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POETRY. VILLAGER. BY JOHN G. WATKINS. The old Splice said, as he stood by his gate, And his neighbor, the Deacon, went by;

A Case that Made a Name. "What was the most interesting case in your long experience, Doctor?"

"I think," said the old gentleman, after a moment's reflection, and casting a fatherly look upon us through his gold-rimmed spectacles, "about the most interesting case I ever had was the first."

"It's now nearly fifty years," he went on, "since I presumed to settle down here and enter into competition with Old Carver, whose dazzling gift, combined with his name and professional designation of 'PHYSICIAN AND CHIROPODIST'—current words would have left the mark more nearly—had hitherto enjoyed a monopoly of 'lighting folks the way to duty death.'"

"He never passed me without a scowl, and never spoke to me but with contempt. His evident purpose was to nip my pretensions in the bud. I should never have a case if he could help it."

"I came very near getting one in spite of him before long. A poor wretch had cut his throat, just missing the carotid artery and severing a number of very important veins."

"A messenger dispatched for Old Carver and not finding him in his left word for him to come immediately, and then as a makeshift hurried on for me. I accompanied him at once, and found the wound on his neck, and the faintest signs of life remained. A few drops of an invigorating cordial, which I forced him to swallow, partially revived him, and I was preparing to sew up the wound, when Old Carver came bustling in, and pushed me aside rudely. Of course, the case was his by right of being first summoned, and I could not oppose his taking charge of it."

"Humph!" he granted, clapping his fingers on the patient's pulse, which had somewhat risen from the effect of the cordial—"what have you been doing here?"

"I gave him a restorative," I answered. "And threw him into a fever?" interrupted Old Carver, without waiting to hear further.

"Then whipping out his lancet, he proceeded to deplete the sufferer of what little blood he had remaining. 'I trust you're satisfied with your work?' he growled, as the man gave a gasp and fell back dead."

"I was about to repeat indignantly the imputation that it was 'my dear doctor's man's death lay,' but the looks and mutterings of the crowd admonished me that my word would weigh but little against that of the venerable cook, and that if I would get off with a whole skin, I had better start at once."

"I lost no opportunity, whenever I could get a hearing, of relating the true facts of the case, and vindicating my conduct. The restorative, I insisted, had been absolutely necessary to stimulate the flagging vitality, and demonstrated the stupid folly of bleeding a man already almost dead to death. But the listeners would only shake their heads and say: 'Doe Carver was a powerful good judge of physic, and they loved I couldn't do better'—I am a wrinkle or two from him."

"My prospects, which had never risen much above zero, now sank considerably lower. I began to lose heart at last, and was seriously considering the advisability of giving up the struggle, and leaving the hard-pressed population to Old Carver and his fate, when one night I received a hurried call to attend a gentleman who had just had his leg broken."

"Mr. Soammi Furneal, the individual referred to was a respectable middle-aged bachelor, for some time back thought to be particularly attentive to Miss Bernice Potts, a maiden lady of fortune, and nearly his own age."

"In attempting to board the moving railway train, he had missed his footing and fallen so that one of his legs was run over and completely crushed almost up to the knee."

"I shall not require your services," spoke up Mr. Furneal, with considerable energy for one in his condition. "I prefer placing myself in the hands of Dr. Tournequet."

"Everybody looked astonished, and Old Carver's face grew blacker than a thunder-cloud. 'Your blood be on your own head!' he croaked ominously, and banging up his instruments he banged the door behind him."

"I wish to be left alone with the doctor," said Mr. Furneal, when Old Carver had gone; "if assistance be needed it can be called."

"No; you see Mr. F., as I have said, was keeping company with Miss Potts, and thinking he might be better able to 'walk' than 'hobble' into her affections, was decidedly against amputation, and proceeded accordingly."

"Next morning I met Old Carver on the street. He was in the habit of passing me with a frown, without speaking, but this time he stopped. 'How's your patient?' he enquired with a sneer."

"Doing finely," I replied. "Your first amputation, I suppose?" "Neither first nor last," I said; "I didn't amputate at all."

"I suppose you know the leg's smashed to flinders?" "I do." "And you haven't amputated?" "No." "And don't intend to?" "No."

"Better go to the undertakers and order a coffin!" "He's busy on one for your last victim," said I, hurrying along without further parley.

"For nearly a week my patient was so one but myself and the servant who carried up his meals. 'Then a few friends were admitted to cheer his confinement, which he bore with admirable patience. In six weeks I removed the splints, and the next day Mr. Furneal was walking out as well as ever. My fame was in everybody's mouth. Even Old Carver could find nothing to carp at, for he had everywhere circulated the terrible nature of the injury, and predicted the patient's speedy death. My practice soon exceeded my most sanguine hopes; and Old Carver's without patrons flocked to me in such numbers that he shut up shop and retired in disgust."

