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"DISPATCH" CENSURED.

TWO TOWN COUNCILLORS CALL IT TO TASK,

And Complain that It's Reports are Not Satisfactory.—The Paper Given a Chance to Speak for Itself.—Business Transacted at the Last Meeting.

The town council met on Friday evening last. All the members were present.

The first matter was the consideration of a communication signed by A. G. Fields, chairman of the Jubilee committee, requesting the Mayor and council to call a public meeting at an early date, for the purpose of considering the advisability of celebrating the Queen's jubilee in Woodstock.

Coun. Graham moved seconded by Coun. Jones that the request be complied with, and it was decided to have the meeting called for Tuesday the 11th inst.

When bills and accounts came up there was quite a discussion over a bill for \$25.00 from Richard Cluff for storing carbons. Some of the members thought the bill excessively large, and on motion Coun. Gallagher, chairman of the electric light committee for last year, was heard. He said he did not know anything about this bill of Mr. Cluff's. He did not calculate to have any place to store these carbons, but intended to take them to the electric light station. However he asked the electrician, Mr. Brown, if he had any place to store the carbons. Mr. Brown said, yes, he could store them in Mr. Cluff's.

Coun. Henderson could not see how the council could get clear of paying the bill. The contract with Mr. Brown was much cheaper than with Fewer Bros., and this little extra cost for storing did not anyway make up the difference.

Coun. Ketchum thought the bill excessive, and he did not think that because Fewer Bros., charged more for their work, it meant the extra expense for storing. He was opposed to paying the bill.

Coun. Jones also expressed his opinion that the bill was too high. However no motion was offered and the bill passed.

It was decided to make special exertions to construct a sewer to relieve those parties in Wellington Ward, around Broadway who are troubled with overflowing water during the spring.

The old question of a building to store the town property in next came up.

Coun. Henderson spoke strongly in favor of such a building. THE DISPATCH had had a dozen articles on this question and yet the memory of the councillors appeared to need jogging. He thought steps should be taken at once to erect the building. This suggestion seemed to meet with the favor of the council, and on motion of Coun. Lindsay, the chairman of the fire, water, streets, and light committee were appointed a special committee to report on the probable cost of a building for the purpose proposed.

Then a somewhat unusual affair occurred.

Coun. Flemming arose in his seat and said that he felt called upon to discuss the reports in the papers given by our reporters. He felt that the council should see that their doings were reported clearly and full. He had read carefully the reports of the last meeting as furnished by two papers. One was full and fair and gave a good idea of the business. The other was no report at all. In one paper to which he referred (meaning THE DISPATCH) it would appear that the tender for groceries was awarded to a certain party because he was a member of the council. That was an erroneous impression to get abroad. He thought the reporters should be careful about the manner of reporting the business of the council.

Coun. Lindsay thought Coun. Flemming's point was well taken. Judging from the report in one paper (THE DISPATCH) the impression would be formed that there was a strife going on in the town. This would not matter if the paper only circulated in the town, but it went into the country, where a false impression would be formed. In many cases the reporters came in after the meetings were well on, and went away before they were concluded. Thus we had only partial reports. In his opinion it would be better to have no report at all than reports which only gave a portion of the business transacted.

Coun. Henderson said it was a pity not to have harmony among our reporters. The only difference in the reports was that one was written in a humorous vein, while the other was more serious. He did not think the reporters meant to do the council any injustice. Naturally some members of the council might feel sore at some hits.

Coun. Flemming—It did not hit me at all. With regard to the awarding of the contract for groceries to the poor, I was asked why we gave it to members of the council.

Coun. Jones—This council like all councils is not above criticism, and should not be too thin skinned. The reporters are here and I move that they be heard in explanation of the matter.

Jas. Watts representing the Sentinel and T. C. L. Ketchum, THE DISPATCH were present. Several of the councillors said: "It is the DISPATCH which is under censure."

Mr. Ketchum said that he must preface what few remarks he would have to make in complimenting the council in possessing members who were not only adepts at carrying on the business of the town, but were also competent critics of the arts of journalism. He considered that the paper which he represented had always acted fairly in its reports of the doings of the council, and felt forced to tell the council that while the paper was under its present management, it would be conducted on the lines which to the management seemed fit. If as Coun. Flemming said the reports of the council were meagre and inferior, so much the worse for the paper. No one was forced to read it. The council could, if they chose close, their doors to the reporters, but until such action was taken he did not see how they could regulate the nature of the reports that were to appear in the papers. As to reporters coming late to, and going away early from the meetings, that was a matter over which he did not see that the council could exercise control. Again matters appearing to members of the council as important, might from a newspaper point of view seem of small consequence, and in the choice of what should be inserted and what left out, the newspapers must be the judges. There was no specific charge laid against THE DISPATCH. If the council was libelled or members of it were libelled they had the same remedy as individuals, and if they felt that the damages they might derive in an action would be limited, they at least would have the satisfaction of imprisoning the editors behind the bars of that gaol which was such a pride to both town and county. He could not promise that THE DISPATCH would treat the council any different in the future than in the past. He recognized the individual virtues and the collective ability of the council, but at times it was subject to criticism, which THE DISPATCH would continue to bestow fairly, always, he hoped, but at the same time, firmly.

