

Irwin of The Chronicle in a Hole.

Editor of the Review

Permit me to again trespass on your valuable columns to answer a few questions addressed to me in the letters of Irwin and McKinnon in last week's REVIEW and Chronicle. Mr. Irwin must have believed that his case was getting desperate when he considers it necessary to use both papers, Columns of affidavits, McKinnon's letter and his other misstatements and misrepresentations to try and defend his actions and statements.

Now as to the affidavits let us consider these for a moment and see what they contain. I have the best of reasons for believing that neither Mr. Edge nor Mr. Mocker got up the affidavits but they were prepared by a Solicitor who was paid by McKinnon and engaged to remove a disqualification which prevented him from being a candidate in a Municipal election which was then pending and that they only signed these documents more from sympathy for McKinnon than anything else. If your readers will look over their affidavits carefully they will find that the whole sum and substance is to try and show that a conviction was wrongfully made without McKinnon's knowledge or presence and that they did not know or remember having signed the convictions. Again let me state what did take place on the occasion referred to and then let the public judge in the matter. The statements which I have made previously and do now make are: 1st. That McKinnon did commit an offence against the Liquor License Act on election night four years ago.

2nd. That when information was laid against him by the Inspector he met the Inspector before the day of his trial pleaded guilty to the offence paid his fine or a portion of it and asked the Inspector to put in a plea of guilty when his trial came up as he, McKinnon did not wish to appear before me.

3rd. That after other cases had been disposed of before a bench of magistrates consisting of H. W. Mocker, Jas. Edge and myself that McKinnon's case was brought on a plea entered as above stated by the Inspector, by instructions from McKinnon, that a conviction was drawn up by me as presiding magistrate, read over aloud and signed by H. W. Mocker, James Edge and myself.

4th. That this conviction and others were signed in the presence of Thomas A. Harris, Inspector, J. P. Telford and James Carson, by the three magistrates above named.

5th. That a return of conviction was made to the Clerk of the Peace in accordance with above facts.

6th. That this conviction was published in the month of June and that not one word was said about it being wrong by any of the parties until the following November—when it was discovered that McKinnon was disqualified under the Municipal Act—that any objection was made to appeal cases referred to and just here let me state that it was through the generosity of the License Department that the disqualification was removed the limit of time having elapsed that an appeal could be taken. As of these statements can be verified by those who may wish to do so as the proceedings of the magistrates court, conviction and signatures can be seen and have been seen by those interested in the matter. I will now proceed to give a few answers to McKinnon's questions:

1st. McKinnon challenges me to prove that anything was done by the solicitor or members of the council to effect a settlement with him and then immediately afterwards states that he received a letter from the Solicitor to meet us with that object in view. I again state that everything was done that possibly could be done before and after the information was laid to induce McKinnon to comply with the by-law. Members of the Town Council stated that they had met him and asked him to compromise in some way or other and I have heard at least two influential citizens say, that they advised him to put the money he would spend in expenses in brick and get his building to conform with the by-law. Another reason that he did not do so was because the statement he made on nomination night when he publicly stated that he could beat the Town on five different counts or that his Solicitor had advised him so, and that it would not cost him anything to do so and now that he has his own expenses and the costs of the court to pay, he is whining and threatening to sue the Town to recover his expenses.

He also questions my authority to say that the Fire by-law is good. Why the very fact that he did not get costs against the Town is a good argument for my contention. The validity of the by-law was the main issue in the appeal. Does any sane man believe that the Judges who sat in the court and gave the decision did not to some extent at least look over all the affidavits the by-law and all the documentary evidence pertaining to the case. Had the by-law been considered bad by them there is not the least doubt but that the Town would have had to pay all costs in the case and by the tone of Mr. Irwin's letters and remarks, would evidently have been eminently satisfactory to him at least if this had been the case. As before stated there is no satisfaction to me in the fact that McKinnon has spent the \$300 or over in law costs had he been a sensible man and good citizen he would have given it to the mechanics and poor men of the town to brick and improve his building with, and he would have something to show for it instead of sending it over to Markdale and Toronto to enrich the citizens of those localities. Again let me say that I have not been able to please Mr. Irwin in the past, and I venture to say that there is very little possibility of doing so in the future unless by some means I would shuffle off this mortal coil and depart to some place where McKinnon and Irwin would consign me to. In his last letter Mr. Irwin left me up a tree, perhaps it would be just as well to leave him in the hole which he has prepared for himself, and say Mr. Irwin, don't you think that hole is large enough to hold both you and McKinnon? Try it anyway, your tastes seem to be downwards. Thanking you again for space I am,