"Was the limb really as badly fractured as was at first supposed?" inquired the fidgiety doctor opposite. "Quite—ground almost to powder you might say."

"And gave no sign of lameness afterwards?" "No more than before—there had previously been a slight hitch in that leg, but I think there was less afterwards."

"Wonderful!" exclaimed the little doctor. "Not at all. You see, and there lay the whole secret, the injured leg was of wood and we replaced it with a better one."

HORRIBLE MURDER.—From that dreadful place, the Gt. Western district, comes the report of another crime, the rumour being in this case that the cook in one of Gilmore's lumbering shanties at the Desert became enraged at his assistant and killed him. The cook fled, and another man was deputed to fill his place. A few days later on going to the barrel of pork to remove some of the contents he found to his horror and amazement a boy's head between two pieces of pork. Further investigation showed that the barrel contained a number of pieces of human flesh, and the horrible conviction forced itself upon the minds of those who made the discovery that the boy had been cruelly murdered by the cook, who had then endeavored to conceal his crime by chopping up the body of his victim, and barrelling it up with pork that the shanty-men were to eat. The missing cook has not yet been heard of. Such is the story that is told.

Nine months ago Mrs. Hughes, an old lady, suddenly disappeared from her home in Founel, and since then not a trace of her whereabouts or any thing to show that she is alive has been discovered by her family. She was aged, feeble, and of weak intellect, and the supposition is that she wandered into the heart of some swamp—while trying to make her way to Croamper, where a daughter of her husband's—was a daughter of her husband's—and perished. The man has made every effort to find the wanderer, but without avail, and has given up as gone forever. It is regarded as a settled district the disappearance of a human being should take place and nothing transpire to throw light upon the mystery. Rabbits are very numerous this year in the woods of Elgin. Two years ago there were none to be met with.

County Council. THURSDAY MORNING. The Council met at 10 a. m. An account for wood for South Grey Registry Office and an account of J. F. Creighton for stationary were read, and referred to Finance Committee.

By-Law 800, appointing Auditors, was read a third time and passed. The Committee appointed on motion of Mr. MacRae, to consider the propriety of a memorial from this Council to the Government, respecting change in qualification of members of Parliament, reported against such memorial; and recommended that the assessors be notified through the clerk of each municipality that the law respecting assessments at cash valuations would be rigorously enforced.

A motion to go into committee of the whole on the report was lost, and the report was adopted. Council went into committee of the whole on By-Law 391, to appoint a Director to represent the interests of the County of Grey on the Board of the T. G. & B. Railway.

Dr. Christie and Mr. Chisholm were nominated for the position, and on a vote being taken, Mr. Chisholm was elected, and by the law passed. Mr. Chisholm thanked the Council for the appointment, and declared his purpose to secure all the information possible about the road, and use it for the benefit of the municipalities interested.

A communication from Rev. A. H. R. Mulholland was read, notifying the Council that the term of his appointment as High School Trustee had expired; and that on account of his disapproval of the course taken by the Board at the instance of a majority of the ratepayers of Owen Sound, he did not desire to be re-appointed. He supported this conclusion by recounting the action of the Board in re-appointing Mr. DeLamater and refusing to appoint a University graduate in which the High School Trustees were outvoted by the Trustees of the Owen Sound Public School.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Education. A report was presented from Mr. Ferguson, Inspector for South Grey, upon the public and separate schools of his district, showing improvement in school houses and seating arrangements, and recommending increase in length of Model School term. The report was referred to Committee on Education.

Council adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. THURSDAY AFTERNOON. Several accounts were presented which were referred to Finance Committee. A communication was read from Dr. J. Barnhart, resigning the office of High School Trustee. Referred to Education Committee.

An account of \$40 was rendered by Rev. F. X. Granotier, for water supplied to Co. buildings for two years. A. B. Lang expressed his dissent to the agreement made, but he could not find the papers or any trace of them. It was claimed that the agreement was drawn up for five years. Referred to chairman of County Property Committee.

Mr. Chisholm raised the question whether Dr. Barnhart's resignation should not have been handed in to the School Board instead of to the County Council. Report No. 1 of Finance Committee was presented, recommending: 1st, That Government be memorialized to abolish the second selection of jurors; 2nd, that the non-resident land list, showing receipts and expenditures of each municipality be printed; 3rd, That the request of W. T. Otter, Esq., for grant of \$10 for rifle practice be not entertained; 4th, That in reference to communication of Provincial Secretary respecting the salary of the County Surgeon, it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of \$250 is sufficient, and the salary ought to be fixed at that figure—to include all medicines used by the surgeon, and further, that Dr. Manley continue to fill the position at that salary if he chooses; 5th, That several accounts should be paid amounting to \$62.66.

