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Town Council.

The town council met in special session in the council chamber on Monday evening to discuss the report of Geo. E. Phillips, who has just completed an inspection of the pumps at the pumping station. The report as read by His Worship, shows that the pumps come fully up to the terms of the contract, with one exception, the lack of a primer, which necessitates, at times, the services of the steam engines.

Mr. Beddie, the representative of the McDougall Company, who installed the pumps, was present at the meetings, and explained that when the contract was made, it was thought that a hand primer would do the work, but that he would lay the facts before the company.

The general opinion seemed to be that a satisfactory adjustment could be arrived at and the matter closed up.

A motion was then made and carried, that the McDougall Company be required to complete the work according to the terms of the contract before the balance due be paid over.

The contract calls for the giving of a guarantee for one year, which will no doubt be forthcoming.

His Worship stated that he and Coun. Thorne had gone to Fredericton and had an interview with Judge Gregory in regard to unpaid taxes. A settlement was effected by the Judge paying \$150.00.

The following returning officers and substitutes were appointed:

Town Hall—J. C. Hartley, substitute, A. W. Fields; Frank C. Foster, substitute, J. R. Brown.

Wellington Ward—J. P. Malaney, substitute, Frank McClements; W. B. Nicholson, substitute, W. H. Everett.

The council adjourned until Saturday evening.

Archie McElroy.

One of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Benton Ridge, Archie McElroy, died Dec. 6th, aged eighty-nine years. His wife, who was a Miss Rachel Kearney, died about five years ago. Mr. McElroy is survived by three sons and two daughters, all of whom, excepting one son, Melvin, with whom he lived and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Deakin, are living in the States. One brother, Allan McElroy, Houlton, is the only member of the family now alive. Although Mr. McElroy's last days on earth were fraught with much pain, yet he never murmured but willingly bowed to the Divine Will.

His remains were interred in the Benton Cemetery. Four of the oldest citizens of the Ridge acting as pall-bearers. Rev. G. McDonald, Meductic, conducted the funeral services.

Teachers' Institute.

The Carleton and Victoria Teacher's Institute met in Woodstock on Thursday and Friday last.

An informal reception was given the visiting teachers in the Hayden-Gibson theatre on Wednesday evening, to which a large number of invitations were extended. A very interesting musical and literary program was gone through, which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present, after which a social dance was given. The reception committee was, Miss Carman, Miss McCormac and Miss Dibblee, of the town teaching staff.

The first session opened in the armory at 10 a. m., President Squires in the chair. Addresses were made by President Squires, Inspector Meagher, Mayor Balsam, W. B. Belyea and others. Several interesting and instructive papers were read at this session.

On Thursday the sessions were resumed in the Hayden Gibson theatre; and after the routine business a paper was read by C. L. S. Raymond and addresses were made by H. Hagerman and Rev. Dr. W. C. Kierstead.

A large audience was present at the public meeting in the theatre on Thursday evening at which Fred C. Squires presided. Addresses were made by Hon. J. K. Flemming, Rev. Dr. Kierstead, H. H. Hagerman and W. J. Osborne.

The Markets.

There is greater quantities than ever of produce coming to market. Prices remain good.

Hay loose.....	\$7.00 to \$7.50
Straw.....	2.50
Potatoes.....	1.00
Oats.....	.40 to .44
Eggs.....	.24 to .28
Butter.....	.23 to .25
Dressed pork.....	.07½ to .08
Dressed beef.....	.06 to .06½

DURING this week W. F. Dibblee & Son will sell the balance of their Heating Stoves and Saeel Ranges at greatly reduced prices. Please remember this special sale only continues up to Thursday, Xmas eve. If you want a Stove or Range of any description do not miss this sale.

MURDER NEAR PLASTER ROCK.

Man Shot Down while Walking Along Track With Companion.

At a lonely point on the Grand Trunk Pacific's line of construction seven miles from Plaster Rock. Patrick Breen, a peddler, of Craig street, Montreal, was this morning murdered and his pack rifled by two Italian laborers whose names are at present unknown. The bundle of the murderers has been discovered practically intact, but their whereabouts are still a matter of much concern to the posse that are scouring the country in an effort to secure their capture.

The tragedy occurred one mile west of Resident Engineer A. J. McDonald's headquarters on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Breen accompanied by a Jew companion, was walking along the right of way in the direction of Plaster Rock at ten o'clock this morning when two Italians appeared from the bush. The shorter of these, who is described as wearing a blue sweater and cap, discharged the right barrel of the shot-gun he carried, the ball taking immediate effect in the breast of Breen. The next shot was directed at the Jew. It plunged through his clothing but only succeeded in grazing the skin.

The Italians then looted the body and pack of the murdered peddler and fled with their booty into the woods.

The escaping Jew ran seven miles to this village, where the first news of the murder was received.

A posse was hastily organized and equipped but five hours had elapsed before the scene of the tragedy was reached and the search instituted.

The course of the murderer and his companion was easily traceable in the light snow it deserted a wide detour, returning to what is known as the Portage Road, at a point but one mile and a half from the place of the murder.

Five miles along the road taken by the fleeing Italians the Jewelry case of the peddler was found covered with brush. The upper drawers of this had been wrenched out, but the two lower, looked when found, had evidently resisted every attempt on the part of the fugitives to open. When finally drawn they were found to contain thirty watches and eleven hundred dollars in cash, the anticipated booty of the Italians. Some few hundred yards further on was discovered the gun of the murderer hidden beneath a fallen log.

