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Publisher's Notice.

While subscriptions and other payments have been much more prompt during the past year, there is still room for considerable improvement.

Those who are indebted for advertising and job work are also requested to remit promptly.

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Close of the Session.

Toronto, March 10.—The Legislature Assembly met this day at 3 o'clock. Hon. John Beverly Robinson, Lieutenant Governor, presided in state to the chamber of the Legislative Assembly and took his seat on the throne.

Land Gambling in Manitoba.

Stories of fortunes made without work by speculators in Western lands are extremely demoralizing to the young men of Canada, who will be incessantly led to feel that sharpness is infinitely more valuable than diligence.

Acton Village Council.

The village council met in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening, pursuant to adjournment. Present, Mr. C. S. Smith, reeve, in the chair, Messrs. D. D. Christie, M. Speight and D. W. Campbell.

Mr. Paul Jarvis, the new councillor elect, having subscribed to the declarations of qualification and of office, took his seat.

Moved by M. Speight, seconded by D. W. Campbell, that Mr. Jarvis be appointed on the Finance Committee. Carried.

The Finance Committee presented their fourth report, recommending payment of the following accounts:—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. J. B. Pearson, \$3.34; J. E. McGarrin, 6.15; H. P. Moore, 2.25.

Total, \$11.74. Report received and adopted. On motion the Council adjourned.

REFORM MEETING.

A meeting of the Reformers of Acton and vicinity was held in Matthews' Hall on the evening of the 10th inst., for the purpose of organizing a branch Reform Association.

J. H. McGarrin's Drug Store for

FIRE IN WINNIPEG.

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WINNIPEG, March 13.—Shortly after midnight a fire was discovered in McEneaney & Curran's grocery store, No. 225 Main street, situated on the west side between Graham street and Portage avenue.

The case of the fire was a defective flue in the grocery where it started. Two firemen narrowly escaped with their lives. There was a rumor that Mrs. Curran, an elderly lady, was burned to death. It proved untrue, however.

Nassagaweya News.

Another of our old residents has passed away. Mr. W. McCurdy was called away very suddenly on Sunday night, the 12th inst., after a severe attack of cramps in the stomach.

The upper route of the Guelph and Burlington mail service has changed hands. The person that is attending to it at present is Mr. J. Carter.

Esqueping Township Council.

The Council met at Stewarttown, on Saturday, 11th March, pursuant to adjournment. The reeve in the chair. Members present, Messrs. Graham, Warren and Cook.

Mr. Stephen Elliott having made the declarations of qualification and of office, took his seat.

The minutes of last meeting were then read and confirmed.

A communication from the County Clerk, relating to the rate to be levied for the Credit Valley Railway, was read by the County Council to the sum of \$1,445.25, was read.

Also an account from Wm. McClure, Esq., amounting to \$70.00, for damages to his buggy in passing over a defective highway.

Also a series of questions from a committee of the House of Commons, to whom was referred the Bill for constituting a Court of Railway Commissioners for Canada, and to amend the Consolidated Railway Act of 1879.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Graham, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint overseers of highways, and that said by-law be read a first time. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of eighteen dollars be paid to Mr. William McClure for damages to his buggy opposite lot No. 24, 10th line. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Graham, that sixty dollars be granted for repair of road, lots 24 and 25, 10th line, including payment for a portion of land to widen said road from Messrs. Wm. McClure and Thomas Mullen, and that Messrs. Wm. McClure and Wm. Hoare be appointed commissioners to expend the same. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the By-law to appoint overseers of highways for the Township of Esqueping, be now read a second and third times and passed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Cook, that John Brown, be paid the sum of three dollars and thirty cents, being two-thirds value of one sheep killed by dogs. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of ten dollars be paid to Christopher B. Rutledge, for three sheep killed by dogs. Also four dollars to Geo. Lyons, for one sheep killed by dogs, being the two-thirds value thereof. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Cook, that Mr. Nixon's account, viz: twenty dollars for overseeing the Poor House, and one dollar and forty-six cents taxes he could not collect, be paid by the treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that whereas the posts and other marks of the original survey of the Check line of this Township are by the lapse of time fast disappearing, and it is of vital importance that the original corners and bearings of the Check line should be preserved, as it is the

base or guiding line for the survey of all the side lines to the north-west of it. Be it therefore resolved, that this Council petition His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, to have a survey made of the said Check line, and have durable monuments erected at the angles of said line, with the several concession lines throughout the Township. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the sum of seventeen dollars and thirty-three cents be paid to Neil McCullum, for four sheep killed by dogs, being two-thirds value of such sheep. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the treasurer pay to Mr. H. P. Moore sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents, for printing 250 copies of the audited accounts, also fifty cents for notices of sale of timber on the 5th line. Carried.

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