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THE MAN ON THE STREET.

"A chief's among ye takin' notes, An' faith he'll prent it."—BURNS.

STREET CLEANING.

At last we have a do-something Council. It used to be "do-nothing" but things have changed for the better. It was a refreshing sight last week to see a contingent of men under corporation authority cleaning up the winter accumulation of filth and compost from the front street. More than one highly delighted citizen could scarcely restrain himself from lustily crying out Eureka! for we had at last found a council that was alive to the needs of the times. Keep it up gentlemen and the year will be a record one for the town. Orders should be issued forthwith that wood piles, ash piles and all rubbish should be removed from the streets, and that all back yards, cesspools, pit-closets and barnyards should be thoroughly cleaned up before the contents filter into the ground and poison the surface soil and the air in contact therewith to the breeding of fevers, agues and maladies of various kinds. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. A violent outbreak of any of the diseases which are crowding around us will cost the town five times over what it will take to remove the predisposing causes to a virulent epidemic. There is no crime any corporation can be guilty of greater than negligence in the matter of the public health. The councillors are men of honor, they have sworn to do their duty and one of the paramount duties which devolves upon them is the enforcement of regulations whereby the best possible sanitary conditions are preserved to the citizens. Everything possible should be done to lessen the danger from exposure to contagious diseases which seriously interfere with public business and threaten the very life of the inhabitants. An alert council and a wide-awake Board of Health are often worth their weight in gold to any municipality, while a sleepy, indolent parcel of such officers are a positive curse inasmuch as innocent citizens are deluded by a fancied security when they have really no protection from those appointed to give them such. "England expects every man to do his duty" in small things as in great, and if any man serving the town in these important capacities cannot attend to the duties of his office let him have the manliness to step out and give way to some one who can. In this way only can the public business be carried on in the interest of the citizens. That is all we desire and we all do desire and demand that.

MUNICIPAL PORTRAITS.

No. 1—The wise Alderman. Behold the wise Alderman! The wise Alderman shutteth his mouth and placeth a padlock thereon and putteth the Key in his pocket. He expresseth not his opinion on any subject, much less upon any subject involving the expenditure of public money. The wise Alderman dare not say his soul is his own. Yea, verily, for the loud-mouthed small-taxed ratepayer hath a mortgage thereon. The wise Alderman exhorteth himself to weariness to make it appear that by doing nothing for the good of the town, he is really its

greatest benefactor. And there are fools foolish enough to believe him.

The wise Alderman riseth up betimes in the morning, and when he goeth forth he scentheth the pure air afar off, yet he stirreth not himself to remove those things that befoul the air near his own door. He lieth awake nights planning how he may obstruct good measures and make the ratepayers believe he doeth it all under the guise of economy. He sayeth unto the foolish ratepayers, Yea, verily, the Lambton street bridge is still staunch and the Royal Opera House still standeth secure and this year is as good as last year and there is no need yet of spending money for those things.

He sayeth moreover unto them, that some foolish aldermen are bent on spending money for these (to him) unnecessary luxuries. Whereat inwardly groaneth this wise Alderman exceedingly. The wise Alderman believeth not that the town should own its parks, waterworks and electric lights, that its streets should be planted with trees, that its river-bed and mill-dams should be cleaned out or that anything should be done to make it up-to-date. His motto is "all things continue as they were from the beginning," so he moveth not his little finger to provide one of the least of these good things. These all cost money saith he, and therefore he hardeneth his heart against all improvements. The wise Alderman discusseth not aloud the questions that come before the council meetings, lest his precious opinions be made known to the public. Nay, rather he whispereth his thoughts to his neighbors around the council board so that his views may be cloaked in mystery till the vote is called.

The wise Alderman standeth up in the street and seeth the mud and the grime and the compost, but he holdeth his peace lest some one should upbraid him with his sloth for not removing the filth as it is his duty to do.

The wise Alderman before the elections appealeth not to the good things he hath done during the year, but to the bad things he hath not done. Thus it happeneth that he getteth a positive reputation for good, simply by not doing the bad. These two things are not the same thing. The wise Alderman winketh with his knowing eye when he thinketh he hath said some clever thing, and slappeth the shoulder of the foolish ratepayer right merrily when he asketh for his vote: Yea, he even spendeth his substance in riotously treating said ratepayer to beer, cider, cigars, etc.

