

COUNTY COUNCIL.

FRIAY AFTERNOON.

Council resumed on Friday afternoon at 1.30 p. m., the warden in the chair.

Mr. McDonald presented report of County Property, which recommended payment of some accounts for wood at South Grey Registry office, and that an architect examine the Judges chambers with a view to remedy the insufficient ventilation complained of by the Sheriff and Judge Crescor. The report was adopted.

Mr. Watson presented report of Education Committee recommending that reports of South and West Grey Public Inspectors be printed; that \$12.50 be granted S. S. No. 3 Emphasis for continuation classes, and that application of Meaford school for grant be granted. Report adopted.

Mr. Richardson presented report of special committee who had charge of the Hanover incorporation by-law. They had submitted the same to Mr. McKay for opinion as its validity and he was of opinion that there was too much territory embraced for the population and unless it was found that there 491 acres of streets the Council had better take no further action. When this report was being considered, Mr. H. H. Miller, of Hanover stated that it was found that there was not the amount of land in streets in the Grey side of the village which the statute called for, and therefore the committee recommendation that no further action be taken was adopted.

Mr. McDonald presented report of special committee recommending that no action be taken in respect to the erection of a House of Refuge. Council went into committee on the report. Mr. McKinnon in the chair.

Mr. Frost moved in amendment that the Council take proceedings to secure a site, erect suitable buildings and make arrangements for the maintenance thereof. Mr. Frost said the matter was important and people of the town would be pleased to hear the discussion if they knew when it was to be held. The warden proposed leaving it over and having an evening session for its discussion but Mr. McDonald contended that a discussion was to be postponed he would like to bring in some of his constituents also to hear it. It was at last agreed that the discussion should go on at once and that no other question should be brought in but the question as to whether the House of Refuge should be built or not.

Mr. Richardson had been on the committee which brought in the report. They were equally divided. The question had been referred to the people because the members wished to know what the people would say on the matter. The councilors themselves were convinced that a poorhouse was a necessity, and they felt they could vote for it if they were sure their constituents would approve of their action. The result of the plebiscite showed that the people were in favor of it, and now the members of council should carry out the wishes of the whole people, and act of their particular constituency. The majority in its favor was a surprise to the most ardent supporters of the House of Refuge, who had not expected so strong an expression in his favor. He believed the establishment of the House of Refuge would be the remedy for the great moral wrong which exists, of poor and infirm persons being incarcerated for no offence but their poverty, and ten or twelve thousand dollars should be invested in the institute at once. He thought the Legislature should either make provision for the poor or compel County Councils to erect houses of refuge.

Mr. McDonald said that public opinion was equally divided on this question in the council, in the county, and outside in the whole province. That it was so in the province was evident because only about 25 per cent. of the counties have poorhouses. Lack of humanity must not be imputed to those who oppose this method of assisting the poor. The Ministerial Association had urged that the house be built for humanity's sake, but he would retort as vigorously that humanity would direct the other course, because the establishment of a house of refuge would promote laziness and thriftlessness. There are many men who would be quite careless about making provision for themselves when they knew there was a poorhouse into which they might get. The education of the people on this question, he contended, was all one-sided. Even the sheet which was issued by the council was very misleading. As instancing this, Mr. McDonald pointed out that the question was asked of keepers of houses of refuge, "Is there any desire to abolish the House of Refuge?" And the answers given were "None whatever." "No." "Decidedly no," etc. Was it likely that these persons would answer this question in any other way? The press of the county was all in favor of the house for some reason, and people were largely influenced by the press. The clergy were

also, but when they go into the field of politics they must be dealt with as other men are. He contended that the deputations of clergy did not deal with the question to the point. One of them said he would not present figures; but this was a question of business where figures must be dealt with. The Grand Jury presentments cannot be accounted for, because the men who compose them come from all over the county, and though they urge the necessity for the House of Refuge when on the Grand Jury they go home and use their influence against it. Mr. McDonald then made some analysis of the vote, concerning which there was something strange, as the whole majority with the exception of 36 votes came from Owen Sound. He also pointed out that a majority of the assessment was against the measure. There was only a difference of \$119 in the amounts paid by Normansby and Owen Sound on the county rate, and should Owen Sound shoulder a House of Refuge on Normansby? A great many persons had voted for the House of Refuge who were not assessed one cent, and Sydenham and other townships around had the number of their voters augmented by people from Owen Sound who had voted in these townships. In making comparisons between what it had cost to provide for the poor of the county in years past with what it would cost to erect and maintain a house of refuge, Mr. McDonald showed that there would be increase of cost of \$3,000 if a house were erected which would accommodate 100 inmates, to say nothing of the salaries of officials connected with it. He claimed that the establishment of the house of refuge would not relieve municipalities of the care of many of their poor; it would not relieve the county of the enormous expense for the support of tramps, for he had never seen more than a dozen persons in gaol who were eligible for the poorhouse, and if it did empty the gaol the officials would have nothing to do but sit on the verandah and listen to the bees. As to the stigma attached to being in gaol, many persons thought there was as much attached to being in the poorhouse. He believed the matter should stand over, and he would vote that way.

