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The Town Council.

The Town Council met on Friday evening. His Worship Mayor Munro was in the chair and all the councillors except Coun. Fisher were present.

Coun. Dunbar said that there was a matter that he desired to bring to the attention of the council. He thought that the newspapers had been trying to hold the council up to ridicule before the people of the country. He considered that they had no right to scatter broadcast such nonsense as they had been doing and claimed that if they did not do better in the future they should not be allowed the privilege of entering the council chamber.

Coun. Leighton said that he wanted to assure all the citizens of the town that in taking the course he had pursued with relation to obtaining power for the town he had acted absolutely in the very best interest of the town. He declared that time would prove that such was the case. He then read the following motion, which was seconded by Coun. Henderson:—

That the Town Clerk be instructed, forthwith to ask the Woodstock Electric Light Co., and the Woodstock Electric Railway Light and Power Co. to furnish sealed tenders to the Town Clerk, at any time up to 7 o'clock p. m. on Monday 13th inst, for furnishing Electric Power for pumping water and lighting the streets, as follows:—

Sufficient power, whenever required, to pump 125 million imperial gallons of water per year, payable monthly, and also sufficient power to operate 40 1200 C. P. enclosed are lamps, on what is called the moonlight schedule from one hour after sun set until midnight, or moonlight schedule from one hour after sun set to one hour before sunrise, and carbon and keep in repair the same, also what amount per lamp in excess of 40 up to 50 as required by the Town, and what amount per 1000 gallons in addition to the 125 million gallons.

No tender will be received unless accompanied by a certified cheque for \$500 to be forfeited to the Town if the Tenderer fails to enter into a contract within ten days after the Tender is accepted.

The Contract to be for 5 years and the price to be a lump sum for both services. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Coun. Dunbar said that the motion should state that the town should have the right to use any kind of pipes that they wanted. Coun. Leighton called his attention to the fact that the town had the right to do this anyway.

Coun. Henderson said that some people thought that there was a "nigger in the woodpile" in this matter. He considered everything fair and above board but thought that sufficient time should be taken carefully to look into matters.

Coun. McManus explained to the council that on the date of the previous session he had been unavoidably absent, though he had heard it remarked, in a jocular way of course, that he had staid away because he did not want to record his vote on the question. He said that he wanted to be absolutely convinced that some power company could furnish us with power at less cost than we are now getting before he would stand for any change. He did not know whether or not the people wanted the Dam Power Company to get the contract for supplying all the power to the town. The whole matter should be very carefully considered.

On the suggestion of His Worship the hour mentioned in the moonlight schedule was changed to one o'clock.

His Worship then addressed the council as follows:—

I would state that in ruling Coun. Leighton's resolution asking for tenders for Electric Power for pumping and electric lighting, out of order at the meeting August 6th, I did so as a protest against such a proposition as it contained; that is the town investing any money in an experimental pumping and lighting equipment, in such a way that the town will be at the mercy of any Power Company at the end of the contract, and in hope that such action on my part, might attract the attention of the ratepayers to the proposed action of the Council.

The report of Mr. Barbour does not advise the use of Electric power for an auxiliary pumping plant, in connection with our present system unless we can get 250 horse power, and such a course is not contemplated by Coun. Leighton's resolution.

The scheme proposed by Coun. Leighton's resolution and remarks is, to install a pump and electric motor to work in connection with our present system, and is an experiment and while it may prove to be satisfactory for our requirements, yet it should borne in mind that it is only an experiment, and that its introduction at this time is due to the

completion of the New Dam Power Company and the desire on the part of that particular Company to secure a contract to pump the town water as well as to light the streets. It is well to consider that the expert employed by the town to advise regarding the improving of our water supply does not recommend such a course, in fact he states that electric power is only justified in connection with a storage reservoir which he points out will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000, and only then in comparison with steam power, if we can purchase the electric power for about one cent per kilowatt hour.

The council is not in a position to go ahead and expend such a sum for a storage reservoir, as they do not have the authority even if they were so disposed, so that the use of electric power will be in connection with our present stand pipe and is consequently only an experiment involving under such arrangements a large outlay on the part of the town, for pump, motor and lamps, and when such tender is accepted and contract made under such tender, if the service is not satisfactory it cannot be terminated, but the town will have to pay to the end of such contract for just what they have to give; and on the expiry of such contract if such Power Company demands double the amount per year for a renewal the Town will have to pay the same or throw aside the plant they have invested in.

There are only two companies here who can tender for supplying the power and one Company can furnish alternating current while the other Company has direct current. Motors and lamps to suit one current cannot be used by the other current, so that when the town installs motor and lamps to suit the current of one Company they will have the monopoly when the time arrives to renew the contract. The present 24 street lamps will not be suitable for either Company unless a motor were installed in the Pumping Station to drive the Arc Dynamo there.

The Water and Light Committee submitted to the two Companies a form of proposal for furnishing Power, Motors and Lamps such form stating the price to be paid for current per kilowatt hour as well as by the flat rate, and separate prices as to Water and Light service, and under such tender the Town could at the end of three years pay the Company a stated price for Motors and Lamps, and the Company in that event would renew the contract for a future term of seven years. Under such tenders the town could terminate the contract at any time if the service was not satisfactory. The Council also had the right to divide the contract, that is, if one Company tendered lower on the water yet higher than the other Company on the Light they reserved the right to accept the water tender, while rejecting the Light tender. They did not ask for a tender to combine both services, yet if one tender was lower both for light and water it would undoubtedly have been accepted. For some reason the New Dam Power Company object to disclose what they will furnish the separate service for as well as what they will charge per kilowatt hour, and insist on a tender on the lines as submitted by Coun. Leighton. I cannot see why the town cannot purchase from the Power Company by the kilowatt, if they want to, in which case we can get the information suggested by our engineer, so as to arrive at an intelligent decision as to whether it will be cheaper to use electric current or continue using steam, and the town will have to pay for just what power they may require.

