell exactly the amount of principal and interest to be paid each year. 3. The council have had the foresight to take into consideration the caretaker's salary, and annual repairs required, and very reasonably calculate that the revenue derived from rent of the hall will more than balance these items. 4. The council do not intend, if the By-Law does pass, to erect an expensive fence around the Town Hall, and we doubt very much if Mr. Warren ever saw a fence enclosing a Town Hall, in Canada. 5. The Lockup will be situated in the Town Hall, and the cost has been calculated in the \$5,500, and we feel certain that the council

will not make the Lockup so comfortable that rowdies will make it an object to become inmates; and those who do receive quarters there will not doubt exert their best efforts to keep the streets clean, with which our village streets will be improved. The above are the principal points referring to the council in Mr. Warren's letter, and our readers will not doubt thoroughly understand that the members of the council are not a company of hard taskmasters, doing all they can to burden the people with heavy, unnecessary burdens, but that they are men who are worthy for the interests of the village they govern and the ratepayers whom they represent.

THE TOWN HALL BY-LAW.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR—We have to thank you for reminding us of the near approach of the day for taking the vote on the By-Law to involve the ratepayers of Acton in an indebtedness of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, for twenty years, for the purpose of building a Town Hall, and as the state of being under a burden of indebtedness is very undesirable under any circumstances, will you to kind enough to allow space in your issue of Friday next. And let me say that ever since the Council, or at least some leading members thereof, announced the extraordinary policy they intended to pursue in requiring every voter in favor of the scheme should have to sign a paper—a petition—binding himself to support the Council's By-Law, and that without any information as to any of its provisions and before the By-Law was published or even framed, (such paper—petition—signed by quite a number of the ratepayers, and suspended in the most public place in the village—the past and the secret of the ballot act, and aside the secrecy of the ballot act, and so exposing any ratepayer who did not sign the petition to all the undue influence which it is in the power of the wealthy to press upon those who may be more or less dependent upon them, and to constrain them to carry out any proposed scheme, I gave but little thought to the question, as I looked upon the carrying of the By-Law under such circumstances a foregone conclusion. But through some conversation with parties interested, I learned that many of those who signed the petition did not understand what they were doing nor to what they were binding themselves. But they ought to understand every part of the proposed scheme, and it is the duty of the council to explain the matter in all its bearings. First, many don't understand that Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars at six per cent compound interest will amount in twenty years to over Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars. Just let some of those interested ask Mr. Thomas Moore to let some of the pupils in his school room work it out and see for themselves. Again, they ought to know that as a large house cannot be kept up without large expenses, neither can a Town Hall. Repairs will be required. The salary of a caretaker must be paid. The grounds must be fenced up. An expensive fence must be erected. And we were told by the advocates of the scheme that long service will cost Ten or Twelve Hundred Dollars. Again we have it in the very best authority, that the Board of School Trustees have decided that an additional school room must be built, and this cannot be done short of Ten or Fifteen Hundred Dollars. All these things it is the duty of the council to explain to the ratepayers before the day of polling. More important still, the people ought to know that the Esqueving Council have dissolved the union between the rural portion of Acton School Division and the corporation, which will add somewhere about thirty per cent, or about one third to the annual cost of maintaining the village school. But we are told that we must have a "Lock-up," which means another item of expense, for just as soon as it will become known that Acton has got a "House of Refuge" for such as do not fit beneath them to provide for themselves, (for such are all our goals and lock-ups—houses of entertainment and refuge—and not places of punishment), just so soon will that class turn their footsteps in the direction of Acton, and will not hesitate to commit some act which will entitle them to a lodging in our benevolent institution and we will have to foot the bill. Now we ask seriously of the ratepayers of Acton, are you prepared to see your children, or to warrant to justify you in the sight of God or men, in putting four necks under a yoke from which very many of you will not be relieved during your lifetime, and which many of you will leave as a legacy to your children, unless you sell out as some are already doing in anticipation? And yet they will no doubt vote for the By-Law. For if God in his good providence is giving us a time of comparative prosperity, it is in times of prosperity that we ruin ourselves by going into reckless extravagance even in necessary things, but especially in things not required except to gratify our vanity. Therefore the wise man said, "In prosperity beware, and in adversity consider." Consider what effect indebtedness for an undertaking which, however desirable it may appear to some, yet will not be considered as absolutely necessary by any, will have upon the welfare of yourselves and your families and mine accordingly. Money lenders are anxiously looking for the result of Friday's vote. In the interest of your families don't put yourselves into their iron grip. For remember that "the borrower is always the slave of the lender."

I am, yours faithfully,

JOHN WARREN.

