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DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.

Durham, August 31, 1905

SANCTUM SIFTINGS.

In our last issue we gave Mr. Calder full scope to explain his position in regard to the town rate being fixed at 21 mills this year, when he was to finance the affairs of the town on a 20 mill rate. He first charges us with error in saying that he promised at the nomination to run the town on a 20 mill rate. We say so still, that Mr. Calder in opposing a proposed By-law expressed strongly his opinion that it was not necessary to raise certain moneys on the credit of the town, and furthermore he told the electors that he would undertake to demonstrate the possibility of financing the town on a 20 mill rate. On the strength of this positive opinion, a meeting of the ratepayers was called, we think, about Thursday or Friday of the same week when Mr. Calder brought down the figures he refers to, and let us say here he made an exhaustive showing which had an influence, no doubt, in defeating the By-law to be voted on the following Monday. Not only at the nomination, but at the subsequent meeting two or three days later, Mr. Calder expressed the positive opinion that a 20 mill rate on the present assessment would be sufficient for all town requirements. Mr. Calder admits the 20 mill rate in his own letter as the opinion he offered at the special meeting of ratepayers, but denies having made any such statement on the night of nomination.

The Chronicle of December 29th, 1904, has the following paragraph in reference to the nomination:
"Of opposite opinion with regard to the By-law, Mr. Calder pointed out that there was no necessity for doing so and made a very good demonstration of how the existing debt could be wiped out in two or three years on a 20 mill rate. Mr. Laidlaw is also opposed to the passing of the By-law

and sanctioned the views of Mr. Calder as to the advisability of its defeat."

Up to the present time neither Mr. Calder nor anybody else made any objection to the truth of the foregoing statement and we therefore presume it to have been correct, and our statement regarding it to be correct in the issue of two weeks ago. The "righteous looking air" may be what Mr. Calder takes exception to. To us, at all events, he had as solemn an appearance as if he were giving evidence under oath. If he objects to the solemnity of his appearance we'll concede the point in regard to that matter, because we never did feel sure of interpreting his feelings from his outside appearance.

He next charges us with misrepresentation in saying that "an additional mill had been added to the rate this year." In this case we are both right. The rate last year was 21 mills, and the rate this year is 21 mills. What we meant, however, was that an additional mill had to be added to the 20 mill rate proposed as sufficient by Mr. Calder.

In our comparison of figures showing the total assessment for the year 1904 and 1905 we have the Clerk's books for it and we find we are quite correct. An increase of over \$30,000 has been made, the 1904 assessment being \$646,433 and 677,315 for 1905 giving an exact increase in 1905 over 1904 of \$30,882. This increase is after deducting the reduction of the Cement property assessment and also the Furniture Co.

The School gets \$4,000 this year, or according to Mr. Calder's letter about \$800 more than last year. Mr. Calder evidently forgot to tell the ratepayers the other side of the School story as he did not to tell them of an increase in the total valuation of the town property. He did not tell them that he figured out to a nicety how the school could be run on a 4½ mill rate, on an assessment equal to last year's, or better. Notwithstanding his wise financing the rate this year is 5-10 mills. Perhaps Mr. Calder would get the trustees to explain the cause of such extravagance inasmuch as they have gone beyond his estimate. Mr. Calder failed in his project, and in real Caldearean style, he makes a vain attempt to wiggle himself out of the difficulty by throwing the blame on some one else. Shades of Adam, rise up and see your reflection!

Again Mr. Calder says that stocks held by some tenants and others have under the New Assessment Act been reduced from five to eight hundred dollars. He fails again to tell us that the assessment of other tenants has been increased because of the same New Assessment Act. We have no idea to what extent the increase is true, but we are informed that it is so, and we have no reason to doubt our informants. The tax bills are now being distributed, and we'll venture to assert that the big majority of the ratepayers will find an increase in the demands of the collector. The public can vouch for this. Oh! Calder, why not give a little of both sides? It simply would not suit your purpose to tell the whole truth.

