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Letters From The People.

Retiring Member Board of Health Up Before The Court To Reply To Medical Officer of Health—Explains Statement and Contends Local Board of Health Never Has and Still Does Not Function—Suggests Minutes of Board Should Be Published.

Editor Liberal
Sir:—

May I say at the outset of my reply to the Medical Officer that he has been my personal physician since he came to the village and no one knows better than himself, the confidence and high esteem in which he is held in my household. Fair criticism, however, is always in order, but unless it can be conclusively proven that the other fellow is lying an inference that he is, because you do not see eye to eye with him is never in order. He says he is not seeking publicity, but he would hand it to me, and one wonders why he would not anticipate retaliation to the scathing denunciation of myself thus extending the publicity he is so anxious to avoid. The blow he gave me was somewhat severe and while I did not mind being hit or even knocked down I was up before the court and am not badly marked. I think however, before I am through he will have made a trip to his surgery for the healing salve and at least a small chunk of adhesive plaster. In the statements I made to the council and only after I had been queried as to why I did not wish to be re-appointed to the Board of Health I said not one disparaging word in regard to the Doctor. I was speaking of the Board as a body of which to this date I am still a member and sharing the responsibilities. Now let me deal with his letter and mark particularly this paragraph. "Lest any reader may be led to believe the statements attributed to the retiring member one cannot allow the statements to pass unchallenged" and he challenges my statements by giving an enumerated list, eighteen in number which he states are some of the matters which engaged the attention of the members of the Board in 1927. The others whatever they were, apparently too insignificant to mention, nearly all of which is routine work coming under his personal supervision and forming part of the Medical Officer's duties. However, let's take them one at a time and see.

No. 1. "Attending five meetings in the secretary's office where the minutes may be seen by anyone sufficiently interested to enquire." This of course is his challenge to my statement that the Board held only one GENERAL meeting in 1927 and the only one of nine statements he set out to challenge to which he made any reference. This is perhaps where he will score half a point and if I do the scoring, this is about all he is going to get. When I made this statement I had in mind that there are three public bodies in the village, the "Council," the "Board of Education," and the "Board of Health". The Council and the Board of Education hold their meetings on specified dates set at the beginning of the year and do in addition hold special meetings. The Statutes say a local Board of Health shall hold at least four meetings in each year AT A TIME AND PLACE FIXED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD and this has never been done by the local Board. A special meeting, however, may be called by a member and if a meeting of this description called for a specific purpose and where the minutes of the previous meeting are not read can be called a "meeting" in its general term then I concede to the Doctor five meetings in 1927. Promiscuously calling the members when something or other crops up is not to my mind a business-like procedure. No. 2. "Recommending to council the appointment of a veterinary for regular inspection at frequent intervals of herds and premises of the milk producers supplying milk for use in the village." This appointment was made and is recorded. No. 3. "Dealing with complaints on such a variety of subjects as, septic tank overflowing, water lying in street ditch, dead animal on vacant lot, storage of manure, flies coming from neighbors, water in cellars, children with communicable diseases not reported and not quarantined, sale of milk contrary to by-law, neighbour's chickens in garden, stamping of horse in stable, odours from the laundry wash water in neighbour's back yard ETC." This is best answered by reference to the Doctor's report presented at an inopportune time at a meeting called on Saturday afternoon, November 26, when I was unable to be present, and is as accessible to your readers as the minute book for verification and under the printed heading of "nuisances" the report reads as follows; Complaints to the number of

two have been received during the year and action taken in two cases. Keeping horse near house, odours and noise from laundry. How in the world does one reconcile the other? No. 4. "Administering regulations as to quarantine." The sticking of a "measles" ticket on somebody's door is part of the Medical Officer's duties. No. 5. "Sending samples to Provincial Laboratories from private wells." Part of the Medical Officer's duties. Whose wells they were, how many, and the results thereof were never brought before the Board to my knowledge. No. 6. "Sending samples frequently to Provincial Laboratories of village water for analysis." Part of Medical Officer's duties. No. 7. "Packing in ice and delivering to Provincial Laboratories samples of milk for test and examination." Part of Medical Officer's duties. No. 8. "Inspecting the water area as defined by the Provincial Department of Health and warning residents against pollution of water." Part of Medical Officer's duties. No. 9. "Communicating and consulting with the Provincial Department as to improvement of water supply." This communication or the reply thereto was not brought before the Board to my knowledge. No. 10. "Accompanying District Officer of Health in investigating complaints." This happened on one occasion only when I was present and two places were inspected. If there were any others I as a member of the Board know nothing of them. No. 11. "Licensing and sanitary supervision of Baby Boarding Houses." If there were any licenses issued in 1927 the matter did not come before the Board. No. 12. "Inspecting dairy and pasteurization plant." Part of Medical Officers duties. No. 13. "Recommending to council the installation of an up-to-date chlorinating machine in the water-works plant." This is recorded in the minutes but to this date has never been presented to the council. No. 14. "Amending milk by-law to allow sale of certified milk." This by-law was amended upon the recommendation of the Medical Officer, but I have been authoritatively advised that being in possession of a certificate for a T.B. test and covering general health of the cow or cows, does not constitute certified milk according to the act, and there are other important regulations which must be enforced to permit milk to be sold as certified. No. 15. "Sanitary inspection of schools." This shows in the Doctor's report of November 26. No. 16. "Co-operation with Home and School Club in securing speaker on Medical Inspection in schools." The Home & School Club did not attend a meeting of the board neither did the Board visit the Home and School Club and who the speaker was and when it took place I have no knowledge and there is no record. No. 17. "Preparing and presenting annual report." The Medical Officer's report as to Health conditions was presented on November 26 but there is no report of sanitary conditions to my knowledge. No. 18. "Vaccination of pupils in Public Schools." Part of Medical Officer's duties. All the above matters the Doctor says engaged the attention of the Board in 1927. The Doctor having advised readers to refer to the minute book to verify item No. 1 may I refer the readers to the same source for verification of items No. 2 to No. 18, which in all fairness he should have advised. Or better still publish the business of the Board as recorded in 1927, the whole of which can be read in about ten minutes and I will allow as an outside estimate three hours throughout the year for the length of time occupied in conducting the business which I admit, however, is a wonderful improvement on some of the previous years. I agree with the Doctor that the comments of the editor were, perhaps, somewhat unnecessary but it was hardly fair to criticize him for his choice of news and then come along with his beautifully phrased paragraph in regard to the only meeting impressed upon my memory and at which the chief item introduced was the only one in which the Board failed to function. May I dismiss this phase of his letter emphasizing the fact that never at any time was this in my mind as an instance where the Board failed

