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Our Ottawa Letter.

Before this reaches you the Hon. Geo. Foster, our Minister of Finance, will be on the ocean on his way to England to borrow a little more money. Don't you think that seriously speaking, there should be a limit to this game? I say "seriously speaking" for really the whole affair appears more in the character of a burlesque than anything else: a one act farce with no end, and over which the curtain never goes down. Is it not time you rang that curtain down, or are you so infatuated with the play that you wish it to continue? I have just been reading the Montreal Star, and every one knows that this leading daily newspaper has very pronounced Tory leanings, but listen to what it has to say about the way the machine is being run in Ottawa. Speaking of the agricultural classes the Star says:—

"It is exasperating for a class, which could fill three-fourths of the seats in Parliament and name a Government of farmers if it so choose, to see a Finance Minister solemnly meet its demand for tariff reform with a few slight and wholly inadequate reductions, and then as solemnly sand-paper these down to harmless proportions at the bidding of a body of monopolists' 'Lobbyists.' Now why should the farmer be compelled to consider every penny he spends himself for himself, while that portion of his money which the government spends for him is squandered with reckless extravagance and wantonly exposed to the pilfering fingers of party camp followers?"

I hear you ask, "But what has that to do with Foster's trip to England?" Credulous and credulous taxpayer; unsuspecting victims of the conspirators who are drawing the very heart's blood out of you, it has all to do with Foster's mission to England; not satisfied with putting you on the direct road to the poor-house, he and his colleagues are still at work and he now goes to London to still further mortgage your future as security for fresh loans.

But why are these loans necessary? Every time a loan is floated you are told that this is to be the last one. Sir Chas. Tupper, when he asked your confidence in 1878, told you that if he and his political friends were placed in charge of the treasury chest the national debt, which at that time was \$140,362,069, would in a few years be reduced to \$100,000,000. Now what has been the result? Instead of reducing the debt to one hundred million dollars it has been increased to \$246,163,920. Why, in the past twelve months \$4,483,948 has been added to your debt, or liability, and now the Minister of Finance goes to England to add another brick to the colossal monument since he found you took previous additions so kindly. When Sir Chas. Tupper told you in 1878 that there would be no further increase in the national debt he proved one of two things: that he was a false prophet, or that he was an unblushing falsifier. Which was he?

WHAT'S UP?

But what does all this stir in the Tory camp mean just now? Ministers are on the war path and the word has gone forth to prepare for an election at an early date. Candidates are being brought out and decks are being cleared ready for action. It does not, however, mean that we will have the general election before session, but the government is preparing for an emergency. Coming events are already casting their shadows, and a very significant shadow is the activity of the government in looking after their friends. Witness the case of Meredith who succeeds to the Chief Justiceship of Ontario. When we see the government beginning to distribute the spoils and good fat offices among the faithful, we may safely assume that they are beginning to lose confidence in their ability to secure another lease of power when the country calls for a renewal of tenders. The most important matter you have to deal with at the moment is the "voters' lists;" remember that the 15th is the last day for recording your vote. See that your name is on the list. When you think that 108 votes if distributed over 108 constituencies would give a majority to either party in whose favor they might be recorded, you can realize the importance of having every vote on the list. A handsome prize has been offered by the Tory organization here to the agent who will secure the names and record them, of persons who have not yet appeared on the lists and who may be fairly calculated upon to record a vote for the Tory candidates when the time comes. It is needless to say that there is some tall hustling going on here among the party workers just now in the hope of securing the prize, Ottawa, Oct. 6th, 1894.

Vaughan Council

The Council of the Municipality of the township of Vaughan met at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 9th of October, at 10 a. m.

The revee in the chair. Members

present: Messrs. Arnold, Bryson, Kirby and Watson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion confirmed.

The following claims for sheep killed by dog or dogs were presented:

From Richard Casely, for 2 ewes killed, valued at \$15 each, and 4 injured, valued at \$15; from Wm. Delaney, for 1 sheep killed, valued at \$6; from John D'Arker, for 1 ram killed, valued at \$4; from Thos. Kersey, for 1 lamb killed, valued at \$6; from John Drummond, for 2 sheep killed, valued at \$18.

