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TEACHERS IN SESSION.

The public interest in Woodstock last week centered in the seventeenth annual session of the Carleton County Teachers Institute. Seventy six teachers enrolled their names on the opening day. The questions discussed were those of method purely. The earnestness which the teachers brought to the discussion of the best methods of instructing the young people placed under their care, does them credit. It was noticeable that the ladies of the institute were rather averse to making speeches, a fact which one of the ladies quaintly referred to the "fear of man".

One could have wished to see an audience of fathers and mothers at the meetings that they might form some correct idea of the energy the teachers of their children put into the work. In his address at the public meeting of the institute on Thursday evening, Dr. Inch advocated a change in the school law by which property should pay a tax to the school district in which it lies, rather than to the district in which the owner lives. The provincial government might well give this suggestion some thought. In many of poor districts the some of the property owned by men resident in districts that are not poor, and under the law as it now stands taxes that should in fairness be paid to the poor districts are paid to the rich ones. The property in a district should educate the children of that district.

LIGHT READING.

There used to be, among a class of persons especially, a prejudice against novel reading. Those "trashy books" were considered bad for young and old alike. But, everything changes with time. The novel of these days, as a general thing is a far deeper production than appears on its face. Many novels can scarcely be classed as light reading. Take such works as "The Silence of Dean Maitland," "Robert Elsmere," "The Heavenly Twins," and even "Trilby." Only those who have not read such books would venture to speak of them as "trashy." One of the writers of the day, says that the novel of the day is written with an object. In this busy, rushing age, men and women are too busy to think of serious social problems, let alone study them. And, they will turn away from a heavy work with a heavy title. But they will swallow the sugar coated pill, under the impression that it is all candy. So they are set thinking, in spite of themselves. The successful novel writer, now-a-days does the work which was done in a different way, by the essayist of times past. He makes the characters of his novel, declare his own opinions and convictions.

RULED OUT OF ORDER.

Coun. Flemming's Motion to Dismiss Marshall Gibson.—The Library Fund.

There was a full board of councillors at the special meeting of the town council on Thursday evening last, and also a large attendance of townsmen, evidently interested in the result of a resolution to be put to the board concerning the action of Town Marshall Gibson, and the now notorious circus fakir's money.

Previous, however, to the introduction of this subject, Coun. Murphy chairman of a committee appointed to look into the Institute money, made a report. He said that he found that on the 25th day of April 1885, Mr. Jones, then being town treasurer, paid into the fund of the town \$1,580 being on interest at six per cent. From then to now that sum would amount to \$2497 and at compound interest \$2,777. By an act of the legislature passed in 1882 the town was authorized to take possession of this money and keep it until it reached the sum of \$2000. When it reached that amount the money was to be appropriated to the purchase of a library for the use of the town. He had reckoned the amount at six per cent, because the town acted as trustees of that fund and should have been invested at that interest. He did not see any reason why the interest should not be compounded. If it were compounded, it would amount to \$2777.45 and according to the act it should now be devoted to a free library for the benefit of the town.

Coun. Flemming moved that the report be placed on file. Coun. Churchill seconded the motion which was carried.

When Coun. Flemming arose to open the town marshal matter there was a deep silence.

The councillor read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Council John C. Gibson, Town Marshall, has improperly retained to himself money received while in discharge of town duty—viz., Seventy-five Dollars, said by him to have been received on the 16th day of August, 1894, from a man

(name unknown) travelling with or being a part of Cook & Whitey Circus. And WHEREAS, The said John C. Gibson, Town Marshall, has been requested by this Council to pay over the above mentioned seventy-five dollars to J. C. Hartley, Town Clerk, and the said Town Clerk has reported that he has refused to pay the order of this Council, and has not paid over said amount. And this report of Town Clerk has not been questioned nor contradicted by the Town Marshall. And,

WHEREAS, The Town Marshall is a servant of the town appointed by and under the direction of this Council, and we believe should obey the demands of this Council. And,

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Council the Town Marshall has been guilty of misconduct—first, in retaining said \$75.00, and second, in refusing to pay over the same to Town Clerk when ordered to do so by this Council, and believing such conduct warrants his dismissal from the office of Town Marshall Therefore

RESOLVED, That this Council request the Town Clerk to at once notify John C. Gibson that his services as town marshal are no longer required by the town, this dismissal to take effect at once. And further

RESOLVED, That John C. Gibson be ordered to hand over all Books, Papers, Money, etc., etc., belonging to the town or appertaining to the office of Town Marshall to W. Fisher, Town Treasurer of the Town of Woodstock.

Coun. Connor seconded the resolution.

For some time no one rose to speak.

Then, Coun. Flemming said:—It is no pleasure for me to bring this resolution up. I consider however that it is the duty of this Council to see that all business connected with this town, either in Council or by its officers, is discharged in an upright, lawful, impartial manner.

Coun. Dickinson said that before a resolution was adopted dismissing the Marshall, a good deal of consideration should be given the subject. "A number of legal authorities in the town had concluded that the town had no right to this money. He had found the marshal a most efficient officer, and he was sure he would not have taken the stand he did, had he not been advised to do so. He would vote against the resolution.

Coun. Jones agreed with Coun. Dickinson. He thought Mr. Gibson had been a good marshal, and he was confident the marshal would not keep the \$75.00 if he thought it belonged to the town.

Coun. Murphy contended that the town had no legal claim to a cent of the money, and Mr. Gibson had no right to a cent of the money. Mr. Gibson paid over \$25 to the town, allowing \$20.00 for the fine which would have been imposed and \$5.00 for costs. The money belonged to the County Treasurer. He claimed that the town marshal had been badly advised in the matter. If the town wanted the money it should indemnify the marshal for any action which might hereafter be brought against him by the owner of the money.

