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SANCTUM SIFTINGS

For some time Mayor Calder has endeavored to give the impression at council meetings that the proposed armory will be erected at a cost of seven to eight thousand dollars. At the last meeting of the town fathers, he wobbled a little and knocked off a try sum of one thousand dollars off previous estimates, and now it is set to seven thousand dollars.

On the floor of the House on Friday last, Sir Frederick Borden denied the suggestion that he was neglecting the armories in the matter of erecting armories. He stated that he had made provision for the erection of armories all over the country, and in small towns and villages, where there is only one company, a building

costing about \$2500 was provided for, and in the event of two companies a building costing \$4000.

This should be proof sufficient to the people in general, and we don't see where under the sun Mr. Mayor ever got his \$8000 ideas. In communication from Mr. Miller, those at least which were read before the Council, no such munificent sum was mentioned. South Grey's representative putting the figures at the original sum, \$2500. The statements that Mr. Calder circulated will certainly have the tendency to make the ordinary individual believe that the Government doesn't know, within six thousand dollars, how much it takes to put up an eight thousand dollar building. If the Government figures are correct, these large statements of the Mayor reflect rather severely on the veracity of Mr. Miller, for surely our first municipal officer has not the audacity to give us the information entirely off his own bat. He must have authority from some one to yell "eight thousand" so often—at least a person would think so.

At the council meeting on Monday evening, the Mayor stated that he had been "told" the armory was to cost seven to eight thousand. By whom, he did not say, but he led us to believe he got his information when inspecting the plans when in Ottawa. In a letter to Reeve Saunders, Mr. Miller says in part under date of May 1st, "There is no particular appropriation for an armory at Durham. One large sum is appropriated or voted for the building of small armories and the armory at Durham is to be one of these. I have just been talking to the chief engineer of the Militia Department, and the architect of the Public Work Department is preparing plans now."

But the Mayor and Councillor Brown saw the plans of these armories some two months ago. Surely Mr. Miller must have made a mistake in issuing the above statement, or may be infer something else? Anyway, there seems to be a tangle on the whole affair. Messrs. Brown and Calder claim to have seen the plans some time ago, and Mr. Miller now comes out with the statement that they are not yet completed.

In the vote for the site on Garafraxa street, the Mayor claimed the motion carried, Mr. Robertson not having voted. On calling for the yeas and nays, the motion was lost. Another vote was taken and Councillor Sharpe supported the Mayor, thus carrying the motion.

In a "Parliamentary Ruling" address fired at Mr. Kinnee by the Mayor, who resented the charges laid at his door by the Councillor, the Mayor undertook to put him in his proper place by giving him what he chose to call Parliamentary Law. In again calling for a vote on a defeated motion, the Mayor evidently chose to overlook this part of Parliamentary Ruling, which appears under the head of "motions" in the part devoted to Parliamentary Rules of Order and Debate. It is as follows:—"A motion that has been decided in the negative cannot be proposed again as a motion, nor afterwards introduced as an amendment. The same holds good in respect to an amendment which has been negatived—a similar one cannot be introduced on a future day. In order to revoke such negative votes, the question in its essential parts, with sufficient variation to constitute a new motion or a new amendment, may be proposed; and it would be for the house to determine whether it were substantially the same question or a new one."

Under the heading "Motion for Reconsideration" we find that a member who desires to have a motion that has been decided in the affirmative or negative brought up for reconsideration or rescinded, he must give notice of such motion. In municipal councils where the sessions are short, regulations are provided whereby the motion may be reconsidered without notice, a majority, or two-thirds vote being required. While the Mayor had the majority, he lacked the two-thirds vote, and so far as we can see the motion was lost.

Which site in question is the better one, the CHRONICLE has never attempted to say, but if the opinion of the ratepayers were consulted in the matter they would unquestionably choose the rink property for handiness and cheapness to the town. If the conditions by which the town gets the free site on the hill are ever carried out, the ratepayers will find that it will cost considerably more than one hundred dollars to build the street required, and the placing of the armory up against the weigh scales will make it almost imperative that new quarters be secured for the market.