PRICEVILLE.

We have had the keenest frost we have experienced for years during last week. A number of people whose business it was to expose them to the weather during the past week or two, had been frost-bitten. We hope for a change for the better soon.

Mrs. Donald McArthur on the Hill, east of the village, is bedfast for the last few weeks. We hope to hear of her recovery soon.

Miss Lizzie Simpson has been laid up for the last week or so with inflammation.

John McLachlin's sale on Tuesday, 7th inst. went well under the hammer of Auctioneer Dugald McCormick, whose luags are yet as firm as they were twenty years ago. Mr. McLachlin and family will leave for Owen Sound we understand about the end of February. Mr. McLachlin was one of the oldest residents on the Durham Road, Glenelg, and his many friends regret his departure from amongst them, but wishes the family success in their new home.

Mr. Thomas Nichol will be moving to his own farm, lot 50, Durham Road, near Priceville in the spring, as Mr. Blakeston, whose farm he had rented for the last few years, is to move on it himself.

The annual soiree will be held in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday, 22nd February. Everything in the usual manner will be provided for to entertain those who will favor it with their presence.

Mr. C. C. James, of this place, attended the funeral of his uncle, Dr. Mahaffey.

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of Loydton, last week, and is to attend the A. O. U. W. convention in Toronto this week before he returns.

Mr. Dan. McKechnie, of Georgetown, is spending a part of the winter with friends in and around Priceville.

Archibald McCuaig is busy threshing clover this and last week, and will have a few days' work yet. He will probably have about 150 bushels as he had between 35 and 40 acres of it, said first class.

Subscription is taken up amongst the members and adherents of the Presbyterian church for the erection of a stable for the accommodation of the Pastor's animals. It has been successful so far. The building is much needed.

We feel it as a duty upon us to thank Mrs. Butters in behalf of the friends of the late Neil McDonald for the manner in which she had her rooms made comfortable for to accommodate them after the funeral, as they were chilled through from the effects of the severity of the afternoon.

Alex. McEachern, of the South Line, is laid up with la grippe, and a lot of others are complaining from its effects more or less.

The Town Line running south is travelled but very little on account of a new road coming down the ice on the mill pond, which serves all east of the town line on Artemesia side, and a bush road through Roger McEachern and John Matton on the west serving those on Glenelg side and south.

Died at his daughter's residence, Mrs. Martin, of Melancton, County Dufferin, on Tuesday, 7th inst., Mr. Alex. McNeil, father of Dr. Hugh McNeil, of Chicago, native of Isle of Tyree, Argyleshire, Scotland, at the ripe old age of 86 years. Mr. McNeil emigrated from his native land in the year 1850. For a number of years his home was in Fergus, and in the year 1854 he came to the township of Proton when it was a solid wilderness, being discouraged by the disadvantages he had to contend with, he sold out his claim in a few years, and taking up his residence in this village of Priceville about the year 1860, where he remained till a couple of years ago when he moved with his daughter, Mrs. Martin, of Melancton. His granddaughter, the late Mrs. McKechnie, who died one year ago took care of him for a number of years through the instrumentality of his dutiful son, Dr. Hugh McNeil. Mr. McNeil in religion was a Baptist, being baptised some 40 years ago by the late Rev. Robt. McIntyre, of the South Line, Glenelg. He dearly loved his native language, the Gaelic, and suffered great loss when it was abandoned in the church of which he was a consistent member for so long a time. Yet he was not utterly forsaken, for while he was privileged to attend divine service he occasionally occupied a seat to hear a good Gaelic sermon preached by the late Rev. Donald McLeod, who, by the way as a Gaelic speaker was hard to surpass. Mrs. McNeil died seven years ago this March, and a daughter twelve years ago. He was a man that was always liked by those who formed his acquaintance, and always spent his time as in view of the end of his earthly journey. On account of the severity of the day only a few followed the remains to Priceville, viz: Miss McLean, niece of the deceased, and his son-in-law and son. But on their arrival to Priceville a large number of friends and acquaintances awaited them to pay a last tribute of respect to an old fellow countryman and dear friend. The Rev. Mr. Matheson officiated at the grave where the remains were laid to rest beside his beloved partner.

We were requested by the son of the deceased, Dr. Hugh McNeil, to tender his sincere thanks and appreciation of the kindness of all those who exposed themselves to such inclement weather to pay a last tribute of respect to his aged father. The Dr. left for his home in Chicago next day.

LATONA.

Mr and Mrs. Hunt of Chicago were visiting at Zion this week.

Miss Frank Dargavel is home from Toronto on a visit.

Mrs. McDonald, daughter and niece of North Bradley, Mich., are visiting at Mr. Duncan McArthur's at present.

Miss Lizzie Simpson is home from Waterloo County for a visit.

Miss Smith who has been visiting at the Dr's has returned to her home in Arthur.

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