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Sitting In With The Council

For some time past we have had the privilege of attending the meetings of the town council and the neighboring township councils and we feel that if more citizens would avail themselves of this opportunity which is theirs there would be less harping and criticism of the actions of our elected representatives whether it be in the matter of sins of omission or commission. It is quite apparent that the Reeve and Councillors give a great deal of their time to the work of the municipality which they serve, and are conscientious in carrying out their duties as elected representatives of the people.

A feature of all meetings has been the keen interest taken by all members in every detail of business that would work out to the advantage of the rate-payers. But no matter how near perfection the council may be there are times when adverse criticism is offered. And we suppose it will be so until the end of time. It is of course, the privilege of a rate-payer in a free country to criticise the action of the Reeve and Councillors but we feel sure that did a great many of these same critics sit in at the council meetings regularly their criticisms would be more often intermixed with words of commendation for the business acumen brought to bear on every question introduced for consideration. Before criticising too harshly think the matter over carefully, endeavor to place yourself in the position of your elected representative and for a few meetings in the year at least sit in and watch the municipal fathers at work.

Fire Prevention Week

This week has been set aside as fire prevention week by the Fire Commissioner at Ottawa and citizens of the Dominion are urged to co-operate in the effort to reduce the great annual loss from fires.

Coming as it does just about the time we should start our furnaces on their winter work, it suggests to each and all of us do our part, by seeing that our stoves, furnaces and pipes are in order, thoroughly cleaned, or chimneys cleaned. The basement cleared up and free from inflammable material particularly around the furnace. Also that our barns, yards and gardens are in a clean and tidy condition so that the fire hazard may be reduced to a minimum.

Fire is an enemy to be dreaded and the fire losses throughout Canada annually are appalling and the sad part of the matter is that 90 per cent of our fire losses is due to carelessness.

Let us all do our bit this week to at least cut down our fire risk as far as humanly possible. But let us go a bit further and make not only this week "Fire Prevention Week" but by thoughtfulness and care, make every week "Fire Prevention Week."

The North York Market

"There is no doubt in our mind that real farmer's markets properly conducted are a good thing for the residents of any community, but on the other hand if they serve no good purpose other than to assure non-tax-paying farmers' retail prices for their goods at the expense of the local merchants they should not be regarded as other than a menace to the business life of the community. We have heard persistent rumors that citizens who patronized the new market find that they could get just as good value at the corner store as they get there." Thus does the Hudson Herald, North Toronto's community newspaper comment on the North York Market situated at the city limits which has been acclaimed as an unqualified success by both producers and consumers. Where our worthy contemporary gets the idea of non-tax-paying farmers we are at a loss to understand. The millenium has not yet arrived and even the farmers of this district must face the inevitable—taxes and death. Those who have worked hard for the establishment of this market will be glad to hear the official announcement of the Hudson Herald that the farmers and market gardeners who go to market are getting retail prices for their goods. Any gardeners who have thus far been dubious will no doubt now plan to attend, and the number of producers selling goods promises to grow from week to week.

"Non-tax-paying outsider" is the term used by the Herald to describe the farmers and market gardeners of this district who patronize the market, and laments that merchants under heavy expense of taxes, rent, help etc., would have to compete with the market. As we pointed out above, the farmer is not immune from taxation. Unless he chooses to do all his own work he must hire help and if he does not own his property he must even pay rent like our city cousins. The good citizens of North Toronto and of this district who have patronized the market have demonstrated by their increased patronage that they appreciate the opportunity of buying produce direct from the producer and that they are even willing to pay the same price for it as if they bought it at the corner grocery or fruit store. The Herald invites housewives who have had experience in shopping at the new market to write a letter on the subject and gives the assurance the name of the writer need not be published. It will be interesting to note how many if any, who offer criticism of the market will avail themselves of the privilege of hiding behind a non-de-plume rather than have it appear over their own name.

Why Burn Leaves

At this time of year complaints are common concerning the practice of burning leaves. In addition to being an offensive and dangerous habit there are strong economic reasons why leaves should not be burned, but should be allowed to fill the art nature intended them to fill.

Much of the late autumn work in the garden has been declared by experts to be purely mischievous. Why on earth should we run a lawn-mower in October or rake all the leaves out of the grass and burn them. Nature sprink-

es these leaves all over the lawns as a protection against the cold winter and we should remove only those which gather in heaps, or possibly lie so thickly as to smother the grass. Nature works all summer wearing at millions of looms to shade us and the earth and when the work is done she shakes off the leaves to keep the earth warm during the zero weather. It is a wonderful gift. Leaves not needed on the lawn should be gathered for the compost pile; others to be used as bedding in the stables; and others still to bank the buildings and cover the floors of the chicken room. In all sorts of ways autumn leaves are money-savers and money-makers, and yet over half of these brown beauties are burned—that is, of those that fall near our villages. "If I had no other use for them," said a prominent writer, "I would pull off my shoes, just as I did when a boy, and kick through the piles along the hedges and in the swale. Then I would throw myself down on them and smell the delicious odor of beech and maple and basswood. I would let a little of the poetry that is floating loose through the world get into my soul, and I would keep up my boy life."