Though there are many who harshly criticize the actions of the Reeve and his associates in opposing the proposition put forward by the Mayor, they were standing on their own feet in the matter, and, in the long run, looking after the interests of the ratepayers

better than their opponents. In the howl that goes up about "blocking Calder" in the matter, may be seen the utter blindness of the men who cry his praises in every little item he puts before them. If Durham wants a one-man council, put in a full complement of his ardent admirers, not a council of men who are competent of judging for themselves in matters of importance.

But, possibly, the matter is settled, and the armory goes on the hill. It will be a fine structure, no doubt, and at a cost of eight thousand dollars is deserving the position of eminence which it will occupy. The great majority of the ratepayers are, however, of the opinion that the edifice will not exceed the original grant.

But, perhaps the Mayor is making a grand 'scoop' for the town in this matter, and in his recent trip to Ottawa so electrified the Members there assembled with the importance and grandeur of this especial neck of the woods along military lines, that they immediately decided that Durham surely must have something out of the ordinary to house her defenders of the country. According to the appropriation, which allows four thousand dollars for a two-company armory, Durham is getting at least a five-company structure, and the natives of this thriving burg will, in days to come, point upward on the Garafraxa street hill to the grand Government structure that was erected here away back in 1908 at the suggestion of the late W. Calder. Calder will get the credit, Miller won't. No sir, he wouldn't have the nerve to claim it.

Hon. F. R. Latchford, K. C., of Ottawa, Minister of Public Works and later Attorney-General in the Ross Cabinet, has been appointed to the Ontario High Court Bench in succession to Mr. Justice Mabee.

Town Council.

The Council met in regular session on Monday evening with the members all present.

After the reading of the minutes of the last regular and special meeting, which were adopted, the council proceeded to business.

Mr. C. L. Grant appeared before the council as a deputation from the Durham Cemetery Company asking for a grant to help in paying off some of the indebtedness of the company. Some objection was raised by the Mayor towards giving the grant, but on motion of Kinnee—McGowan, the company received \$100.

C. Elvidge was paid \$60 as part salary for Assessor.

The case of Miss McDonald next came up. Miss McDonald received injuries from being struck last winter by a handsleigh by some boys who were coasting down the Garafraxa street hill. The council could not see where the town should be held responsible, as there were by-laws prohibiting this practice. They were ready, however, to prosecute the parties who are responsible for the accident if they can be found.

R. Torry asked for an increase in pay from \$25 to \$50, as Chief of the Fire Department. This was referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

The account of J. Clark, former Town Constable, was brought up. The town owes Mr. Clark the sum of \$152.50 for services rendered, but claims that Mr. Clark also owes the town. The amount of \$30 was considered sufficient to guarantee the town, and a cheque was issued for \$127.50 until Mr. Clark's indebtedness to the town is gone over.

The armory question then interested the council, and the usual amount of squabbling took place. Mr. Edge was before the council, but the conditions attached to the free site the Edge estate is willing to donate for the purpose were not very clear, as Mr. Edge, in Ireland, is the main party who has to be consulted. On a vote being taken to have a deed drawn out in favor of the King, the Mayor declared the motion carried, but on a demand for the yeas and nays it was found to be lost. The motion was again voted on without further alteration, or without even rescinding the former motion, when Councillor Sharpe turned over with the Mayor and carried the motion to acquire the Garafraxa street property.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes W. B. Vollet, salary and postage \$30.82, G. Ryan, cord wood 1.75, R. Aljoe, Ironing whiffletree 75, Jas. Carson, services re Cream Separator 1.75, Jas. Carson, serving summons attending court 1.50, C. R. Lavelle, taking copies 11.10, J. Carson, care of sick 5.25, C. R. Lavelle, taking copies re By-law 5.10, W. Irwin, printing 19.50, Mrs. J. Lawrence, witness fees 1.50, Alex. Muncan, 1.50, Newell Falkingham, 75, McGrath & McAuliffe, meals 2.75, J. Carson, McGrath case 1.50, C. Lang, drawing gravel 2.00

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS JUNE 8

The writs are out for a general provincial election to be held on the 8th of June, and from now until that date there will be a general hustle amongst the electors for their vote and influence.

