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THE NEW GAOL.

Committee Going on With The Work at Once.

A Delegation Will Visit Houlton on Friday Looking For a Few Pointers.—It is Proposed to Build Back of the Record Office Facing on Albert Street.

A meeting of the committee on the new gaol was held in the Record office on Monday morning. There were present Messrs. G. W. White, A. Henderson, W. S. Saunders, D. S. Gibson, D. H. Purrington, E. S. Gilmore, LeB. Mooers.

Mr. White was elected chairman and Mr. Saunders secretary.

It was suggested that a sub-committee visit the Houlton gaol and get all necessary detailed information, as to size, specifications, etc., that can be there procured. Coun. Henderson moved that a committee of four be appointed including the chairman to carry out this part of the programme. Coun. Purrington seconded the motion.

Coun. Henderson said that the Houlton gaol was pretty near what we wanted regarding size of cells, etc., and the whole internal arrangement. By visiting it the committee would have some definite information, and then invite tenders for the outside of the gaol.

Coun. Saunders would give the committee a little more power than that. He would give them power to have some practical man from outside who would give the committee an idea of what was required from an architect's point of view.

Coun. Gilmore said we must be very careful not to go over the limit in the matter of cost. We wanted to have a clean place and a strong place, with the very latest improvements.

Coun. Henderson said we know that we are going to build the gaol directly to the rear of this record office. A stone yard in connection was also practically decided. We knew where we would build the gaol, but we were not exactly decided on the size. The committee must know the size in order that we may give the architect an idea of what is wanted. He told Coun. Mooers that it was proposed to face the gaol on Albert street.

Coun. Mooers believed in having a committee to visit the gaol at Houlton. He wanted to know what had been done with the town's \$1000, and the \$2000 which it was promised would be paid.

Coun. Saunders had talked with the town council and they said that the \$1000 from the town would be paid over as soon as the committee was ready to go on with the work. The other debt would be paid as soon as possible.

Coun. Mooers—The town council was to give a guarantee of \$3000. Unless that is done, he would be for moving that the whole business stop, if it was necessary to go in for an injunction. The guarantee was all he asked for.

Coun. Henderson said that the town was not to pay the \$2000 to the committee, but to the council, and it must and will pay that. The \$1000 will be paid whenever needed. The \$2000 is no part and parcel of this gaol fund. The town will give their guarantee that the \$2000 will be paid. He would only suggest that Coun. Mooers drum up the delinquent parishes as well as the town.

Coun. Mooers said that if the \$2000 from the town was paid, we could do what we liked with it. The parishes could be made to pay, the town could not. He would insist on the town carrying out the pledge made by its representatives.

Coun. Saunders would suggest that a sub-committee be appointed to confer with the mayor of the town and get his guarantee on behalf of the town. The town is prepared to give the assurance.

Coun. White said that one quarter of the amount due by the town was added to the town assessment, showing an intention on behalf of the town to pay the amount.

The following were appointed a finance committee, Couns. Henderson, Saunders and Purrington.

Coun. White suggested that money could be saved by visiting Houlton gaol, and taking the plan from that gaol, only much smaller. He thought we could accommodate thirty prisoners in a building one third the size of the Houlton gaol.

The committee adjourned for dinner, with the understanding that they should meet at 1.30. A quorum was not secured till nearly half past two.

The chairman announced that he and Mr. Mooers had waited upon the mayor at dinner time and had received satisfactory assurances

that the town would perform its duty in the matter of the \$3000.

The chairman appointed Couns. Henderson, Purrington, Mooers and himself a committee to visit Houlton gaol.

Coun. White thought that a visit should be made to Houlton at once, by the committee.

It was agreed to visit Houlton on Friday morning, and get the necessary information about the gaol, there. It was decided to add a member to the gaol committee, and Coun. Saunderson's name was added.

Coun. Henderson wanted instructions as to the power of this sub-committee.

Coun. Gibson thought this committee should have power to call for plans and specifications, and then the general committee be called together. He wanted to see the building up and closed in before snow falls.

Coun. Mooers believed in going on with this work so as to satisfy the council board, to satisfy the people would be hard, but we want to have a good building to show for our work.

Coun. Gilmore believed in tenders being asked for at once from all quarters, and the selection be made from these various tenders.

Coun. White said his idea was to go to Houlton take the size to accommodate our prisoners, and we take our plan from Houlton, submitting it for some architect's approval, and from him to get plans for the construction of our gaol.

Coun. Henderson said there was a gentleman ready when we were in council to give us money on proper security for 3%. Was it not our duty to get this money and put it in the bank, depositing some of it on interest.

Coun. Gilmore said the name of the man was Jeffries, and his lawyer in England had written to him that some money of his by the sale of property in England, was lying idle.

It was seconded to communicate with this party.

It was moved and carried that after visiting Houlton gaol, the committee be authorized to ask for tenders, for plans and specifications.

ENGLAND TO SHOW FIGHT.

Strong Measures to be Taken With China.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Foreign office, it is reported here today, though the report as yet lacks confirmation, intends to demand that the Chinese government dismiss Prince Li Hung Chang from power on the ground that he is responsible for the recent anti-British attitude of the Tsung-Li-Yamen. The Foreign office, it is also asserted, has had under special consideration the question of seizing the Taku forts on the Gulf of Pechin, at the mouth of the Pekin river, and the city of Tien-Tsin, the port of Pekin, in the event of China refusing to comply with this demand, holding all until compliance is assured.

