OLD WISEACRES

Meet and Discuss the School House Problem

A Committee Appointed.

A public meeting in Hartland is a synonym for lots of fun. Sometimes, too, the harmony is broken by harshly discordant notes. The meeting called to consider the question of building the new school house was very quiet, and not a soul was in ill humor. There was just enough opposition for the occasion to be lively.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in securing a chairman. The unassuming nature of our Hartland yeomanry is remarkable. Finally Dr. Estey was prevailed upon to take the chair, and Ed. Alexander recorded the proceedings.

George Grey moved that the new building be built on the old site. Allan Bradley seconded the motion, and it was carried 16 to 5. After the question was put and carried, those who voted against the motion wanted to state why they had done so. John Dickinson said the ground was swampy, a cellar could not be dug, and in many ways the site was undesirable. He believed the house and lot could be sold for enough to go a long way towards paying for a new one, and perhaps they could purchase a building ready built.

Allan Bradley said the Chief Superindent located the present site, at which the chairman interpolated words to the effect that he erred in judgment.

Here the discussion was declared not in order—in other words, in disorder—but G W. Boyer, not having had his say, moved the meeting be open for discussion of a location. He went on to state that personally he would prefer the present sight be retained, but still he had a lookout for the general welfare of the community. In his extensive travels he had noticed that school buildings were generally placed on an eminence.

Dr. Estey said despite the fact that the Chief Superintendent located school house sites, they often were changed for various reasons. Regarding our present site there was always a miasmic atmosphere over the swamp at the back of the building, which could not be otherwise than unhealthy.

L. E. McFarland objected to the present location on account of the swamp No man present would desire to dwell there. A modern house could not be built on that kind of ground. He suggested a lot belonging to G. R. Burtt, next to J. F Alcorn's residence. To this Allan Bradley wanted to know if any one could tell what Mr Burtt would charge for this lot. His experience with him (Burtt) was that his land was very high. Mr Bradley claimed that a cellar could be dug here as well as on the very next lot, where a dry one had existed for over 60 years.

J. T. G. Carr could see no reason for a change of location. He thought it must be tolerable healthy, as no serious illnesses are yet recorded as arising from it He commended the location, and believed it all that could or need be desired.

Stephen McMullin said he thought little difficulty would arise to hinder the making of a cellar, as one time he started to dig a well on the next lot, and after going 22 feet and finding no water, gave it up.

A. F. Campbell thought a committee should be appointed to work with the trustees to ascertain what kind of a building was needed and to form an estimate of the cost; whereupon G. W. Boyer moved a committee of five be appointed to act with the trustees and to confer with the Chief Superintendent. The committee to report at a meeting to be held on Dec. 14.

George Gray moved that money be loaned for building to be paid in two or three years, rather then in twenty.

J. Barnett moved in amendment that the period be made five years.

J T. G. Carr moved in amendment to the amendment that the money be loaned for a period not execeeding twenty years.

There was a lengthy discussion over the questions, Some held that a long term would serve to keeg newcomers from settling in the village, being frightened off by the taxes, while others claimed immediate payment would instil a desire in people who already live here to give away their property and vamoose.

A. F. Campbell showed that if $2000 was hired and $100 of principle besides the interest were paid each year that little burden on ratepayers would be felt. $220 would be first year's extra taxation, and $106 the 20th year's.

These figuers were based on a rate of 6 per cent. interest. The long term motion was carried 25 to three.

It is regretable that only about 25 per cent. of the ratepayers attended the meeting. The ADVERTISER urges that a full representation attend the next meeting—on Dec. 14th.

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