Moved by Mr. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Bryson, that the treasurer be and is hereby instructed to pay the following claims for sheep killed by dog or dogs, being two-thirds their value:

To Richard Casely.....\$30 00
" Wm. Delaney..... 4 00
" John D'Arker..... 2 00
" Thos Kersey..... 4 00
" John Drummond..... 12 00
—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bryson, seconded by Mr. Kirby, that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay to the Treasurer of Vaughan Agricultural Society the sum of \$30.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the following road accounts:

District No. 1—
R. Rumble, for 26 loads gravel...\$ 2 60
H. Rumble, for 44 loads gravel... 4 40
R. Rumble, for 38 loads gravel... 3 80
D. Morton, for 300 tiles... 5 40
Colt. Campbell, hauling plank and posts to Sherwood... 1 00
Colin Campbell, hauling tiles from Woodbridge..... 3 00
Patrick Brophy, putting in tile on 4th con., opposite lot 15..... 4 00
S. C. Snider, cedar posts, plank, filling well and repairing culvert J. C. Steele, for road plume..... 30 00
H. Marsh, for 1664 ft. at \$13 per M 21 63

District No. 2—
Patrick Brophy, putting in tile drain and culvert between lots 15 and 16, con. 4..... 5 70
D. Morton, for 250 tiles..... 4 50
Colin Campbell, grading hill between lots 15 and 16, con. 4.... 5 50
Ralph Sutton, repairing washout, lot 2, con. 6..... 3 00
James Watson, 3 days' work on townline at \$1.50, and ½ day with team at \$1.50, half to be charged to York..... 6 00
Henry Marsh, 1000 ft. plank for bridge on sideline between lots 5 and 6th, con. 7..... 13 00

District No. 3—
To J. L. Card, for 2 cedar sticks, 4 cedar posts, and 15 lbs. spikes and work on gravel road, opposite lot 17.....\$17 60
To J. L. Card, for 458 ft. of cedar and 77 cedar posts, delivered on gravel road opposite lot 31..... 67 65
To J. L. Card, for 318 ft. of cedar, 110 ft. of timber, and 36 posts delivered at race bridge, Kleinburg..... 57 50
To J. L. Card, for 132 ft. of cedar delivered opposite Neil A. Malloy on town line, one half to be charged to King..... 17 72
To J. L. Card, for 64 ft. of cedar, 35 posts, and 6 lbs. small spikes opposite John McGillivray's..... 12 06
To Thomas Brownlee, for drawing material and putting in two culverts on side-line, opposite lots 25 and 26, Con. 7..... 6 35
To R. Rumble, for hauling 3 loads gravel to Powers bridge..... 1 50
—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Bryson, that the Clerk be and is hereby instructed to notify the Grand Trunk Railway to reduce, or cause to be reduced, the grade of the approach on the east side to their road at the sideroad south of Thornhill station, as at the present time it is in a dangerous state to the public in crossing the same; and further that in the event of an accident occurring to any person or persons after this notice the Council will hold the Railway Company responsible for the same.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the treasurer and revee be and are hereby authorized to loan to John McKinnon the sum of \$2000 of the school funds of the township, providing security is satisfactory.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Tuesday, November 13th, at 10 a. m.
J. M. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

Maple

On Monday night burglars entered Mr. E. Caldwell's tailor shop by cutting a panel out of the door, and carried away a number of suits and several coats, and a number of pieces of cloth. As this is the second time within a few months that this shop has been burglarized, it is hoped that the authorities will spare no efforts to find the guilty ones and bring them to justice.

A substantial sidewalk has been laid

from the village to the railroad. This is an improvement, as the old one was in a very bad condition.

Mr. J. Rupert had the misfortune to have his valuable cow killed on the railroad one day last week.

Mr. J. Parry and family, of Toronto, have moved into our village.

Mr. H. Franks has a new street lamp erected in front of his house. A few more lamps are needed in the village on dark nights.

Rev. S. G. Noble has gone on an excursion to Detroit. His work last Sunday was taken by Rev. D. Norman, of Aurora.

Mrs. W. B. Gram, of Weston, has been visiting her father, Mr. J. C. McQuarrie.

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Shot at His Own Door.

FRANK WESTWOOD, OF PARKDALE, THE VICTIM.

Lakeside Hall, the palatial residence of Mr. B. Westwood, in Parkdale, is mourning the death of Frank Westwood, aged 18 years. The son was shot on Saturday evening at 10.50, and lingered until Wednesday morning when he breathed his last at 6 o'clock. The unfortunate young man who had been sitting with his mother reading in the dining room until the hour above named, ascended the stairs to retire to bed when the door bell rang. Frank at once descended the steps to answer the summons at the door. After lighting the gas in the hall he walked to the front door, unlocked it and threw it open. Without saying a word the assassin outside raised a pistol and fired at Westwood, the bullet taking effect in the latter's body. The victim cried out "I am shot," and fell unconscious to the floor. The unknown man at once made off, with the smoking pistol in his hand. Doctors were immediately summoned, but it was soon learned that the shot would prove fatal. The dying young man was reticent as to the cause of the tragedy, but it is believed he afterwards made a confession to the Crown Attorney, which may lead to the arrest of the murderer. The residents of Parkdale are naturally much excited over the sad occurrence.

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