The semi-official Journal de St. Petersburg in today's issue depreciates the tone of the British press and says: "Russia does not contemplate fresh acquisition in the far East. Her only object is to preserve the advantage recently gained. The Russian government does not desire to injure the economic interests of Great Britain any more than those of any other power."

Woes of a Hero.

[From the Detroit Free Press.]

"War is pretty bad, of course," remarked a blue-coated man with a bandage under his coat, "but I declare, in some ways women are as bad as Spaniards—only they kill you with kindness instead of bullets. I came home from Santiago with this little wound in my hip, and really, I can't tell you how I've suffered since from the women of my family. It is all right, of course; this world would be a den of wild beasts without the love and sympathy of women; but the dear creatures, especially those nearest to us, generally overdo it. They didn't believe my message that I was only slightly wounded, so on my arrival I was met by my wife, her mother, two maiden aunts, and a girl cousin, all rallied from the four quarters of Michigan and adjoining states to nurse me. I don't need any nursing worth mentioning, but, believe me, if I've drawn a long breath in two weeks without those five women jumping up and rushing at me, I will eat my army blanket. If I wink my wife says 'What is it, dear? If I move one leg, my girl cousin springs at me with another pillow in her hand; during the night my two aunts wake me up to see if I want anything, and my mother-in-law—well, the dear soul hasn't sat down or been to bed since I came—to my knowledge. My wound is nearly healed, and that's a blessing, for if I don't get back to Cuba pretty soon I'm a ruined man. I can't stand such coddling—it will make a bloated tyrant out of me, so it will. A man needs war once in a while to get away from woman—dear, loving woman—she would make a spineless infant out of him in no time."

THE RECENT BURGLARIES.

An Arrest Made In Connection With Them.

A Lot of Stuff Found in a House on Victoria Street.—Suspicious Circumstances Led Night Watchman McCarron to Investigate.

An epidemic of crime seems to be sweeping through this generally moral town of Woodstock. Last week THE DISPATCH recorded several burglaries, and the capture of five young men implicated in the same. These five youngsters did appear before Mr. Dibblee, the police magistrate, and having pleaded guilty to burglary at the C. P. R. station, received these sentences:—Reuben and John Niles, two years and six months in the penitentiary; Fred Smith, two years four months, Eldon Embleton, two years. Jas. Hickey was sent to gaol for six months.

Before these light fingered gentry had been disposed of, it was reported around town that the Presbyterian manse had been burglarized and a lot of clothing and other goods, the property of Rev. James and Mrs. Whiteside, had been stolen. As is well known, Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside were about to leave Woodstock. They had everything packed ready to move, intending to take the train for Fredericton on Friday afternoon. But their entire plans were upset by the work of the burglars. The house had been locked, and Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside were staying for the night at Mr. McAfee's. Their trunks they had packed but not locked. When they visited the Manse on Friday morning, it was found that the burglar had been getting in his work with a vengeance. The following goods were reported stolen:—one black tea gown, one silk dress, one crepon dress, one lawn dress, one black skirt, two night dresses, and a considerable quantity of lady's underclothing; five carpets, (several small carpets), one storm coat.

The party who did the stealing is now under arrest.

In his wanderings early on Sunday morning, night watch McCarron met a woman acting suspiciously around a pile of wood in Mr. McDonald's yard. She declined to give him her name, and this with other things led to suspicion. He was led to believe that there were parties in a house occupied by Mrs. Rickerson and her two daughters on Orange hill, who knew something of the transaction. It was finally agreed between the magistrate, the chief of police and the constables to whom this suspicion had been conveyed, that it would be well to search the Rickerson house. This was done, and the clock taken from the Reformed Baptist church, and a lot of the clothing taken from the manse was found. Irene Rickerson was taken to gaol. And the old mother who is in a wretched state of health, and the other daughter, ill with cancer, were not molested. They are in a wretchedly poor condition.

Raising the Rate.

The various fire insurance agents in town have received the following word from the Board of Fire Underwriters, St. John, "Whereas the town of Woodstock has undertaken to assess the companies upon business transacted in that town, and said local assessment was not taken into consideration when the rates for Woodstock were last revised, an additional rate of 5c per \$100 insured be collected on all rates taken or renewed on property in the town of Woodstock on and after the first day of September next.

PETER CLINCH, Secretary.

About Baseball.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: Sir:—The Woodstock Browns asked for support to run a team here this summer and there was lots of help forthcoming at once; but no games have been played to amount to anything since they have secured their new pitcher and as long as the management of this club give outside clubs 24 hours notice for a game we will have none. Put out the men that are to blame for this and have games.

Lover of good Base Ball.

Her Suggestion.

[From the Chicago Post.]

He was dreaming about the bobtail flush he had tried to fill earlier in the evening "Oh, for another club!" he cried in his sleep. Then it was that she shook him and woke him up. "It wouldn't do you any good," she said. "I've taken the precaution to put the axe within reach on my side of the bed. Truly, it had been well said even before she married that she was a most resourceful woman."