King Council

King council held their ninth regular meeting at Suttons Hotel, Schomberg, on Saturday Sept. 25th all members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, several communications were received and read, after which the Treasurer was instructed to pay the following bills and accounts:—Mark Allen, reps. to Bridge, \$25.00; Mark Allen reps. to culvert, \$111.20; Wm. Garrow, Cutting weeds, \$2.50; Burnell Graham, lumber, \$4.29; Mark Allen, freight, \$3.50; W. C. Davis, Teaming, \$70.80; W. E. Hanlon, Gravel for tile, \$5.00; Aurora Hardware Co., Reps. to grader, \$1.60; Baines and David, Steel and freight, \$51.83; Pedlar People Co. Ltd. 1 culvert, \$46.80; F. C. Walton, 210 yards gravel, \$42.00; J. W. McCallum, reps. to bridge, and dragging, \$5.00; W. H. Royland, reps to road, \$1.50; W. E. Hanlon, 105 yards gravel, \$21; Walter Bovair, Cutting weeds, and repairs to culvert, \$4.25; Wm. Witty, Dragging and Cutting weeds, \$13.65; Samuel Hollingshead, reps. to culvert P.V.S., \$7.50; W. E. Hanlon, 30 yards gravel, \$6.00; Attridge & Son, Plank etc. \$206.80; George Williams, Bal. on account cement tile contract, \$319.50; Percy Kitchen, Blacksmith bill, \$7.00; Fred Graham, Teaming gravel, \$100.50; John A. Lynn, posts, wire, etc. \$3.20; J. A. Lynn, work on bridge, \$56.75; J. A. Lynn, ditching & gravel, \$42.25; J. A. Lynn, Construction, \$94.45; Kents, Ltd., reps. to stop watch, \$12.00; Rice Lewis & Son Revolver, \$35.00; Pedlar People, Ltd., culvert, \$139.20.

Resolutions

Egan-Duggan:—That the clerk be authorized to collect account from Toronto and York Road Commission \$85.50 hire for stone crusher, as per statement by George Ferguson.

Egan-T. MacMurchy:—That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Mark Allen the sum of \$150.00 on account of culverts in course of construction, this amount to be paid on Oct. 9th, 1926.

Duggan-T. MacMurchy:—That this council grant the sum of \$75.00 for travelling road between lots 30 and 31 on the Lloydtown sideroad.

T. MacMurchy Armstrong:—That Cecil Walker be paid \$100.00 on account as constable.

Egan-Armstrong:—That Dr. Lockhart be paid the sum of \$23.00 for Medical attendance on Mrs. Scott and family of Eversley.

Egan-Armstrong:—That the Treasurer pay to the Express Herald the sum of \$201.60 for printing notice of By-Law.

Egan-T. MacMurchy:—That Miss E. Tinline be paid the sum of \$20.00 for gravel for making cement tile.

T. MacMurchy-E. Armstrong:—That the Treasurer be instructed to accept from Cecil Walker the sum of \$6.00 being half cost of repairing watch for Constable.

Egan-T. MacMurchy that the Clerk be authorized to notify the Bell Telephone Co. to move one telephone pole in King City 8 to 10 feet to the East also one pole in King Horn 8 to 10 feet to the East. Township to pay half of labor costs.

T. MacMurchy-Armstrong:—That the Treasurer is hereby instructed to authorize the County Treasurer D. J. MacDonald to write off all arrears of taxes against Fred Oram, up to and including the assessment for the year 1925, that has been returned to the County Treasurer for collection; said Lots are located according to Plan 133 being original lot 67, Township of King.

Egan-T. MacMurchy:—That this council do hereby accept the Bonds of L.H. Hollingshead and Charles Ross as satisfactory.

T. MacMurchy-Egan:—That B. J. McCabe be paid the sum of \$5 for killing a dog caught worrying sheep, when he signs the necessary declaration.

Egan-Duggan:—That the application of the School Board of School Section number 16, King for a loan of three thousand (\$3,000) Dollars for the purpose of erecting and equipping

a school building and the issuing of debentures therefore be granted.

By-Law No. 473 re school section No. 16 debentures & By-Law No. 474 re closing streets in Amsterdam received their several readings and passed.

Council adjourned to meet on Saturday 30th day of October at Armstrong's Hotel, King City.

Newtonbrook

(Special to the Liberal)

Great interest is being taken in the forthcoming harvest home and free-will offering services of the Newtonbrook United Church. Two former pastors both of whom have won distinction in the church and are now in charge of prominent city churches will preach; Rev. Dr. A. P. Brace in the morning and Rev. John J. Ferguson in the evening. Prominent soloists have also been secured; Mrs. E. Gallanough, whose beautiful soprano voice has already won her many friends in Newtonbrook, will sing in the morning, and, in the evening Mr. F. H. Stanger, a noted baritone of Toronto will be present. Special music will also be rendered by the choir and their friends under the direction of Miss Bertha Smith, organist and choir leader. Generous offerings are expected as the stewards hope to wipe out some outstanding indebtedness. A cordial welcome is extended to all who can arrange to attend these services.

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