Continuing its search the party finally reached the Portage road, but here the trail ended in the hardbeater track that lay before it.

The capture of the murderer with his companion is, however, regarded as only a matter of time. To-night four posses are touring the country in every direction. They are to converge to a point near Gilmour Brown's camp, and will probably succeed in having the fugitives in irons by to-morrow morning.

Chief of Police Foster, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, was notified at Lymons of the tragedy. He communicated at once with Commissioner Farris and immediately headed a party in search of the Italians. Sheriff Tibbits of Andover sent out from Perth a posse in charge of Constable Myles McRie, while a number of men headed by Officer Bishop set out from Waskehegan. Policeman Gallagher of Fredericton has been dispatched to Stanley and is proceeding northward along the right of way, accompanied by a number of constables.

The murdered peddler was about forty years of age and was well known in Montreal where he is said to have lived. He left Quebec some months ago accompanied by his Hebrew friend. Together they have followed the Grand Trunk line of construction, disposing of their wares.

The identity of the Italians cannot at this time of writing be ascertained. They are known, however, to have been employed at Johnson's lumber camp, being paid off as recently as last Saturday. One of the fugitives is said to be unusually tall, while the other is of shorter and more solid build. They had evidently been notified in some way of the approaching visits of Breen and his companion, as they had made every preparation for a hasty departure.

Latest.

PLASTER ROCK, N. B., Dec. 21.—Cowering in a shack, with feet and hands frozen, the two Italians, Leon Sepepila and Tony Arosia, who are wanted on the charge of murdering and robbing Edward Breen known as "Paddy" Breen, peddler, last Sunday morning, were arrested this afternoon by Chief of G. T. P. Police A. R. Foster, on the right of way, not more than two miles from the scene of the tragedy. They denied all knowledge of the crime.

Alex. Panarsky, the Jew who was also shot at and narrowly escaped sharing Breen's fate, has identified the men, and they are now in custody at Bishop's hotel here. They will be taken to Andover for the preliminary investigation before Commissioner Farris tomorrow morning.

School Matters.

To the Editor of the DISPATCH:—

I wish to preface my remarks on school matters, by calling attention to the declaration of a school trustee. "I will truly and faithfully, to the best of my judgment and ability, discharge the duties of the office of school trustee." In this District for some years past, a feeling of unrest and uncertainty has prevailed that does not add lustre to the ability of those who have been entrusted with the work entrusted to their care. In selecting men to act in the capacity of "trustees", we expect them to have regard to the School Act by having accounts audited, and otherwise conducting business of the District according to well understood wishes of the ratepayers, for the benefit of all concerned in educational matters, especially those who are called upon to meet existing and legal liabilities. Since consolidation of schools was established, an agitation has been in evidence to adopt that plan in this District but so far without success. To further this plan the educational authorities condemned one house that cost the district \$2000. As this and adjacent District did not favorably accept the change, Centreville District, No. 4, agreed to an illegally voted \$5,500; to erect a new house on the present location. This was done without auditing the previous year receipts and expenditures. In view of carrying out this illegal vote the trustees employed a St. John Architect, who submitted a plan of a house to cost \$7000. At a subsequent meeting the trustees discovered that the plan could not be carried out with the money illegally voted, they asked and had \$1,500 more illegally voted. This was considered final, and to carry this to a conclusion the trustees paid \$55 to remove the present house, so that the building to be erected would be placed on the present location. To the surprise of many, a further order from the Chief Superintendent was announced, and a special meeting called, the object of which was to condemn the present, and purchase land in the North end of the District, on which to erect a new house. Without rescinding the former illegal vote, a similar vote was carried, and 1½ acres have been purchased near the Baptist Church. As the trustees had decided to build on the present location, the last move was at the will and suggestion of the Educational Department. Following this move the St. John Architect has made a second visit to this village to further add additional expense, whether with new plans, or at the invitation of the trustees or order of the Educational Department will appear at a future day. For the last three years the District management of school affairs in this district has been one of illegal acts and contracting debts without beneficial results. Whether these illegal acts will be contested when the Collector calls for money remains to be seen. When the agitation to replace the present house began the first move was a delegation to Victoria Co., by two of our trustees.

Cost of delegation.....	\$ 7 00
Loss on playground (first purchase) 52 00	
Moving present house.....	35 00
Plan and specification.....	150 00
Two trips of architect.....	40 00
Votes \$5000 and \$1500.....	7000 00
One and one half acres ground loss 100 00	
Fencing 1½ acres.....	150 00
	\$7554 00
Interest first year.....	446 00
	\$8000 00

In addition to the \$8000, interest will have to be paid for a term of years and that with the expense of supporting our school until it is paid, will in all probability net \$10,000, as it is now costing upwards of \$700 a year to the ratepayers to run two departments. The trustees will soon discover, if business is continued in this illegal manner, that forbearance will cease to be a virtue.

Yours for the ratepayers,
Geo. W. White.

The Canadian Club.

A meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club was held on Monday afternoon in the office of T. C. L. Ketchum.

The constitution as first submitted at a previous meeting was accepted by the committee, but at this meeting it was thought necessary to add the following section:

Section 9.—This Constitution may be amended at the annual meeting called for that purpose, by a two thirds vote of the members present, after one week's notice of such amendment.

It was decided to hold a general meeting as early in the year as possible.

THE DISPATCH wishes all its readers A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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