Coun. Flemming—Has the town not received part of the money?

Coun. Murphy—The part they have received did not belong to them.

The Mayor—I may say, gentlemen, that I think I will rule this motion out of order. I refuse to entertain it on the following grounds: 1st, the marshal acted in this matter so far as taking the twenty-five dollars, and letting the man go is concerned, under instructions from the Police Magistrate and myself; 2nd, in my opinion the town has no legal, or moral right to the money in question; 3rd, if there is any charge to be preferred against the marshal, that charge should be put in writing and brought before a committee of this board, and investigated; 4th, that said committee ought to bring the matter before a full board to be dealt with; and, in conclusion, I have to say that so far as the marshal is concerned, he has never tried to conceal any facts in regard to the getting, or having this money in his hands, and is only desirous that he should know who the proper authorities are to receive the said money.

Coun. Flemming—The motion does not demand \$75.00 from the town marshal.

The Mayor—It is a censure on the town marshal.

Coun. Flemming—That is a different matter. The reasons you give are not sufficient.

The Mayor—You can appeal from my decision.

Coun. Sutton—Let them express their views by vote.

The Mayor—They can do so, but I claim the motion is out of order.

Coun. Watts—This board is precluded from voting upon a very important matter in consequence of its not being allowed to do so and this affair will remain unsettled for some time, to the disgust of the council and to the disgust of the community. I must say I think the ruling by you worship is a little arbitrary. I scarcely think it necessary in view of the gravity of the question involved. To appeal from your ruling would be a very unpleasant course to take. I hope you will withdraw your objection and allow the question to be discussed on its merits, and thus allow the members to vote as they think right.

Coun. Dickinson—I think it would be well to have a vote on the question.

Coun. Flemming—I am not particularly concerned as to the result of the vote, but I would like to have a vote taken.

The Mayor—I will adhere to my decision.

Coun. Watts—There is one feature in the decision, which pleases me, and that is that you retain Mr. Gibson in office.

After routine business the council adjourned.

Britain and Her Colonies.
The London Daily News has a leader on the relations of England to her colonies After discussing Canadian affairs at some length it says: "We have not a colonial party like the French and Germans, because there is no anti-colonial party. It is very remarkable that although autonomous colonies unhesitatingly have used their commercial freedom against the mother country, no resentment whatever is expressed here. Young nations must learn wisdom from experience. Protection never in the long run succeeds and free trade never in the long run fails. Sentiment is the real link between the colonies and England. The liberals under Laurier, as under Blake, are equally loyal with the conservatives and are anxious for a practical method of further uniting the empire and quickening and cheapening communication between London and the New World. The telegraph has done wonders, but steam has not yet done all it can."

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I hereby promise, if elected, that it will be my special aim and desire to prevent any increase of taxation on the already overburdened ratepayers, and to promote the interests of our town generally. Hoping that you will honor me with a majority of your votes at the coming election,

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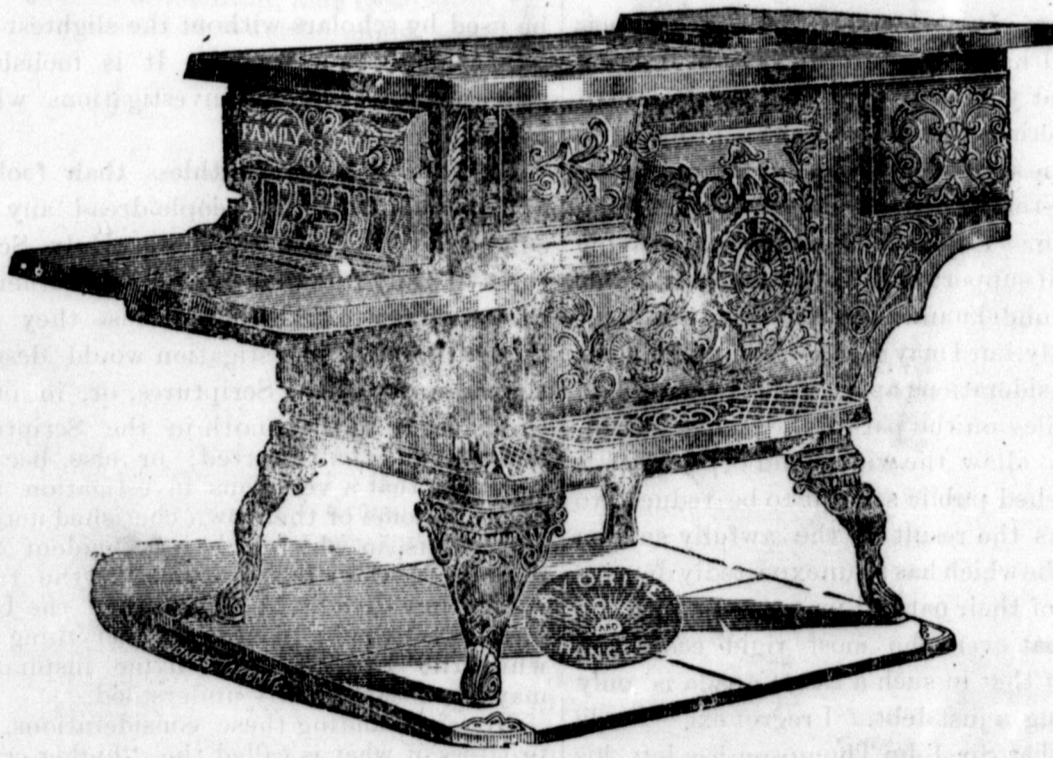
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