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ACTION'S NEW COUNCIL.

No doubt all our citizens expected that at the nomination on Friday the vacancies in the Village Council would be filled, but such was not the case. A large number of citizens who presented four candidates, viz.—Moore, D. Henderson, D. Christie, Paul Jarvis and B. V. Nicklin were authorized. The first time gentlemen were present and each declined to accept the nomination, Mr. Nicklin being absent could not speak for himself, but we have since learned that he will not accept the position. The result of the nomination is not satisfying the vacancies, gives the members of the council presumably elected power to appoint others to fill the vacancies. Acting upon this authority the council appointed Mr. D. Christie to fill one of the vacancies but as Mr. Nicklin had failed to file his name, no action was taken to appoint a person for the remaining empty chair. After Mr. Christie's appointment last Friday evening council business was proceeded with, the standing committees for the year were appointed, and the municipal ship was launched upon the sea of municipal work for 1882. We trust she'll have a safe voyage during the year, and not become stranded upon the numerous shoals and sand bars that may be in the distance. Again we say bon voyage, but, beware.

When, Where, and How to Secure Western Farm Homes.

Under the above heading, David W. Judd, who has just returned from a five-thousand mile inspection tour through the West, North-west, and South-west, gives in the American Agriculturist advice to those seeking homes in the far West. The article starts off as follows:

Do not go West with a family, unless you have enough money to make a fair start.

Do not borrow money to go West. The majority of those we have met in their Western homes, who have failed, have been those who came on borrowed money, or without enough funds to ensure a send-off.

After reading this article, select such region as you think you will like best. People generally prefer to keep in the same latitude they have lived in.

Go in the spring and get acclimated. Take all little baggage and as few heirlooms as possible. They cost money for freight and in addition are apt to be an encumbrance in a new home.

Provide yourself with a small collection of good books for the family; and before going, turn your attention to your present local paper. It will be just as serviceable in the new home as in the old.

If you are able to do so, you better first go out and explore before taking your family with you.

Do not attempt to explore too much.

We have met people beyond the Missouri River who had visited nearly all the land grants, and the more they had travelled, the more unsettled they were as to where they should locate.

Decide upon your climate and locality, and then select your land. If you wait too long, you are apt to become very much unsettled.

Do not go West if you have a sick family. Change of climate may benefit them, but it is not worth while to take the chances.

Do not go West expecting not to be homesick, for your mountain scenery, your forests and your streams which present such a contrast to the monotony of endless prairies. It may be very lonely at first, but you will soon plant your own trees, have pleasant surroundings, and dear neighbors.

Do not go expecting to become rich immediately. Several years of good crops may be required to place you in easy circumstances.

If you are a clerk on a small salary in the city, and have a few hundred dollars ahead, give up your clerkship and strike for the western lands. There is no very great amount of experience required in cultivating these prairies.

If you have abundance of money, settle on the lands in the new West. If your funds are comparatively limited, go on still farther, where a good land can be purchased at lower figures.

GUTEAU GUILTY.

The world breathes freer at noon is received that the wretched Guteau has been found guilty of the murder of the President. There has been no同情 on the part of the jury; their verdict was given after decent deliberation. There were only two things for them to consider. Was the President murdered, and if so, was the murderer insane? They answered one in the affirmative and the other in the negative, and rendered accordingly. There now remains but the last act in the drama, which will close with the execution of Guteau. He will no doubt be allowed time to prepare for death after sentence, of course, a month at the shortest, but it will only be retributive justice if the Judge gives him the same time as elapsed between the shooting and the death of Garfield.

Acton Village Council

The Village Council met in the Council Chamber on Friday evening. Present, Mr. C. S. Smith, trustee in the choir, Messrs. Campbell and Speight. In view of the fact that not a sufficient number of persons were elected at the nomination, it was moved by Mr. Speight and seconded by D. W. Campbell, that D. Christie be appointed councillor for 1882. Carried. A committee was appointed and the following committees were struck for the year:

FINANCE CO.	{ D. D. Christie. C. S. Smith.
STREET AND SIDE-WALK CO.	{ M. Speight, D. W. Campbell.
BUILDING CO.	{ C. S. Smith. D. W. Campbell. C. S. Smith.

On motion the above appointments were confirmed.

Moved by D. W. Campbell, seconded by M. Speight, that the clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders for lighting street lamps during remainder of the year. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented their first report, recommending payment of the following:

W. J. Garner, lighting street lamps, \$31.60
H. P. Moore, printing and advertising, 4.93
N. Ure & Co., blank forms, 2.31
W. E. Adams, wood for Mrs. Garfield, 1.00
J. E. McGarvin, oil for street lamps, 15.00
do, do, stationery, postage, etc., 6.90
do, do, registrations, 6.90

Total, \$72.07.

The report was adopted.

The By-laws for the appointment of assessor for the current year was introduced, read the required number of times and passed.

Fassagwaya News:

From our own correspondent.

On the evening of the 26th Jan., the friends of Mr. John Ramsey gave him a complimentary supper in the Union Hall, Brookville, as a token of respect to him for the good services rendered by him to the Township, during the many years in which he was a member of the council. The evening was very unfavorable, owing to a heavy rain storm, but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather 59 persons sat down to partake of the supper so ably prepared by Mr. H. Stingle. After doing good service to the tables the usual ceremonies on such occasions were entered into. Mr. J. Menzie, reeve, officiated as chairman, assisted by Mr. D. Wheelihan, deputy reeve, as vice-chairman, and Dr. T. B. Winn as 2nd vice-chairman. The chairman proposed the first toast, viz.: "God save the Queen," which was replied to by Messrs. W. Watson and J. Stancombe with the National Anthem, then came the "Army and Navy," which was responded to by Messrs. J. Stancombe and J. Miller, after which the "Municipal Council" was proposed, to which Messrs. J. Norrish, D. Hutchison, P. C. and W. E. Harrison replied. The next toast came before the meeting was "Our Guest," which was answered by Mr. J. Ramsey. The vice-chairman then proposed "The Educational Interests" which was taken up by Mr. J. Davidson of Elgin Mills, after which the "Agricultural Interests" was offered, Messrs. D. McBride, H. Aikens, D. Barber, W. Watson and A. Ramsey replying, followed by the "Medical Profession," which was answered by Dr. Winn. The 2nd vice-chairman then offered the toast "Legal Profession," which was replied to by Mr. J. Davidson, after which came the "Mercantile Interests," answered by Messrs. J. Easterbrook and J. Marshall. The "Mechanical Interests" was then proposed, to which Messrs. A. C. McMillan, A. Pickett and J. D. Stratton replied. Last but not least was "The Ladies," which brought the following to their feet, viz.: Messrs. D. Wheelihan, M. McMillan, C. Reid, A. C. McMillan and J. B. Strong. Taking it all together the affair was in honor to the committee and a credit to the town. To Mr. Ramsey.

From "The Times."

Editor of the Times.—In reading the last number of your paper, I noticed you asked all who had been benefited by the letter published in your valuable paper about a year ago, to write to you for facts for publication. The letter from Dr. Bates created a great amount of excitement in this vicinity, as he is well and favorably known to every one here. His reputation as a man and a physician gave every one the utmost confidence in all his statements, and the court-room crowd of 1,000 persons "spoke" him in full. I am only sorry that I did not get the letter to you sooner.

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