

GRAND TRUNK TIME TABLE. Trains leave Acton as follows: Morning Mail, Day Express, Evening Express, Night Express, etc.

LOCAL MATTERS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Watches - G. N. Pringle. Concert - Jeanie Watson. Strayed Horse - Robert Agnew.

County Council next Tuesday. -W. G. Rawbony will preach in the Disciple Church on Sabbath, the 14th inst., at 11 o'clock a.m. and 6 p.m.

Revolvers, nice stock, good and cheap. A five dollar Revolver for \$3.50, at Second Bros.

At the meeting of the Equine Council on Monday, Mr. James Menzies was appointed assessor, and Messrs. D. Cross and John Brain, auditors.

The anniversary services and the tea meeting at the Ebenezer Methodist Church, Nassagaweya, take place next Sunday and Monday evening, respectively.

Next Thursday evening there will be a free entertainment in the Baptist Chapel, comprising singing, recitations, dialogues, &c., by the children connected with the Sabbath School.

A tea meeting and literary entertainment will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Acton, next Wednesday evening. The affair is under the superintendence of a committee of young ladies connected with the church, and we feel sure they will spare no effort in having everything just as it should be.

The renowned Scottish singers, Miss Jeanie Watson and Mr. J. F. Hardy, are announced to give one of their admirable entertainments in Matthews' Hall, next Tuesday evening. We bespeak for them a cordial reception, with a full house. They are to be in Rockwood on Wednesday evening following. We are told by their agent that they intend going to New Zealand shortly, and that this is positively their last tour through Canada.

All accounts due to Second Bros. must be paid or sued by the end of this month. Attend to it.

Midnight Fitting. A weaver named Hugh Bell, living on a rented farm owned by Mr. Alex. Wright, near this village, suddenly left his farm unknown one night last week, leaving behind him but very few chattels, and a large number of anxious mourners. He was indebted by Mr. Wright nearly \$200 for rent and borrowed money; about \$60 to M. Speight for blacksmithing, a considerable sum to Messrs. Nicklin for flour, a grocery bill at Second's, besides a number of small debts here and there. He also took away a large quantity of yarn and other articles belonging to neighboring farmers. Hugh Bell is unanimously voted a bad egg.

Acton Council. The last meeting of the old Council was held shortly before noon on Monday; all the members present except Mr. Hamilton. The minutes of previous meeting were read and signed. Mr. Second moved, seconded by Mr. Christie, that this Council be and is hereby dissolved, which was carried. Mr. Second before retiring made a few remarks, expressive of his gratification at the harmony and good feeling that had prevailed in the Council during the past year.

The Councilors elect then took their seats, and respectively subscribed to the qualification and declaration of office, viz: Dr. McGarvin, Reeve; D. D. Christie, C. S. Smith, D. Henderson, and Edward Nicklin, Councilors.

The Reeve spoke of the large number of tramps that had infested the village lately, stating that the money that had been placed in his hand for the purpose of giving them temporary relief, was exhausted, and suggested that another sum be granted and placed in the hands of some other member of the Council. No action was taken.

Mr. Christie moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that Messrs. Smith, Nicklin and the mover be a committee to select standing committees for the year.

On motion of Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Nicklin, leave was granted to introduce a by-law for the appointment of two auditors, and said by-law was read a first time.

On motion the Council adjourned until evening.

EVENING SESSION. Mr. Christie, chairman of committee to select standing committees, reported as follows: That Messrs. Henderson, Smith and McGarvin be a committee on Finance; that Messrs. Christie, Nicklin and McGarvin be a committee on Streets and Sidewalks. -Approved.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Christie, leave was granted to introduce a by-law for a village constable, and said by-law was read a first time.

The by-law for appointment of auditors was read in committee of the whole, the blanks filled with the names of Samuel Carter and W. H. Storey, and duly passed.

Mr. Christie moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that Messrs. Henderson, Smith and Christie be a committee to confer with the Trustees of the Temperance Hall, with a view of securing their cooperation in the construction of a lock-up in connection with their hall, and that said committee report to this Council as soon as possible.

Mr. Christie moved for leave to introduce a by-law at next meeting of

Council for the appointment of assessor. Three or four small accounts were referred to the Finance committee, and the customary two dollars a month granted to John McPhee.