Yours truly
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GLENELG COUNCIL.

The council met April 12th. All the members present. The reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Communications read as follows: From J. B. Lang with report of Special Audit and account for same; From A. L. Walker account for repair of culvert; From Andrew Lindsay account for repair of road; From S. J. Parker relative to lands sold by Government; From Thos. Davis report of a dangerous culvert; From Thos. Sullivan and 48 others petition to improve townline G. and B.

Davis—McMillan—That the thanks of this council is due, and are hereby tendered to Mr. John McEachern Government Municipal Auditor for the very concise and elaborate report of the financial standing of this Township, and that the clerk be and is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. John McEachern.—Carried.

McInnis—McMillan—That the account of John McEachern Special Auditor amounting to \$152.55 be paid.—Carried.

McMillan—McInnis—That Thomas Davis commissioner for ward No. 1 be appointed to arrange with the property owners of lots 49, 50 and 51, con. 3 E. G. R. in regard to cutting a drain across lots 50 and 51 and report at next meeting of Council.—Carried.

Davis—McInnis—That the clerk notify the clerk of Bentinck that this township was at expense of \$6 building culvert at lot 16 townline G. and B. and also to call to the attention of council of said township where the water is dammed up and destroying the mill property of Mr. R. Dargavel.—Carried.

McMillan—Davis—That Geo. E. Arrow-smith be paid the sum of \$20.25 being for expenses in conveying Alice Flynn to the Hamilton asylum.—Carried.

McMillan—Arrowsmith—That the reeve and Mr. McInnis be appointed to examine water course re Barry and Priel, and report at next meeting of council.—Carried.

Davis—McMillan—That accounts be paid as follows viz.: Dr. Hutten professional services re Alice Flynn, \$4.00; Dr. Ego professional services re Alice Flynn \$6.50; A. L. Walker repair of culvert lot 21, con. 13, \$3.50; A. Lindsay repair of road lot 58, con. 2, E. G. R. \$1.50; Wm. Keyland removing obstruction off road lot 40, \$3.00; John Turnbull culvert at lot 16, con. 1, E. G. R. \$5.00.—Carried.

McMillan—Arrowsmith—That the clerk prepare by-law in accordance with subsection 3, of section 537 of the Municipal Act.—Carried.

Arrowsmith—McMillan—That the reeve be paid \$3 for committee work re Alice Flynn, and that Thos. Davis be paid \$1.00 for letting and inspecting.—Carried.

Davis—McInnis—That this council grant \$2 to Henry Clayburn to buy clothing.—Carried.

Davis—McMillan—That Alex. Bell be paid \$25 on account of salary.—Carried.

Davis—Arrowsmith—That the clerk be paid \$25 on account of salary.—Carried.

Pathmasters were appointed as follows: Alex. Cranston instead of Robert Corlett, Wm. Lochead " John McKechnie, Alex. Bell sr. " W. J. McFadden, Thos. B. Scott " George Meyers, Geo. Pilkey " M. J. O'Hanley.

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BUNESSAN.

Mr Walter McDonald, who has been seriously ill with congestion of the lungs, is we are glad to say able to be around again. Jack Kennedy has gone to work for John Clark, of Bentinck. Mr John McGilivray, of the Salvation Army, preached in the Centre Baptist Church here on Sunday last. Mr Dave Brown lost a cow a week or so ago. Mr Joe Firth has gone to work for the cement people in Durham. Mr Jas Whitmore, of the south line, is very sick at present. Hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

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