The citizen should carefully study the report of the expert employed and what he advises in regard to improving our water system, and then see that the council deal with the matter in such a way, that the interests of the citizens are not sacrificed for those of any private corporations. In conclusion I would say that it might be well to make the experiment providing the town can get the power at such a rate that it will be as cheap as steam power, and that the outlay on the part of the town be confined to purchasing and installing a pump and connecting with the present system, the Power Company to furnish the motor and current for pumping and keep same in order, furnish and install the 40 street lamps and trim and operate same, and bind such Company to furnish satisfactory service, otherwise the town to have the right to terminate the same, and in this way the experiment might be tried without incurring much expense, and under this arrangement the town would not be at the mercy of any private company when the contract expired."

Coun. Leighton said that he considered that the Mayor's remarks were premature. He thought that he was crossing a bridge before he came to it, as there certainly could be no monopoly created until the contract was made at least. The council was not

compelled to accept either or any tender. "Until the contract is made" said he "no one can say that any particular council is interested in either one of the two rival companies. The Councillors will have to use their judgement and make their stand on that contract and not on the motion that was now being put. He said he wanted to see tenders made for supplying power at a flat rate, because if this was done each councillor would understand something about the estimates, but if tenders were given for so much per kilowatt hour the Mayor and Coun. Dunbar could say to the rest of the councillors "we know more about this than you do."

Coun. McManus said that when the tenders were received the Councillors should, in making comparison between the past and the proposed service, make allowance for the fact that the proposed service would be a great improvement over the old one.

Coun. Leighton's motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was passed authorizing the town treasurer to notify delinquents that if taxes are not paid by September first executions will be issued.

The Town Treasurer was authorized to issue executions against all delinquent taxpayers for 1905.

Coun. Leighton called attention to the fact that the street and water departments had largely over drawn their appropriations.

Coun. Dunbar was given authority to extend the suction pumps beyond the crib-well instead of putting repairs on the crib-well.

A VAIN EFFORT.

Prisoner Makes Unsuccessful Attempt At Escape.

On Sunday last a Frenchman named Goodine, who hails from York County, was arrested at Florenceville by Deputy Sheriff Foster on a warrant charging him with indecent assault. The prisoner was taken to the Deputy Sheriff's residence at Middle Simonds and, being a peaceable and tractable appearing fellow, was well treated and left unguarded for the night.

Mr. Goodine was entirely uninfluenced by such a display of cordiality and in the wee sma' hours he stole out the window of his chamber and sought the reedy bogs of the Keswick. Mrs. Foster heard his fairy foot-falls as he stole past her window and she alarmed her husband who immediately hit the trail in pursuit. The chase was kept up all through the night and in the morning the Deputy Sheriff learned that the fugitive had called at a certain place and asked for food. Following up this clew he soon corralled Mr. Goodine, who had sought relief from the rays of Old Sol in a thick clump of bushes by the way side.

Calling upon a number of boys for assistance Mr. Foster went through a pretty fair imitation of an East Indian tiger hunt. Gradually closing in on the gentleman from York County he finally laid a firm hand upon the collar of his coat and brought him to terra firma.

On Monday the prisoner was brought to town and placed in the care of Sheriff Hayward at Maplehurst. The crime which he had been charged was committed in York County. Deputy Sheriff Hawthorne came up from Fredericton on Tuesday and when he returned the same evening Mr. Goodine went with him.

A Pleasant Trip to the West.

Harry G. Noble returned on Friday from a month's trip to the West. Among the places he visited were Winnipeg, Calgary, Regina, Moose Jaw and Banff. He thinks he likes Calgary best of all the towns he saw, though he may be prejudiced in her favour by the fact that he saw more old friends there than anywhere else and stayed there longer. I. S. G. Van Wart, High Sheriff, was exceedingly hospitable, and all the New Brunswick men in Calgary say he is an ideal Sheriff. He was favourably impressed with the country, but did not see a very attractive opening for a business man, competition was so keen and the landlords seemed to want all the business would stand, and a little more. The only favourable outlook for a business man was to go to one of the small towns and grow with it.

At Calgary he saw a number of Woodstock people, among them Allan Baker, Gabe Brewer, Aubrey, Gordon and Donald Connell, Hans Walker, F. H. Hale, Ab Carr and W. S. Saunders and family. He also met Miss Mame Baker who is a teacher in the Central School. He met here also the Speer boys of Benton and Walter V. Moore of St. Stephen. Theodore McKinney who went west in the same train with Mr. Noble stopped here and immediately got a good position with Cushing's Wood Working Factory.

At Regina he met the Rev'ds. George B. Macdonald, Allan A. Rideout and J. H. McDonald, the last two of whom he had heard preach on Sunday. He saw here also Donald Hall who is in the employ of the C. P. R. At Winnipeg he saw Miss Margaret Baird, Harris Baird and Sharp Baker, son of the Rev. S. A. Baker.

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