On the second reading of the by-law for the appointment of a constable, Mr. Henderson raised the objection that it was irregular, inasmuch as it was not being done by a committee of the whole. He insisted that parliamentary precedents should be followed in all the proceedings of the Council. The Reeve considered the objection frivolous, and said it was neither customary nor requisite to go into committee on these minor by-laws—that it was not done in the county council nor in the townships—except in cases where alterations or amendments were likely to be made. He contended he was perfectly in order. Mr. Henderson thought it best to stick to the strict letter of the law, and he offered a motion that the Council go into committee on the by-law. Messrs. Henderson and Christie voted yea, and Messrs. Nicklin and Smith, nay; the Reeve gave his casting vote against it. The by-law was then duly read, the blank filled with the name of Mr. Edw. Matthews, as constable, and passed.

Mr. Christie moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that \$10 be placed at the disposal of the Reeve for charitable purposes. The Reeve stated that as he believed some fault had been found with the way in which he had previously dispensed these small charities to tramps, he would prefer that some other member of the Council should be made the custodian of the charity fund. He hoped the members of the Council would see fit to appoint one of themselves.

Mr. Henderson and others disclaimed any knowledge of fault-finding or reason to think that the Reeve had done anything but what was perfectly justifiable. It was unanimously agreed that the "honour" justly belonged to him, and the motion passed.

On motion the Collector was instructed to return his roll to the Clerk on or before the 20th inst., that being the utmost limit allowed by the law.

The Council adjourned till Monday, 20th inst., at 7 o'clock.

Nassagaweya Council. The Municipal Council elect met on Monday, the 15th inst., as per statute. The members were all present and signed the required qualifications and declarations of office.

Moved by Mr. Hutcheon, seconded by Mr. Menzies, that the sum of \$5 be paid to J. W. Easterbrook for cleaning the Hall for Municipal purposes, and Division Court &c. -Carried.

Moved by Mr. Menzies, seconded by Mr. McPhee, that Alex. McPhee be appointed Auditor on behalf of this Council, to audit the Township Accounts for the year 1876. -Carried.

The Reeve then appointed James Stancombe to be the other Auditor. Moved by Mr. Hutcheon, seconded by Mr. McPhee, that the following sums be paid to the parties named below, for sheep killed and damaged by dogs, said claims having been duly certified, viz: \$4 to John McKinnon for one sheep; \$2.60 to James Gordon for three do.; \$6.53 to Edward Darby for two do., and \$7.26 to Lambert Barberre for three do. -Carried.

On motion, a By Law was introduced and read a first and second time for the appointment of certain Township officers, and partly filled up with Alexander McPhee and James Stancombe as Auditors, and Malcolm McMillan as Assessor. A motion was also given for the passing of a By-Law at the next meeting of the Council, for defining the number of houses of public entertainment required for the Municipality.

Moved by Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. McPhee, that the sum of \$4.75 be paid to Patrick Cusick for making a Culvert on the Town line. -Carried.

Moved by Mr. Menzies seconded by Mr. Norris, that the sum of \$18 be paid to the Township Clerk, being expenses for the Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, at the late Municipal Elections, also \$7.97 for election blanks, &c. -Carried.

On motion, the sum of \$3.50 was granted in favor of Patrick McGarrigal, and \$12 in favor of Peter Black, poor and indigent persons.

Moved by Mr. Menzies seconded by Mr. Norris, that the sum of \$20 be paid to Mr. Hacking for printing Minutes, By-Laws and Financial accounts &c. -Carried.

Moved by Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. McPhee, that a deputation be appointed, to meet a deputation from the Pashinch Council, to consult with them as to the propriety of selling the timber on the Town Line between Pashinch and Nassagaweya, opposite lots 15 & 16, with power to sell said timber, if so agreed, and that the mover and Mr. Hutcheon be appointed as said deputation on behalf of this Council. The Council adjourned till Monday the 19th of February.

J. EASTEBROOK, Clerk.

It is the mission of the local press to use its influence to protect the interests of the place in which it is published; and it is equally the duty of the merchant and the citizen to encourage its efforts by contributing liberally to its support by advertising and subscriptions. The enterprising newspaper publisher generally spends most of the earnings of his paper in improving it. So that its value and interest to the reader depends in a great measure upon the liberality of its patrons.

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Acton, Nov. 23, 1876.

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