We are again told by Mr. Calder's letter that for extensive rock cutting and gravelling, \$1200 have been appropriated. Here again we find a discrepancy between Mr. Calder's letter and the Minutes of a meeting of the Council held the 9th day of June when the Board of Works brought in an estimate of proposed improvements including the rock-cutting. The total appropriation made at the meeting was \$745, or \$455 less than Mr. Calder says. Of this amount only part may be expended. The contract for removing rocks, whether wholly necessary or not, is, we believe, the only one let so far, and will amount to about \$315. The appropriation of \$1200 is for all purposes, against an appropriation of \$2000 for 1904, which by the Auditor's Report (page 2) exceeded the amount by \$12.78. It puzzles us to see why Mr. Calder should single out the Board of Works, whose appropriation for 1905 is over \$800 less than was expended last year. Perhaps Mr. Calder would like to run the Board of Works and make some beautiful improvements like the concrete building he designed at the Furniture Factory, a standing evidence of his architectural skill. He might use his plausible oratory and prevail on the town to buy it for an opera house. Great scheme. Again, the Fire and Light Committee last year had an appropriation of \$1000, and expended \$915.77. This year, they ask for and get only \$500, half of last year's appropriation and over

\$415 less than the actual expenditure of 1904. The outlay last year for hose, etc., was considerable, and will not have to be repeated during the present year. The Committees this year are evidently trying to be economical, compared with the outlay of 1904, a year in which large demands were made to meet cost of a big fill at the Lambton street bridge, and other extensive and costly improvements. Your financing, Mr. Calder, has failed in the rosy outlook of your speeches before the election in January last.

You say again, Mr. Calder, that you were not at the second nomination. We believe that's true, because we were there and didn't see you, but will you say that you did not go to the hall on the night of the second nomination and suggest to certain ratepayers that if you were nominated for Councillor you would stand for election? Is not this ambition? Calder will say he's not ambitious, and Calder is an honorable man.

We did not blame Mr. Calder, two weeks ago for the imposition of a 21 mill rate. We do not blame him now. What we do blame him for is the enormous amount of gall he exercises in trying to force his opinions on the public, when there are strong reasons to doubt whether or not he believes them himself. We were not deceived by his nomination speech and his subsequent financial prospectus. We were not surprised when we heard the rate was 21 mills. We saw too many of Mr. Calder's schemes fail to materialize to jump at the conclusion that anything will occur just because he says it will. We didn't vote for him at the last election, though we do know of some who voted for him just to see how he would carry out his 20 mill promise. Thus we say, and we fully believe what we say, that Mr. Calder's election to the Council, was to some extent strengthened by the positive statements he made regarding a 20 mill rate.

Mr. Calder is old enough to know by this time, that no ordinary man can see at the beginning of the year the things that will happen during the next twelve months, and he should have made allowance for unforeseen expenditures, and not assume the penetrating know-all attitude he usually does on most public questions. The people are finding out, however, that he's only fallible, and his influence is on the down grade. Though clever in some ways, Mr. Calder's ability has been over estimated, and we feel like blaming the public generally in being so slow to find it out.

His concluding remarks about our defeat for the position of school trustee last year are extremely childish and altogether out of harmony with the truth. From first to last we didn't use a single effort to be elected. One paragraph in the Chronicle told the ratepayers that the people were not tumbling over us to put us into office, and that they could vote for us or our opponent just as they desired. "Little things are great to little men," and that it seems, is the only thing you could bring up against us personally. We had no ambition, whatever in the matter; we didn't seek the position and we didn't get it. Were we to rake up the records of the Council and other institutions in town, we could easily find instances where Mr. Calder was snowed under and didn't take his defeat very gracefully either. Your brass has sustained you, Mr. Calder, and to that great element of your make-up, you owe much for whatever success you have had in life. Wealth and position, however, are not every thing, and some wise man said, but it wasn't Mr. Calder, that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

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Miss Goodeve, of Acton, is visiting at Mr. Dan Greenwood's.

Dan H. Firth, of Markdale, is home enjoying a couple of weeks' holidays. The Miss Barrell, of Walkerton, visited their aunt, Mrs. S. Edge, and other friends here last week.

Miss Mary Twamley, of Bentinck, was the guest of Miss Annie Greenwood for a few days recently.

The special collection taken by our Sunday School on Sunday last in aid of the Muskoka Sanitarium for consumptives amounted to very nearly six dollars. A good contribution for a country Sunday School to make in one day.

A tea party was given last Tuesday by Misses Bessie and Amy Edge. All the young ladies in the neighborhood were invited and spent a very pleasant afternoon in social intercourse and games.

Mr. John B. Ritchie, son of Inspector Ritchie, of Port Arthur, spent a few days last week with his relatives in this neighborhood. John is possessed of a very winning disposition which makes him a favorite with all who form his acquaintance. A small party was given him by his uncle, Wm Ritchie, on Tuesday evening last. It passed off most enjoyably for all concerned.

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