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The Editor's Corner

ONLY RATEPAYERS CAN VOTE

In a recent letter in the Herald Mail-Bag, Interested Taxpayer questioned the legality of the vote on a \$2500 grant to Georgetown Recreation Commission which was held at the December elections. He questions it on the grounds that two years ago a similar vote was taken on a grant to the Lorne Scots Band and this was declared illegal and nothing was paid.

Investigation of the two votes brings forth the fact that both votes were perfectly legal. They were referendums, rather than by-law votes. In other words they were straw votes to obtain an expression of opinion from all voters, both property owners and tenants. Council was under no obligation in either of these cases, unless it be a moral one of carrying out the wishes of a majority of voters.

There was some misunderstanding at the time of the band grant vote among council members themselves. After the vote was taken an examination of the section in the Municipal Act dealing with grants to "bands of music" proved that the only way a municipal council (other than a county council) can grant money to the Lorne Scots Band is by a by-law vote restricted to ratepayers only. As this had not been done, there was no means at that time by which any grant could be made to the band.

The present question of a grant to the GRC comes in a different category. Council is entitled, with or without a vote of ratepayers, to make a grant to such an organization. It follows then, that the only reason for a referendum was for the purpose of obtaining a consensus of public opinion. To date the question has not been discussed by this year's council. If the \$2500 is to be granted, a by-law must be prepared and passed by council.

Band grants are covered in section 388, paragraph 64 of the Municipal Act. The GRC grants are covered in section 386, paragraph 24.

THERE IS A STATEMENT

A second question, asked by Interested Taxpayer and reiterated by two more letters in last week's Herald, is that of a public statement by the Board of Parks Management.

While no public statement was given at the last nomination meeting, there is available at the Municipal Office audited statements covering all the years in which the Parks Board has been operating. The town auditor audits the board's books as it does all other boards of the town. Up until a few years ago, printed copies of the audit were made available to ratepayers, but for two or three years this has not been done. Any citizen is entitled to look over the statements at the town office.

It would be useful to those interested if an activities report were made at the nomination meeting. Such reports were made by the hydro and school board. On the other hand, there were no reports from the high school board, cemetery board or library board, all of which spend a share of Georgetown's tax money.

POT POURRI

An item missed by the Herald reporter last June was the death of a former Georgetown bank manager, G. C. McKay. Perhaps some of his acquaintances here are still unaware of his death so the information is passed on at this time. The Queen Street pavement for several yards off the highway is breaking up again this year. The bad stretch was patched last spring but it looks this year as if a new piece of pavement may have to be supplied. In the face of threats from a party very close to the editor, we are considering running a series of pictures which appeared in an excellent high school year book produced by GHS students a few years back. Recently the pictures came into our possession and they will make an excellent feature in the Herald. Also under consideration is the re-running of a series of pictures of servicemen which appeared during the war years. Frozen drains caused some big puddles at various spots in town last week. There was a regular lake across the road where Church Street runs into Charles Street. A continuous bad spot is just in front of the Georgetown Feed Mill on the highway where the water runs down the road into a low spot. We watched one day last week as transports zoomed past the building, each one throwing a wall of water over any luckless person or vehicle in front of the building and wondered if the highway department couldn't do something about it. Hard to believe that hockey play-off time is here already. The hockey fans have not been too numerous to date and it is hoped that large crowds will be present at the playoffs. To cover

some of the large deficit, club officials are considering a lucky draw in the near future. It hasn't happened for a long time, but several hours production were lost on the linotype when a part broke Monday afternoon. If the paper is late this week, that's the reason. Have you noticed a bigger and better social and personal column in the Herald lately? We have been putting extra effort into this feature with the cooperation of all the staff and many readers who phone their items in. Everyone can help to make a newsy paper by giving us this important news. We are always surprised when people ask us if there is a charge for such items. There is not, of course. Some excellent entertainment is in store at the Roxy. "Treasure Island" this week has a movie short "Beaver Valley" produced by Walt Disney as a successor to his Academy Award winning "Seal Island." This is not a cartoon. It is a true life feature of beavers, photographed with painstaking work and pieced together to make it a story with animal actors. Another big event at the Roxy is the showing of "All About Eve" next week, one of the best pictures of the year. Both Bette Davis and Anne Baxter have been nominated for Academy Awards for their performances and the picture itself may be slated for an Oscar. While on the subject of entertainment, it is worth a trip to Toronto to see "Oklahoma" which is playing its 7th engagement at the Royal Alex soon. It is truly a wonderful show.

GEORGETOWN'S HISTORY

Continuing a series of articles from an 1893 edition of the Toronto Daily Mail:

LAWSON'S FLOURING MILLS

Among the minor industries of this region are the flouring mills of Mr. Walter Lawson — one situated at Georgetown, the other at Stewart Town. The Georgetown mill is one of the ancient landmarks of the village, and is devoted exclusively to custom work. The mill at Stewart Town, which was one of the first mills erected on the west branch of the River Credit is a merchant mill, with five double pairs of rolls and other necessary machinery for the production of 50 barrels of flour daily, all of which finds a ready market hereabouts. Mr. Lawson is a native of the township of Esquesing, where he was born in 1867, and has followed milling since boyhood.

CREELMAN BROS.' KNITTING MACHINERY FACTORY

This establishment, wherein hand and power knitting machines are made, was founded by Mr. R. I. Creelman, the proprietor, under whose sole management the business of Creelman Bros. has been successfully conducted for upwards of twenty years. Mr. Creelman, who has devoted his entire attention and energies to this industry from its inception to the present time, has received material aid from several of his skilled employees. Among them may be creditably mentioned Mr. John Sutton, who has been identified with this concern for eight years as foreman, and Mr. Adam Kay, who was foreman for ten years prior to Mr. Sutton, and who subsequently engaged in the manufacture of knitting machines on his own account, under the firm name of Kay & Co. The Creelman Bros., who are the pioneer knitting machine manufacturers in Canada, and have seen the funeral of nine competitors, have recently added by purchase the plant of Kay & Co., manufacturers of standard transfer-needle ribber and other machines, and now have the most complete knitting machine plant on the continent. This firm attributes its success to its ability to design original, practicable, and patentable improvements of superior merit. Its facilities for turning out valuable machines at the lowest possible price has enabled it to not only hold its home trade, but secure a large foreign trade in spite of all competition. It manufactures twenty styles of machines for plain seamless hosiery, and for ribbed full-fashioned seamless hosiery, gloves, and mitts; automatic rib-top machines, power wringers and fullers, and steam hosiery presses; its principal trade, however being in hand and power manufacturing and family machines. In the latter the firm claims to have solved the question of how to build a cheap and practical machine, which it is putting on the market this year for the first time at ten dollars, a price below precedent. It is called the Money-maker, and will prove itself a friend to many a weary mother, and is eminently worthy of its suggestive name.

MOORE BROS.' HARDWARE STORE

This is the leading commercial enterprise of its kind in the county of Halton, and was founded in 1876 by Mr. W. P. Moore, the present proprietor. The Moore block, which was built in 1888, is of brick, two storeys high, with basement, and 42 by 78 feet in dimensions. A two-storey frame building, 30 by 50 feet, stands in the rear, and is utilized for the manufacture of the celebrated Electric Crown Stove Polish, and also for storage purposes. The Moore Bros. are dealers in hardware; stoves, tinware, paints, oils, and lamp goods; are plumbers and manufacturers of tinware; and contractors for supplying warm air and hot water heating apparatus. Mr. W. P. Moore is captain of No. 3 Company, 20th Batt., and was a member of the village Council for two terms.

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