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DIVISION - COURT.
The Next Sitting of Division Court for No. 3, County of York, will be held in the Court Room,
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—ON—
SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1906
Commencing at 10 a. m.
T. F. McMAHON, CLERK

King Council.

Council met at McBride's Hotel, King, on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1905. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Council in committee of the whole on bills, Mr. Armitage in the chair. Resolved that the treasurer be authorized to pay the following bills:—

Joseph Billings, month's salary, Yonge street	\$3 33
J. M. Doan, road work	12 00
Geo. Walker, repairs to bridge	4 00
Walker Morton, repairs to culverts	6 00
Alfred Copson, road work	1 00
James Morning, "	1 50
O. F. Doan, "	1 50
S. W. Armitage, work on new road, L. & S.	101 25
David Rumble, digging ditch	32 25
S. J. Badger, "	27 00
R. S. Cook, road work	4 50
S. Pottage, road work and cedar	32 10
Albert Gray, hauling gravel and cedar	10 00
Jos. Street, road work	5 90
J. M. O'Brien, blacksmith bill	1 50
Jos. Renton, road work	8 38
M. McCallum, work on bridges	15 20
Alfred Gordon, cedar	5 00
A. McMurchy, timber	1 50
Wm. Deacon, road work	5 50
Robt. Wiles, repairs to bridge, and plank	7 49
Geo. Redfern, repairs to culverts	2 00
Dowzer & Mellow, repairs to hill	25 00
Geo. Holden, blacksmith's bill	1 75
Wm. Jewitt, road work	7 98
James Thompson, repairs to culverts	12 75
Jonathan Follitt, use of field for temporary road	6 00
Al red Follitt, services attending light, and oil	2 70
W. S. Bond, refund on statute labor	1 50
L. Innes & Sons, timber	17 04
J. L. Jenkins, postage, express, James Gillies, teaming lumber, etc.	9 15
Thos. W. Lemon, lumber	23 25
Recumseth Township, repairs townline, Tecumseth and King	104 67
Gilbert Follitt, road work	30
Albert Stewart, work on Laskay bridge	1 50
Robt. Kelly, grading hill and bridges, etc.	145 87
R. Hughey, blacksmith bill	4 75
G. O. Teasdale, bridge repairs, etc.	17 08
John Clark, hauling tile	3 00
Henry Miller, road work	2 70
Wm. McCarroll, "	20 85
Andy McClure, "	13 38

After the committee arose a petition signed by some 387 ratepayers asking the Council to submit to the municipal electors of the township for ratification a by-law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the municipality. Said petition was presented by Chas. McTavish and Rev. N. Hill of King City and Rev. M. Madden of Schonberg. Council adjourned to consider the Local Option petition, and after an absence of about thirty minutes on resuming their seats announced they were unanimous in not submitting the by-law.

Phillips—Armitage—That the following sheep claims be paid, being two-third value of same: Wm. Lynn, \$3.44; Cabel Brown, \$10.40; Addis Winter, \$12.00; Hiram Potter, \$11.50; Hugh Graham, \$10.00; Wm. Ferguson, \$4.40; Edgar Hughes, \$6.00; Wellington Dove, \$5.34; Andy McClure, \$12.67; Robt. Archibald, \$7.34; Neil McMurchy, \$36.00.

Phillips—McMurchy—That the following persons be paid the sum set opposite their respective names, being entitled to the amount for erection of wire fences on the highway, the same having been inspected: J. O. Jamieson, \$2.84; Jos. Palmer, \$12.80; J. W. Gamble, \$2.00; James Hall, \$8.00; T. K. Ferguson, \$2.80; Mrs. Mary Adams, \$4.40; Mark Lanford, \$6.48.

Phillips—McMurchy—That the Hamilton Bridge Co., Limited, be paid the sum of \$365.00, balance in full for Laskay bridge.

Phillips—Armitage—That the Reeve and Councillor McMurchy be a committee to investigate the claim of Frank Lloyd re damages to engine and report at next meeting.

By-law No. 168, to appoint place for holding nomination, polling booths and deputy returning officers, received its several readings and passed.

Nomination, Friday, Dec. 22nd, at Crossley's Hall, King City. Polling Sub-Div. No. 1, Syndicate Hall, Temperanceville, Wm. Ferguson, Deputy Returning Officer; No. 2, Davis House, Luke Gibbons; No. 3, Jackson's shop, King Horn, John A. Watson; No. 4, Temperance Hall, Kettleby, M. W. Robinson; No. 5, J. B. Ross' house, R. Rutherford; No. 6, Temperance Hall, Schonberg, R. J. Creighton; No. 7, Music Hall, Nobleton, J. G. Pringle; No. 8, Jennings' Hall, Lloydtown, Alfred Lloyd; No. 9, Temperance Hall, Glenville, Benj. Heaslip; No. 10, Jackson's house, C. J. Fuller.

An Odd Idea.

question discussed with more or less earnestness at the present time, yet one of paramount importance, not only to the present generation but also to those who will come into the inheritance of this land of ours with all its blessed opportunities is the Abolition of the Liquor Traffic.

