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Artemesia Council.

Artemesia Council met in the township hall on Saturday last, members all present, the reeve in the chair. Minutes of last session were read and confirmed. Communications were read as follows: A McCabe, asking to have certain obstructions removed off streets in the village of Pricerville; Adam Hislop, regarding ditches on valley road; Robert Fawcett, claiming compensation for damage to buggy on townline, Artemesia and Ephraim; Dr T. S. Sproule, M.P., acknowledging receipt of resolution re Sabbath Observance Bill now before the Dominion Parliament; D G McLean, account for repairing scraper; local Board of health, report re smallpox; Mr McLoughry reported verbally as to timber on base line in rear of con 2 N E T & S R; the reeve and Mr McKenzie reported verbally as to the arrangement made with J E Williams in regard to lanes at Eugenia

McKenzie—McLoughry—That the record of local Board of health received and that the following accounts recommended be paid: Dr Carter \$10; Dr Ego \$75; John Whitten \$1; John Hales \$1; Shas Udell \$30; H H Gallagher \$3.80; A Brooks \$5; Geo Littlejohns \$3; S W Sloan \$2; J P Otterwell \$34; W P Crossley \$10—Carried.

Best—Whyte—That the report of Mr McLoughry in regard to timber on base line in rear of con 2 N E T & S R, be received and that no action be taken at present as to same, and all parties are hereby cautioned against removing said timber, and Mr McLoughry be paid \$2 for his services in the matter—Carried.

McKenzie—Best—That John E Williams be permitted to occupy the lane at the north of mill reserve No 4, Eugenia, opposite lots 18 and 19, south of Zouave street, on condition that he allow right of way from travel'd road north of river, north to said land—Carried.

McKenzie—Best—That in regard to complaint of Mr McCabe as to obstructions on Prince street, Pricerville, the clerk notify all parties who have fences or other obstructions on said street to have the same removed forthwith—Carried.

McLoughry—Best—That the Reeve and Mr Whyte be a committee to look at side line 30, 1 N D R, with a view to opening the same, and to report at next meeting of Council—Carried.

McKenzie—McLoughry—That Robert Fawcett be paid \$1.63 in settlement of claim against this municipality for damages to buggy on town line Artemesia and Ephraim, caused by road being out of repair—Carried.

Whyte—Best—That D. G. McLean's account of seventy cents for repairing scraper be paid—Carried.

Whyte—McLoughry—That the reeve, Mr McKenzie and the Clerk be paid \$2 each for committee work at Eugenia—Carried.

McKenzie—Whyte—That the first meeting of the Court of Revision on assessment roll of 1906 be held at the town hall, Fisherton, on Saturday, June 2, at 4 o'clock a.m., and the Clerk publish the required notice—Carried. Council adjourned.

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Random Political Notes.

The second session of the provincial legislature adjourned last week. Without doubt the work done has been of an important character and if the results are commensurate with the expectations, the session will rank as one of the best ever held. The government too will deserve credit as it has already received compliments, especially the great one of having the hydro-electric power bill pass without a division and with very little criticism.

—Was it a compliment or was it a crush that allowed the supplementary estimates to go through in two hours during the last days of the session? We hope it was the former but from the amount of business rushed through in the closing days it appears to be a weakness in all legislatures to allow a piling up of business to take place which is crushed through without due discussion.

—This was the chief sore spot in the increase of indemnity legislation in the Dominion house at the 1905 session. Weeks and weeks were spent on autonomy bills in fierce and rousing warfare, press and public being saturated with the arguments pro and con, but as the session was closing the warring factions came together with a snap and before press and public were half awake the measure was passed.

—It has been ventilated now however, the motion to repeal the increase, brought in by W. F. McLean, was voted down by 167 to 9 after considerable discussion in parliament and a great deal of it. Premier Laurier in the discussion promised some change in the hateful pension feature. This is gratifying, and the country would be almost wholly satisfied if that and the increase to the Senators were abolished.

—Could not all the forceful men in parliament get together and plan for the extinction of the Senate altogether? Not suddenly. We would say let them keep their pension, but as vacancies occur, let them remain vacant, and set a limit of 50 or say 40, which, when reached, should be the signal for its extinction as a legislative body, though the individual members should continue to receive the indemnity. The present senators should agree to this, though of course the army of aspirants in every locality waiting for dead men's shoes and \$2500 per annum, will not favor the scheme.

—That only 9 voted to rescind the measure may be partly due to the leadership of W. F. McLean, who seems to be the most unpopular of men. His friends rather than his foes were most severe in their handling of him for his silent consent in the first place and his noisy conversation later.

Legislature Prorogued.

On Monday afternoon last in the presence of only a few members and a representation of prominent citizens, men and women, the local house was prorogued by Lieut-Gov. Morimer Clark. The closing speech from the throne was the longest on record and there follows a brief synopsis of its contents:

They were thanked for close attention to public duties resulting in "work undertaken and accomplished of such extent, variety and value as to make the session now closing without a parallel in the history of this province."

Pleased that the Legislature had joined with the Parliament in inviting the King and Queen.

A graceful reference to Prince Arthur's visit.

Referred to measures passed in the interest of Agriculture, such as the new basis of paying grants to Societies, the appointment of dairy inspectors, and taking O. A. C. grad. rates on the advisory board.

The repeal of the County Councils Act was lauded and the "continuity of our municipal institutions assured by a return to the old system."

Referred to:—The establishment of a railway and Municipal Board for regulation of steam and electric railways;—The Liquor License Law; it had placed more effective restrictions around the liquor traffic and it was gratifying to know that now the Province and the municipalities would share equally in the increased revenues; also, "The clauses of the bill tending towards the permanence and efficiency of local option have met with very general approval of moderate men."

—The Education bills respecting the Department of Education providing for the new office of Superintendent and establishment of an advisory Board. The other, the Public School Act securing better, and better-paid teachers.

—The re organization of Toronto University.

—The new mining policy.

—The provision whereby veterans can have their land grants commuted by a money payment, and the surrender of 525,000 acres by the Grand Trunk Pacific granted as a subsidy, both measures removing impediments to settlement.

—The industrial revolution made possible by the Hydro-Electric power legislation.

—The healthy state of Provincial finances.

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