to function and from which my statements were far removed and entirely foreign. Now take my statements, nine in number quoted from the Liberal report and substantially correct and see how many are challenged. No. 1 "Mr. Davies said he did not wish to be re-appointed because the Board did not function." The Doctor challenges this statement by giving a list as a fore-mentioned consisting of matters as having been dealt with by the Board but covering mostly his duties as the Medical Officer. No. 2 "He stated when he came on the Board of Health in 1926 the Board had held thirteen meetings in twenty-one years." This statement was of course not within the Doctor's province to challenge. No. 3 "The first year he was on the Board eight or nine meetings were held of which six had been called at his request." This statement also was not within his province to challenge; he was not on the Board. No. 4 "He had advocated a survey of the town but was told the sanitary inspector was too busy." This was one of the matters I had in mind where the Board failed to function. This statement was unchallenged and not referred to by the Doctor. No. 5 "The Statutes call for four meetings to be held but there was only one GENERAL meeting in 1927." It is debatable as to what constitutes a "meeting" however, I have conceded the Doctor five meetings. No. 6 "If I'm on the Board I'd like to be one with a little life, said Mr. Davies." This was a general statement to which of course the Doctor made no reference. No. 7 "A sanitary inspector was appointed but he knew of no report ever having been given of his work." This was another reason which I had in mind where the Board failed to function and it is obvious if the Sanitary Inspector never made an inspection there cannot be a report to present to the Board. This statement was unchallenged and not referred to by the Doctor. No. 8 "He claimed that there should be a report from the Board to the Council at the end of every year but that report was never brought in, in years." Another reason I had in mind where the Board failed to function. The report of the sanitary condition of the town and a detailed statement of the work of the Board during the year, if it is in existence, should have been presented to the council by December 1st, 1927. To this date such report has not been presented. This statement was unchallenged and not referred to by the Doctor. No. 9 "He thought that the Board of Health was one of the most important bodies in any municipality but here it was given little thought." This was a general statement to which of course the Doctor made no reference. The Doctor suggested the ratepayers should visit the Clerk's office and refer to the minute book, and if they do they will find this "relie" is an ordinary ledger containing 400 pages. It was commenced on May 12, 1884 and to this date, February 2, 1928, forty four years intervening, the business of the Board of Health as recorded in this book is now up to page 61. A little figuring will show that at the rate the Board of Health is holding its meetings it will take about 250 years more to fill it. They should also see the little pile of printed post cards purchased, I do not know when for the purpose of calling the members to a meeting but they bear the stamp of the late King Edward VII and he has been dead about 20 years. Will anyone make a guess as to who the occupant of the throne will be by the time the last one is used. I think this should be proof and substantiates my statement to the effect that little thought has been given to the Board of Health. Now, Mr. Editor, the Doctor says that the duties of the Board of Health are clearly defined in the Act and but for the encroachment upon your space for which I must apologize, while I have lots in reserve may I give only one further instance. If it is the duty of the Board to call its first meeting not later than February 1 and that date is now passed and the meeting not yet having been held and if the Board functions as the Doctor says it does then the Board should get away from the slipshod methods of calling promiscuous meetings. The combined so-called meetings of last year allowing as before mentioned three hours at the outside as the time occupied is equivalent to one night's session. There are many things that should engage the attention of the Board of much more importance than giving instructions to remove a dead animal (the Doctor did not say whether it was a cat or a skunk) tacking a measles ticket on somebody's door, or other such trivial matters as mentioned in the Doctor's enumerated list. And with every re-

spect for his or others' opinions I adhere to my statements and the contention that the Board of Health as a body never has and still does not function.

Yours Very truly
The Retiring Member
WILLIAM DAVIES

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