The Treasurer was requested to furnish the Council to-morrow with a statement showing the arrears of debt of each municipality due to the county. Moved by Dr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Webster, That the Treasurer be desired to publish with the minutes of this meeting an account of the balances due from the different municipalities down to the latest date before publication, and also the credits during the past year—carried.

Council adjourned till 2 p. m., Friday. FRIDAY AFTERNOON. The chairman of the committee appointed to examine into Treasurer's surties reported that the Solicitor held a bond executed by the Co. Treas. Himself for \$50,000, and by H. Parker, C. H. Moore and Dr. John Barnhart for \$50,000 more, and considered the security thus given sufficient. The report was adopted.

Mr. A. B. Lang, chairman of Co. Property Committee, reported accounts to value of \$68.74 for supplies correct, and recommended payment; also that a chimney and part of the roof of coal are defective, and ought to be immediately repaired; and further, that all supplies for the coal be purchased only at the order of the chairman of the committee.

Some discussion arose as to whether this was not giving too much power to the chairman of the Public Property Committee, and the report was altered so as to give him power to order only supplies other than those ordered by Sheriff. Report was adopted.

Mr. A. B. Lang reported, at the request of Mr. MacRae, that the bill of Rev. Father Granotier for \$40 on account of water supplied to county buildings had been handed in and considered by the County Property Committee, but could not be abjudicated upon, as the agreement with the Council could not be found.

Mr. McGirr complained that it was not fair treatment of Father Granotier's acct.; that if the agreement had been handed from member to member, and finally lost, it was not father Granotier's fault. Mr. Lang stated that he had seen Father Granotier, and committee would bring in report on the matter later.

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Mr. Kerr explained that the agreement with Father Granotier ought to have been brought before the Council of 1879 for their approval, but was not; that at first the water was supplied for \$10 a year; but the agreement which now could not be found, and under which this acct. had been bro't in had jumped to \$40 a year.

The Road & Bridge Committee recommended in reference to gravel roads that each township pay the cost of maintaining the roads; and further, that of the two applicants for the position of Co. Surveyor—J. G. Sing and J. McNab—J. G. Sing be appointed.

Council went into Committee of the whole on this report. Mr. Stark in the chair, when Mr. A. B. Lang moved in amendment to the 1st clause that a levy of half a mill in the dollar on the assessment be raised for the purpose of maintaining the leading roads in the county, and read a statement of the amounts this rate would raise from each municipality. He said that if left to the townships the gravel roads would continually get worse because enough ratepayers in a township containing a leading road were not sufficiently interested to vote large enough supplies to keep the road in order.

Mr. Myles thought the amendment would be of advantage to the county by securing good leading roads, and by doing away with local jealousies which were sure to arise if township money was used to repair a road which happened to be convenient to the Reeve or to the leading councillors.

Mr. MacRae was in favor of the amendment. He thought it a narrow, contracted view to take, to refuse a grant to a leading road, just because members might live in another part of the County. We were a travelling people, and our interest was bound up in the main roads. This council ought to take action in the matter, for no satisfaction was to be had for in asking the opinion of lawyers as to the respective liability of county or township councils in case of accident.

Dr. Christie was in favor of the amendment, and gave the opinion of the City Solicitor of Toronto that the county council could not throw their responsibility in the matter of deviations on former county roads upon the township municipalities, and stated that if any accident took place on such deviation a suit would be brought against this council.

Dr. McGirr thought that if scheme were got up for making leading roads county property again, no more ought to be spent in each township than the amount levied from such township.

Mr. N. Read said there was no trouble in getting St. Vincent ratepayers to agree to voting enough money to keep their gravel roads in repair, and their gravel roads were consequently in excellent condition. So that, so far as his township is concerned the amendment proposed would not make much difference if adopted. But it was plain from the speeches of Dr. Christie, Mr. MacRae and Mr. Myles that their idea was to get more for a gravel road in a township than that township had raised by the levy proposed, and this, he said, was very unjust. He thought the idea of these gentlemen was that the County Council should expend the money on the roads where they pleased, thus taking the matter out of the hands of the local Reeve and Dep. Reeve.

Mr. Myles explained that this was not his intention, and stated fully the importance of repairing roads extensively travelled, some of which were now in a very bad state.

Mr. Elyth thought the most good would be got from the money if it was raised by the township and applied directly to the roads. The people would feel the importance of applying the money to the best advantage, if they raise the money themselves. The county roads had served a good purpose once, but the people had gone heavily into debt to build railroads, and hence the gravel roads are not travelled as they once were. The roads had been built by the county and kept up while they were of county importance, and now that their usefulness to the county has gone, it was not too much to say to the townships that they ought to support and run their own concern.