THE TOWN HALL.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR—The near approach of the day of voting on the Town Hall By-Law, and the apparent indifference of the majority of the ratepayers as to the result, prompt me to address a few words through the Free Press to those voters who have not yet fully made up their minds on the subject, or who may have somewhat obscure ideas as to the feasibility of the plan for raising the money for the purpose. As all have seen by the By-Law, we are required to raise each year the sum of four hundred and eighty five dollars. This includes in each payment the whole of the interest then due. Thus you see we do not have to pay out of our pocket interest, as some I am told are trying to make people believe. This adding of compound interest cannot be done by the provision of the By-Law, as any one reading the By-Law will readily see. Now, at the end of twenty years we pay altogether, in principle, interest and all, the sum of \$9,700, for which in each year the small rate of 3 1/2 mills on the dollar is levied. As the average assessment of each assessable person in this municipality, according to the assessment roll of 1881, is less than \$540.00, (not including the non resident assessment, which would very much lower the above figure); therefore the average extra tax to be raised each year will only be \$1.75 for each assessable person. Now these figures cannot be disputed, as I have them by personally examining the assessment roll, and which any one may verify for themselves. Not only is this sum very small but we make something besides. In the first place the sum of \$30.00 for rent of council chamber will be saved annually, which will more than pay for any repairs which may here be made. Also we may reasonably expect a revenue of at least \$150 per year accruing from rent of hall, etc., which sum is less than the average assessed by villages of the size of Acton which have town halls. This revenue will reduce the amount to be raised annually by one mill on the dollar, or an average of 45 cents for each assessable party. Again, Acton is continually increasing in population and value. In each case will the average amount to be raised, be lowered, until, I may safely venture to say that the average sum which will be raised for town hall purposes will not exceed \$100 to \$110 per year. This is not each individual, but each assessable person. Let—but not least—I am safe in saying that there is not one foot of property within, or surrounding our village, but will be benefited by having a town hall in our midst. There is not a man in the municipality who, when about to sell any property, will not state as one of the great advantages his property possesses is that it is in or near a village having a good town hall. You all know the benefits of having a town hall so well that I will say nothing of that. Of course, some will say that the council is obliged to raise each year \$485.00, exclusive of rents, etc. This is quite true, but what doing so the council appropriate all income from the town hall and applies it towards the support of the village, thus lowering the rate for village purposes, though, virtually, it is the town hall rate that is lowered. I am not now a resident of Acton, yet, my interests are here, and I do want to see Acton improve and be a source of pride to all. I hope that the election on Friday will go up to the polls determined to give Acton a town hall worthy of the village and its people, and not go to the polls on the "penny wise, pound foolish" principle and try to keep our fine village behind the majority of other villages in civic and social enterprise. Vote for the By-Law. I remain, yours truly,

N. MCGARVIN.

Georgetown, 22nd Aug., 1881.

Esqueving Township Council.

The Council met in the Council Chamber, Stewartown, at 10 o'clock. The reeve in the chair, members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter from the County Clerk, showing the rates levied by the County Council for the present year; an application for the office of Collector, Requisitions from Public School Trustees for the several sums required for school purposes, were read. Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the following bills be paid by the Treasurer:—

Lawson Bros., plank for roads, \$30.00

E. P. Moore, printing voters' lists, 4.00

Brown & Hall, plank for B. Kinnaird, 1.88

Estimator, 1.00

Total, \$77.94

Carried.

Moved by Mr. McEnery, seconded by Mr. Warren, that fifty dollars be granted to the Township of Esqueving Agricultural Society, for the year A. D. 1881. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. McEnery, that the sum of six dollars be granted to John Hardy, being two-thirds value of three lambs killed by dogs, the owner or owners of such being unknown. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. McEnery, that the following parties be paid for sheep killed by dogs, the owners of which being unknown:—

Thomas Price, for 2 lambs, 4.00

Darius Wardell, " 2 " 2.00

James Cleave, " 2 " 2.00

being the two-thirds value of said lambs. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McEnery, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the sum of \$2.60 be paid by the Treasurer to Mr. James Marshall, for plank and repairing road scraper. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that a By-Law to dissolve the union existing between the part of Esqueving and the Corporation of the Village of Acton, now known as the Acton School Division, be introduced

and read the first time. Carried.

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

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of seven dollars be granted to Mrs. Binolair and five dollars to John Lee, they being in destitute circumstances. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. McEnery, that whereas this Council having passed a By-Law dissolving the union existing between a part of the Township of Esqueving and the Village of Acton for school purposes.