When the end of the year cometh the wise Alderman getteth re-elected and for another year goeth about doing nothing as before. Thus he addeth another layer to the muddy monument of "Masterly Inactivity" of which he hath already laid the foundation in a bed of sand. Yea, verily.

SANCTUM SIFTINGS.

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN.

It is the custom of this paper to criticise editorially or otherwise many evils, the perpetuation of which will injure the community. A short time ago the way in which some of the wood was piled came in for a paragraph. We pronounced it a disgrace then to make the buyer pay for pure air at two-and-a-quarter to three dollars a cord. We haven't changed our opinion since and a further consideration of the subject impels us to regard such methods as nothing short of an open species of robbery. As a sequel to the paragraph in question, we were told a day or so ago that our plain outspoken condemnation of the wood-piling methods caused a number of people in a certain locality to get their backs up, and that we had better be mild in future and not hit so hard. This was a very refreshing piece of advice, but our answer was not long delayed. Of course some of them were going to stop their papers sure, and the loss of half a dozen or so of injured air-expansionists would put us out of business. No honest man who piles his wood right has any need to be offended, moreover none of them will think of such a thing. Only the guilty ones can howl about anything we have said, and as for them they can come in a bunch and have their names removed from our subscription list, it would be worth the profit to know them, and as a guide-board to all enquirers we'll keep a correct list of the whole outfit. We are of the opinion that the great majority of people like to be thought honest, and when we speak in a general way, the offended squealer may be put down as guilty, though he hasn't the manliness to own up to it, nor the sense to keep his mouth shut. We have been here over six years advocating righteous measures, and we are not going to be shunted off now through the whines of an air-piler. "You can't keep a good man down."

VOTED FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The lower hall of the Opera House was pretty well packed on Friday evening to discuss the electric light problem. Some of the older citizens say it was the best meeting of the kind they ever saw in town. Councillor J. L. Browne who characterizes himself as the father of the motion to be discussed had fortified himself with fact and figures relating to Municipal ownership of all public

utilities, and demonstrated from his standpoint that the town would get better and more efficient service if the plant were purchased by the town, and operated under Municipal authority. A large number of speakers took part in the discussion, some of whom were evidently opposed to any change being made, and even some thought there was no need of street lighting. A vote of the ratepayers, taken at the close of the meeting, however, expressed themselves in favor of Municipal ownership by a very large majority, and the council is now in a position to feel freer regarding the action they should take in the matter. In the taking over of the present plant or the installing of a new one the initial cost would be considerable, but from the moment the lights would be turned on they should produce an annual reserve sufficient to provide a sinking fund, and under favorable circumstances to yield a surplus revenue to the town. Whether we own our light plant or not, the majority of the ratepayers, we think, are in favor of street lighting. Before any definite action be taken, the Council, of course, will thoroughly investigate the pros and cons of the proposed system, and should it be demonstrated that the Municipal system will result in Municipal advantage the best thing to do is to make provision for the issue of debentures and the installing of a plant. The Chronicle is not in possession of sufficient knowledge of Municipal ownership, to write on the question, but our columns are open for free discussion from both sides.

GAMEY IS GAMEY.

In the history of Ontario politics there never was a man gained quicker political notoriety than Mr. Gamey, the member for Manitoulin. By the time this issue leaves the press, the excitement caused in the legislature on Wednesday last will be a week old and, therefore, familiar to all who take an interest in political questions. A short outline of the case however, will not be out of place. At the last election for the legislature Mr. Gamey was elected as member for Manitoulin by the Conservative vote. Everybody knows the narrow escape of the Ross Government, and the subsequent efforts through recounts, protests and election trials. At one time the Government majority was reduced to one and it did seem as though the Government would go out. The startling announcement that Gamey turned traitor to the party who elected him, and the announcement in the Globe that he would give the Ross Government an independent political support resulted in an immense amount of criticism, and the Conservative press in particular was not sparing in its censures. No one understood the reason of the political somersault until last week just after the opening of the House when he made the announcement that he accepted a bribe from an agent of the Government for the purpose, as he alleged, of finding out the working of the machine and exposing the Government. The charge implicated J. R. Stratton, and other members of the Government and both sides of the House were dumfounded when the charges were sprung. He received, he says, \$3000, which by agreement was to be shared equally between himself and Frank Sullivan, a son of the well-known Cap. Sullivan, who figured so prominently in machine politics for some time. The package containing the money, he says he saw J. R. Stratton take from his pocket and by arrangement a few minutes "the same package" was laid on a table by a messenger of the House. The package was taken by Gamey and Sullivan and the money divided. Near the close of his speech Mr. Gamey laid the documents and money on the desk of Mr. Whitney, the Opposition Leader. An investigation is ordered before Chief Justices Boyd and Falconbridge, and the House adjourned to await developments. At the present juncture the press must reserve judgment.