Mr. Chisholm denied that the day of the gravel roads was past. He said loads of grain had been brought to town so far north as Durham. He strongly insisted on the disadvantage to the county if the large prospective immigration of tenant farmers from the old country should be turned aside to some other part of country on account of the badness of the roads. He pointed out that all the concession lines and cross roads centred on the gravel roads in going to market; hence the wear and tear on the gravel roads was much greater than on back roads, necessitating greater expenditure.

Mr. Howey wanted the gravel roads kept in good order, but could not support the present scheme. He thought the money would be spent to best advantage on the roads if raised by the township, especially if each township would only get as much spent in it as it had supplied by the levy proposed.

Mr. McCollman pointed out that the township of Colling wood now expends more money on the long stretch of gravel road running through it than used to be expended on it while under the control of the Co. Council. He thought the scheme was as one-sided as a judge-hammer—concocted to help certain towns or certain townships like Ardenensis that had a larger proportion of gravel roads than others. He would oppose the amendment.

The Warden said his constituents in St. Vincent were educated to the point of keeping their roads in good order without help from the County Council, and he thought the ratepayers would not at all approve of this Council resuming control of the roads, and dictating to the local council where and how their money should be expended.

Mr. Murdoch said there was no fairness in taxing one township to pay for a road leading through another, and believed it was the intention of the promoters of the scheme to spend more in some townships and less in others than these townships had raised.

Mr. Huntington objected to the scheme; He pointed out that the Co. Council might have a different idea from the township ratepayers as to what were the leading roads. There were roads in Sullivan much more travelled than the gravel road, and the people wanted to say what roads should be improved.

Mr. Cameron moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. Mellor; That the sum of \$10,000 be expended on leading roads, to be laid out where most needed.

Mr. Thompson spoke in favor of the amendment. He did not see what trap any member could think he saw in the scheme proposed. He noted that the gravel roads instead of being used less since the railroads were built, have actually been used more; and that the scheme was not one merely in the interests of Owen Sound and Meaford, but would benefit the townships largely. He asserted that the ratepayers of St. Vincent as well as Meaford wanted the gravel roads kept up by the council as before.

Mr. Totten objected to the scheme, but suggested that if the discussion continued, the promoters would meet the same fate as the Kilkenny cats, as they seemed to be disagreeing among themselves. He thought the scheme would be very unjust to Koppel.

Mr. McGregor pointed out the injustice to Proton also, as the gravel road in this township was almost entirely unused.

Mr. McKeelnie thought that if the scheme carried, such townships as Koppel and Proton ought to receive a fair appropriation from the amount levied, to support roads as they see fit.

Mr. Clark showed the saving to Koppel of some \$700 since the gravel road levy was discontinued. His township would get no benefit from the gravel roads, and the people thought they could make their own roads at less expense than the county could.

The Council divided on the question, with the result that the proposed amendments were lost, and the original clause of the report adopted by a vote of 22 to 16.

The second clause of the report, recommending appointment of J. G. Sing as Co. Surveyor, was opposed by Mr. Howey, who moved in amendment that there be no Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Chisholm did not see the use of Co. Surveyor when we had no gravel roads and there was seldom county work to be done.

Mr. Kerr supported Mr. Sing's appointment because of the scientific plans for bridges he had in his possession. Bridges erected from his plans in some of the townships had cost much less than every one had supposed, and proved strong and durable.

After some further discussion by Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Myles—the latter supporting the appointment of an efficient man, as sometimes lawsuits had been lost by employing a surveyor who didn't understand his business—Mr. Sing's appointment was carried.

The committee rose and reported, and the adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Melville. Moved in amendment by Mr. A. B. Lang, seconded by Mr. Thompson, That the report be referred back to the Road & Bridge Com. to amend the first clause so as to provide for the support of county roads. This motion was introduced for the purpose of recording the yeas and nays which stood as follows:

Yeas—Christie, Webster, McNichol, McCollman, Messenger, Strick, Brown, W. Lang, Myles, Mellor, McCutcheon, Chisholm, A. B. Lang, Malcolm, Thompson, McKeelnie—16. Nays—McCormack, Campbell, Murdoch, Kerr, Lawrence, Mollarky, Howey, Clark, Cameron, Totten, Blyth, Schank, Winkler, McGirr, Melville, McGregor, Huntington, Agnew, Vasey, Read, McNaught, Gilroy—22. The report was then adopted. Report No. 2 of Finance Committee was read, recommending payment of bill of costs, Falls &c. Nesman, for \$7.50; and an account of Cressor & Morrison for \$82 in the matter of settlement between Normanby and Minto. Report adopted. The Council adjourned till 7 p. m. FRIDAY EVENING. The Treasurer's Statement detailing the indebtedness of each municipality, was read. The Warden read an invitation from the Town Council of Meaford to this Council to hold its June session in Meaford. Concluded on next page.

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