It was announced that the road machine ordered some time ago, had arrived and was ready to be put in operation.

Seeds and Crockery Ware.

C. M. Sherwood and Bro. the popular grocers at the foot of Main Street have made a change in the conditions of their establishment recently. The first shop is as usual stored with all the standard and choice groceries. A specialty is made of Grass and Timothy seed, and fodder corn. These goods are purchased from the well-known and reliable seed merchants, The Steele Briggs Co. At the rear of the main store is a large compartment entirely devoted to crockery ware, a line to which the firm devote special attention. There is a full and varied assortment of Jardiniers, probably the most complete stock which the town has ever seen. All other kinds of crockery are equally well represented.

"Esther."

All lovers of good music should hear the Cantata of Esther at Graham's Opera House on Thursday, May 13th at 8 o'clock, which will be given under the auspices of the Episcopal church in Houlton. The music, the costumes, the choruses of Persians and Jews, will recall one of the most stirring scenes recorded in old Testament history.

For further particulars see small hand bills.

Tickets 50 35 and 25 cents on sale at Lindow & Graham's Grocery store on and after Monday 10th instant.

A Comparison.

Some members of the town council seem to think that because they give their services to the town, free, they should be exempt from criticism. The members of the English House of Commons are not paid for their duties, which are quite as onerous as those imposed on the Woodstock town council. Yet, the English government is always open to criticism, and expects and gets lots of it.

Just as we Thought.

The Quebec general elections were held yesterday, but this paper going to press before the returns were in, and the prophetic editor being busy fortelling the nature of the East Florenceville celebration for June 22nd, THE DISPATCH cannot give the result. However it was just as we anticipated.

CAST UP BY THE RIVER

IS IT THE BODY OF STIRLING OF FT. FAIRFIELD?

Some People say That This is the Correct Theory.—Almost Impossible of Identification.—Evidently a Small Man.—Coroner's Inquest to be Continued Friday.

A startling discovery was made by some boys on Sunday afternoon last who were taking an outing down along the river. They found a dead body in an advanced state of decomposition, on Raymond's flat about a mile and a half below town. The boys who made the discovery were John and Gull Hayes, Wm. Glew and Arthur Kelly. When the river was high it overflowed the lower part of the flat and retreated as the water in the river generally began to fall. A lot of driftwood had been carried into a little gully, and was left there. The boys first discovered an object in the afternoon and thought it was a horse. Later on they removed the chips and refuse that was covering the body and found that it was the corpse of a man. They ran to the main road, and seeing Edward Slipp driving up, told him of the discovery, and asked him to notify the proper town authorities. Mayor Hay, who is a coroner was notified, as well as Chief of Police Gibson and other constables. They went to the spot, and found that the boys' surmise was correct. The body was that of a human being but there was nothing whatever, whereby to identify the remains. They must have been in the water a long time for the flesh was in a great measure removed. Nothing but the back of the skull was left of the head. There was not a vestige of clothing, and the most intimate friends of the unfortunate could scarcely find anything by which it could be recognized.

Undertaker Henderson went down in the evening and brought the remains to his rooms, and after they had been seen by several had them decently confined.

It was properly decided to hold an inquest on the remains, about which so little was known and accordingly Coroner Hay summoned a jury who met in the undertaking rooms of A. Henderson. The jury are A. Gilman, A. Henderson, R. Cluff, Jas. A. Moores, J. C. Milmore, Jas. M. Dysart, Wm. Crabb.

Dr. Hand gave evidence testifying that he had made a partial post mortem on the remains and found them to be the remains of a man.

The inquest then adjourned until Friday evening next at 7.30 o'clock when the boys who found the body will give their evidence.

Of course there is a good deal of speculation around town as to who the unfortunate man may be. Some people think it may likely be the body of a man named Stirling of Fort Fairfield, who was drowned, something over a year ago, while crossing the St. John on the ice. He was said to have been engaged as a scaler of lumber. He went through the ice, horse and all, and the body has never been recovered. Moreover, it is said that Stirling was a small, slight man.

TO DISCUSS THE ARBITRARIES.

The General Freight Agent C. P. R. will Meet The Board of Trade.

Acting under instructions given at the annual meeting, the secretary of the Woodstock Board of Trade wrote Mr. J. N. Sutherland Gen. Freight Agent, Atlantic Division C. P. R. with regard to the question of a reduction on the arbitrary rate charged on freight between McAdam Junction and Woodstock. Yesterday the secretary received a letter from Mr. Sutherland in which he says:—"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 7th, and note that the Woodstock Board of Trade have passed a resolution to have the question of arbitraries charged by this company on traffic from McAdam Junction to your town again brought up for discussion with a view of having the same reduced. I fully recognize the importance of the growing traffic of Woodstock and will have pleasure in visiting your town for the purpose of going into this question with the members of your board. I have to meet the Halifax board of trade the latter part of this week, and on my return will advise you by wire what day I can be in Woodstock."

Repairing Acker's Bridge.

Frank Currie with a crew of men is going to work immediately on the Acker Creek bridge above Newburg Junction. New truss work, and two new spans will be built, making it almost as good as a new bridge. Travellers will be glad to hear of these repairs, as Acker's Creek always held terrors for them.