On the defeat of the Ross Government in the early part of 1905, Mr. Whitney was returned to power with a majority in the neighborhood of forty. Some are of the opinion that his next majority will be quite up to the former mark, but it is scarcely to be expected that some of the old time Liberals who were disgusted with Ross Rule will not again turn allegiance to the old party and vote Liberal in the coming contest. The last election, in other words, was not an exact measure of the Conservative strength in Ontario, but a combination of Conservatives and displeased Liberals, who united their efforts to bring about a change of administration. Four years have passed by and many of independent Liberal votes will again go in the old direction and a change will, in all likelihood, be made in some of the constituencies.

That Mr. Whitney will be again returned to power with a good substantial majority is, we believe, conceded by both parties, but what that majority will be remains to be seen.

Mr. Whitney did not come into power through a series of promises intended solely to catch the ears of the electors. In some cases, very little in the shape of political reform was expected at the hands of a Conservative Government with Mr. Whitney at its head. In this he surpassed the expectations of his opponents, and did even more than was expected by his friends, and to-day, notwithstanding the election cries made by his political enemies in the press, Mr. Whitney and his Government stand high in the public opinion, and deserves a most cordial support.

In Mr. Neil McCannel, the Liberal Party in this constituency have a very honorable gentleman as representative and the CHRONICLE would hesitate long before saying anything to belittle him as a man or to degrade him as a political candidate. We feel, however, that his chances for success are very slim, and that he will simply bear the honor of being the defeated candidate when the ballots are counted on the 8th of June next.

Dr. Jamieson has been in office now for three full terms and he is still popular, not only with Conservatives, but with a large number of Liberal electors who are sure to support him in the coming contest, and return him again to power with a large majority. In fact, it is only a question of majority, and whether or not the Dr. will be returned with an increased or diminished majority vote.

In the past elections, Dr. Jamieson's majorities were as follows according to our files:—

March 2, 1908, majority 538 over J. D. Morgan. D. McNicol in the field also.

May 29, 1902, majority 438 over Geo. Binnie.

Jan. 25, 1905, majority 410 over John McKechnie.

The majorities, it will be seen, have been growing smaller at each succeeding election. Will it be so next time, and if so what will be the probable reduction.

HYMENEAL

Pettigrew—Gadd.

A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday evening, April 28, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Thomas Gadd, Normanby, when his youngest daughter, Lydia, was united in holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Adam Pettigrew, also of Normanby.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. Kendall, pastor of the contracting parties, Rev. Mr. Little, Presbyterian minister of Holstein, tied the nuptial knot, impressing very forcibly on those present the solemnity of uniting two lives together.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. A. Smith, sister of the bride. The bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her father, looking very handsome, and was beautifully attired in a dress of white silk organdie, trimmed with all-over and valenciennes lace and a white taffeta sash, and carried a bouquet of maiden hair fern and primroses. The travelling dress of Copenhagen blue material was very pretty.

Among the many beautiful and useful presents to the bride, showing the high esteem in which she was held, was a beautiful silver tea service, the gift of the groom.

After the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served.

Mr. W. Thompson entertained the company very enjoyably with his zophonone, after which the company enjoyed themselves with games and music.

We all join in wishing the young couple a happy and prosperous journey through life.

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Edge Hill. Mr. George, Williams of Sound, spent a few days with his mother Mrs C. Will Born—On Sunday April 19 to Mr. and Mrs John Suther son.