Be it resolved, that the reeve, Messrs. Lindsay and Warren be appointed on the part of this council to meet an equal number of members of the Acton Village Council with a view to a settlement of the terms of dissolution of the said union school section. That such meeting take place at Acton on the 22nd inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m., and the Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Reeve of the Village of Acton. Carried.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that the sum of fifteen dollars be granted for the purpose of removing some and improving the mill on the east side, lot 32, and that Messrs. Alex. Kennedy and Wm. Moore be appointed Commissioners to expend the same. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Graham, that Edward Nixon be paid the sum of \$4.50, which sum he has expended for clothing for inmates of the Poor House, also twenty dollars for oversight of the same and for attending to burial of two paupers. Carried.

The Council then adjourned until the 27th inst.

President Gaifford has had several bad turns during the week, but the last report states that his condition has somewhat improved.

Facts For The People.

—HATS from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.

HOP PICKERS WANTED.

100 Hop Pickers Wanted on Monday next. Hops Excellent. Apply at once to James Matthews.

—Come and secure bargains at J. W. Mann's in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats and Caps. Everything must be sold this month.

—A GOOD Felt Hat for 75 cents at J. Fyfe's.

—New stock of Stores just received at J. C. Hill's.

—For first-class Everlasting aprons apply to J. C. Hill.

—BARGAINS, Bargains, Bargains, J. W. Mann is selling off, and there are bargains for all in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats and Caps, Come.

—LADIES' needles—newest styles at Christie, Henderson & Co.

—A splendid lot of Harvest Tools, Cheap, at Pearson's, Acton.

—If you want a nobby, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go.

—CROCKERY and Glassware at prices that will surprise you, at Pearson's, Acton.

—Nails and Hinges, Locks, etc., at astonishingly low rates, at Pearson's, Acton.

—See our 50c. T. the best in the country, "and don't you forget it," at Pearson's, Acton.

—EVERYTHING cheap but butter and eggs at the Farmers Produce Market, Christie, Henderson & Co.

—Scottish, English and Canadian Suits in great variety, at the East End Clothing store, J. Fyfe, Acton.

—NEW and REBUILT—The most exquisite little toilet gem extant for the teeth and breath is "TRABERT." Sample free.

—Suits and Overcoats at extremely low rates and made in latest styles. Be sure to call and see them. J. Fyfe, Acton.

—Remember that Famous 50c. Tea, at the Egg Emporium—sold in 5lb lots at 45 cents.—Christie, Henderson & Co.

—LACE Curtains, 75c. per set at the Egg and Butter Depot, where you get the famous 50c. tea. Christie, Henderson & Co.

—CHRISTIE, Henderson & Co. are now prepared to buy all the choice butter and fresh eggs in the townships of Nassagaweya, Ermosse, Erin and Esqueving. They will load the market as they have always done when buying these articles of produce. Remember their 50 cent tea sold in 5lb. lots at 45 cents.

—McQuillan & Hamilton, of the Wellington Marble Works, Guelph, are getting great satisfaction from those favoring them with their orders. If you need anything in their line be sure and remember them. They do a very large business, consequently they are able to give better terms, and keep better workmen than smaller works. Send to them for particulars.

—Use "Castrols" Machine Oil for all kinds of machinery. It is also excellent for Harness or Leather, making it water and weather proof.

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Improvements are constantly being made in the manufacture of steel pens. Esterbrook's are of superior excellence. For sale by all stationers.

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H. P. MOORE.

SHEEP STRAYED.

Strayed from the premises of the undersigned, lot 6, Con. 4, Township of Erin, on Monday, 15th inst., thirteen sheep—seven ewes, three yearlings and three lambs. The yearlings and lambs all have long tails. Any person giving information to the proprietor on the premises or by letter to Acton P. O., that will lead to their recovery will be suitably rewarded.

SOLOMON ROSSSELL.

Erin, Aug. 23, '81.

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1881. VOTERS' LIST. 1881.

Municipality of the VILLAGE OF ACTON.

—IN THE— COUNTY OF HALTON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT I have transmitted or delivered to the persons mentioned in the third and fourth sections of "The Voters' List Act," the copies required by said section to be transmitted or delivered, of the list made pursuant to said Act, of all persons appearing by the last revised Assessment Roll of the said municipality to be entitled to vote in the said municipality at elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and at Municipal Elections, and that the said list was first posted up at my office at Acton on the third day of August, 1881, and remains there for inspection.

Elections are called upon to examine the said list, and if any omission of any other name be found therein, to take immediate proceedings to have the said errors corrected according to law.

J. E. MCGARVIN, Clerk of the said municipality.

Dated at Acton the eighth day of August, 1881.

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