While those who urge the destruction of the bar and its evils, ably present to us reasons for its abolition, I never yet heard one who would not admit that our licensed hotels filled a certain need in our land, and I never yet heard one suggest any method of replacing our hotels by houses which would serve the same purpose. My object in writing this, is to suggest an idea, in a crude way, which might if thought out more fully give us the same accommodation and benefits as our hotels without the evils which are supposed to be inseparable from them.

The opponents of the Liquor Traffic may be divided into two classes (1) those who do so from principle, (2) those who are opposed from interest. To refute these two antagonists, we must practise different methods. To those who honestly uphold the sale of intoxicating liquors, we can only present arguments based on such unmistakable premises that they will come to our way of thinking. To the other class, we must either offer something which will supply equally as well their needs, or persuade them their loss is more than their gain. The former, I believe, is the easier.

Considerations most potent in leading men to support our present method of handling the traffic are Business, Interest, accommodation for the travelling public, and Taxes. Now it is a well-known fact that the most expensive means of raising public funds is by indirect taxation. Hence, while the license fee, part of which each municipality receives for public purposes certainly goes to reduce taxation, yet it is the more expensive way of their collection. Individuals who abstain may receive their benefit, not so he who indulges in these beverages, for his liquor costs him more than double the taxes saved.

Now, it seems to me that we could easily find accommodation for our travelling public and a preventative against loss of business were the traffic abolished. We must have houses of entertainment. Suppose we continue these public houses of entertainment without bars, and continue too the government inspection of the same, to keep them up to a certain standard, and if the profits of such a business are too meagre to induce men to invest them, suppose the government and each municipality grant a certain sum each year to the support of such places, limiting them of course in accord with the population and needs, somewhat similar to the present hotels. By so doing, the needs of travellers and the interests of trade would be served. True, our taxes would be increased, but we would thus abolish what is conceded by the best thinking men to be a blight on our land, and as a whole be money in pocket, for the liquor sold annually surpasses any sums, which would be devoted to this object together with the other taxes the revenue from taxes saves us from.

The grant necessary for each might be materially diminished by placing public libraries, reading rooms etc. under the control of the proprietors of these places.

A FRIEND OF TEMPERANCE.
Richmond Hill, Dec. 5, 1905.

Maple

At a special meeting of the Township Council on Monday it was decided to submit the question of Local Option to the ratepayers at the municipal election in January. Mr. Haverson, representing the Licensed Victuallers' Association, was present, and a number of clergymen and others spoke in favor of the bill.

The section men here had a narrow escape last Friday. They did not hear a train coming from the north, and had barely time to jump from their hand-car, leaving it on the track. It was broken to pieces by the engine.

Mr. H. C. Bailey and Mr. D. Burgess returned on Saturday from a week's hunting near Beaverton. They were accompanied by Rev. Ian A. R. McDonald of Georgetown. They found game quite plentiful.

A box social in aid of St. Stephen's Church is to be held in Wilson's hall, Teston, on Friday evening.

Mrs. J. T. Saigeon is spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. Parr, at Tomore.

There is an outbreak of smallpox west of here on the sixth concession. Quite a number of houses have been quarantined, and the school at Vellore has been closed.

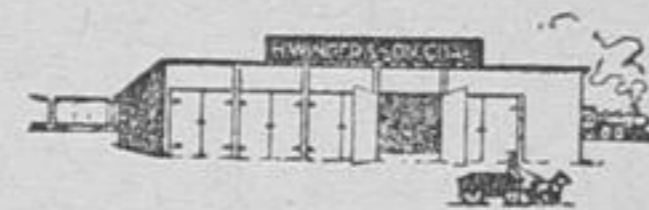
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Presentation to Warden Baird

The dining-room of the Clyde Hotel, Toronto, was the scene of a festive gathering last Friday night, when Warden Alex. Baird was on the occasion presented by his fellow colleagues with a beautiful gold-headed cane.

Associated with the County Council were W. C. Widdifield, Arch. Campbell, M. P., Crown Attorney Drayton, T. H. Lennox, M. L. A.; A. McCowan, M. L. A.; Warden Gilmour, Governor Vanzant, W. J. Hill, Andrew Russell, Police Magistrate Ellis, ex-Warden Chester, Reeve Bryans of Etobicoke, ex-Warden Henry Duncan, Mayor Richardson of East Toronto, W. J. Stark, Fred Miller and others. Councillor Jamey Ley proved an admirable chairman, with Joseph Rogers and J. L. Gardhouse as vice-chairmen. The toast list was a lengthy one, that of the "Dominion Parliament" being responded to by Arch. Campbell, M. P. "The Local Legislature" brought replies from T. H. Lennox and A. McCowan. "Officials of York County" elicited replies from Warden J. T. Gilmour, County Crown Attorney Drayton, W. J. Hill, ex-M.L.A., Governor Vanzant and John A. Ramsden. "Transportation" was responded to by Traffic Manager Wilson of the Toronto and York Railway, and County Engineer McDougall. "Agriculture" was associated with the names of Messrs. Evans and Lundy. "The Learned Professions" was responded to by W. C. Widdifield and James Baird. "The Ladies" brought eloquent replies from ex-Warden Slater and Mr. Archie McCallum.

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