Lacrosse Clubs Re-organize.

The Annual Meeting of the Durham Lacrosse Club was held in Darling's Drug Store on Thursday evening, March 12th. The following officers were elected for the coming season:—Hon. Pres. Dr. Jamieson, M. P. P.; Hon. Vice Pres. Mayor McIntyre; Pres. John A. Darling; 1st Vice Pres. Wm. Calder; 2nd Vice Pres. A. H. Jackson; Treas. J. H. Rose; Secy. and Manager W. S. Davidson; Capt. P. Gagnon; Management Committee F. Lenahan, W. H. Baker, T. J. Jordan, Wes. Theobald, T. G. Holt and H. Burrows.

It was decided to enter the Intermediate series of the C. L. A.

THE DURHAM II.

The Durham II. Lacrosse Club organized on Monday night with the intention of putting a team in the Junior series of the C. L. A. The officers are as follows:—Hon. President, Mayor McIntyre; Hon. Vice-President, H. H. Farr; Pres. E. T. McClocklin; Vice, W. Baker; Treas. W. E. Theobald; Secretary, G. L. Hughes; Manager, T. J. Jordan; Field Captain, J. D. Munro; Committee, N. McIntyre, Dr. Holt, H. H. Moeckler, Wm. Vollett, Robert McCracken.

DEATH OF REV. R. WALKER.

A former Methodist Minister of Durham.

Rev. Robert Walker died at the family residence, Elora, on Saturday. Mr. Walker was well and favorably known in Western Ontario. He was born near Brockville in 1839, and was ordained in the Methodist church in 1865, and had occupied the following charges: Durham, Melbourne, Burke, Omeme, Bethany, Tweed, Stirling, Newcastle, Clifford, Walkerton, Wiarton, Norwich and Hagersville. His wife was Miss Annie Hathaway, of West Flamboro, and he leaves a family of three daughters Mrs. (Rev.) Gerald Willoughby, of Cape Town, South Africa; Mrs. (Dr.) Newson, of New York, and Miss Jessie, at home, and one son, Willoughby Walker, a student of Medicine. The funeral takes place at Elora on Tuesday afternoon.

The following was taken from the Elora Express:—

Rev. Robert Walker was born June 10th, 1839, near Brockville, in the county of Leeds. He was of Irish descent, his parents coming to Canada in 1130. His early education was confined to the public and high school. He entered the Ministry of the Methodist church in 1861 and was ordained in 1865. While on the latter charge his health completely broke down and he was compelled to ask a position on the retired list. Coming to Elora nearly two years ago a complete stranger he soon won his way to the hearts and esteem of the people. His preaching while not marked with ripened scholarship was characterized by a vigour of thought and energy of delivery that showed he was putting his best into what he was giving, and on all charges he won hosts of friends and no enemies. The first summer of his stay in Elora showed marked improvement in health and there was every hopeful indication of a recovery that would add years to a useful life. Last May he preached his last sermon and for the last time attended the worship of God's house. During the summer and fall his health showed a marked decline, and his friends everywhere saw the approaching end. He continued till last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when he peacefully passed away, at the age of 63 years, 8 months and 25 days. The funeral took place on Tuesday at two o'clock to the Methodist church, where an impressive service was conducted under the direction of Rev. T. W. Jackson, Chairman of the District. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Mills of Guelph, and reading of Scripture by Mr. Smith of Acton, after which brief addresses of tribute were paid to the life of the deceased by Rev. J. W. Shilton of Drayton, Rev. J. B. Mullan of Fergus, and Rev. Dr. Willoughby. Messrs. Norris and Riener sang very affectingly the "Home Land," and the service was concluded with prayer by Rev. Mr. Harris of Guelph. The following brethren acted as pall-bearers: Rev. H. R. Horne and Rev. W. R. McIntosh of Elora, Rev. J. Webb of Belwood, Rev. Mr. Flagg of Nasagawaya, Rev. Mr. Truax of Holstein, and Mr. John Walls of Clifford [The deceased was a brother of Mrs. Mighton of this town.—Ed.]

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