

COMMUNICATIONS.

[FOR THE CARLETON SENTINEL.]

THE ORACLE AT DELPHI.

MR. SEGER.—Some time since the inhabitants of Grand Falls petitioned the Executive at Fredericton for relief under circumstances which they felt greatly to retard their prosperity. The price now set upon Town Lots is known to be intolerably high; indeed, quite as much as in human probability they will be worth forty years hence;—the Executive perspective having in this particular been far more clear than the common optics used by common mortals. Yet the mutterings against this evil have been confined to the seat of the disease. They prayed, after setting forth a statement of undeniable facts, that a portion of the money derived from the sale of the Lots might be appropriated in opening the Streets—and that a reserve, intersecting the Town flat, granted to the Ordinance for a Canal, might be relinquished to the Town, or that the granters might be called upon to apply the Land to the purposes for which it was granted.

The answer to this prayer was laconic enough; indeed, so singularly laconic, that it has puzzled all brains in the attempt to solve it.—It is—“*The prayer of the Petitioners as a whole, cannot be complied with.*” What does it mean? Can your Editorial brains, or any—all, of your arithmetical querists tell me that, now? I gave it up at once, for to me it seemed very like the darkey's conundrum,—“*Invisible Green.*”

The answers of the Ancient Oracle at Delphi, though unintelligible to others, were generally satisfactory and plain enough to the questioner; especially so and favorably too, if the offering were munificent. But this MODERN ONE opens its mouth in dark sayings with a very hearty fervour.

He spoke Oraculous and sly,
He'd neither grant the question, nor deny.”

The “answer” would be a plain mortal answer if you reject the words, “as a whole,”—but taken as a whole, it is a Gordian Knot—a spiders web—a silken clue that leads into, not thro' the Labyrinth.

“I will meet thee at Phillippi,” although the threat of an angry ghost fresh from the shades of Tartarus, to its flesh clad enemy on the eve of battle, is plain common sense, compared with this Modern Oracular answer as a whole. The Priests now attending on the Sacred Shrine at the city, *umbilicus orbis terrarum*, must have become possessed by the spirit manifest as the Rochester Knockings; though as yet no alphabet has been discovered for this manifest rapping. It is, I am told, a fashion of this spirit, when put in a bad humor by improper questions, or something it don't understand, either to return no answer or else one so darkly dim that even the Medium can't make it out, much less an—

ODIOT.

Grand Falls, Feb. 21, 1853.

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To the Honorable Members of the House of Assembly for the County of Carleton:

GENTLEMEN:—As the time is approaching when you will resume your seats in the Legislature of the Province, I wish to bring under your notice a few suggestions that I think ought to be brought under the notice of the Legislature.

1st, I perceive by the census of 1851 that Carleton ranks as the first grain producing County in the Province, and producing also, more than double the average for each County in the Province by 50,000 bushels. Would it not be fair that in apportioning the annual grant for the encouragement of Agriculture that she should receive a larger sum than those Counties which produce from an eighth to one half the quantity she produces? I would not ask that the other Counties should receive less than they now do, but merely ask that Carleton should receive more.

Another question that has often been mooted but never acted upon is the making of Roads into the County where there are good tracts of land fit for settlement. In this County there are many such tracts shut out from the settler by a swamp or a hill where a grant of £50 or

£100 would at once open the way for a valuable settlement and the piece of the land would speedily reimburse the Treasury. A young healthy farmer would think nothing of going 5 or 10 miles into the forest to occupy a piece of good land if he had a tolerable waggon road to enable him to carry his necessaries to his location without difficulty. I am confident that a reasonable appropriation of public money for this purpose would be attended with greater public benefit than many appropriations that are customary—all which is respectfully submitted.

Brighton, Feb. 21, 1853.

The Carleton Sentinel.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1853.

Carleton County Council.

COURT HOUSE,
Feb. 17, 1853.

Present—Dibblee, Lindsay, Harding, Gallop, Clowse, Lloyd, Jones, Fitzherbert and Upton. Warden in the chair.

The Warden stated that the object of the meeting was to appoint a Secretary Treasurer in the room of H. H. Beardsley, Esq., who had resigned in consequence of ill health. He also stated that it was not only necessary to appoint a Secretary Treasurer, but also to see that a By-Law was passed compelling him to give good and sufficient Bonds.

On motion of Mr. Dibblee, seconded by Mr.

Resolved, That the said Treasurer to give Bonds to the amount of £500.

Mr. Harding moved that the blank be filled with £500.

Mr. Dibblee thought a less sum might be named as that now mentioned was higher than every one could get.

Mr. Lindsay moved that the Commercial Bank be considered Treasurer.

Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, Feb. 17th, 1853.

Mr. Gallop said at the last meeting of the Council a Committee was appointed to obtain the opinion of the Crown Officers, with respect to the right of Mr. Upton holding his seat as a Councillor, he being a Coroner of the County, if an answer had been received, he would like to hear it read.

Committee reported they had received an answer, which is as follows—

Extract from the Opinion of the Law Officers.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 12, 1853.

The undersigned are of opinion that Mr. Upton cannot, under the provisions of the Municipal Act of 14th Vic, Chap. 38, Sections 11 and 21, hold the Office of Coroner for the County, and also that of Councillor at the same time.

J. A. STREET, Attorney General.
W. B. KINNEAR, Solicitor Gen'l.

Mr. Lindsay would ask if Mr. Upton could not hold his seat if he resigned his situation as Coroner.

Mr. Clowse said he was eligible for the office of Councillor, but he must be re-elected before he could hold his seat.

Mr. Gallop would ask what course was to be pursued now an answer had been obtained.

The Warden said there could be no question in the matter—he declared, the seat of Mr. Upton vacant, and requested him to retire.

Mr. Clowse moved that a warrant be issued for a new election to fill the vacant seat.

On motion of Mr. Harding the Council proceeded to the election of a Secretary Treasurer.

Mr. Dibblee said this was a question of importance. He was of the opinion that they could not get along without a lawyer, the individual selected was quite another thing, but a question of politics was not to be thought of. He should be a lawyer because Councillors had frequently to go to him for his opinion, but the question should be decided now and if the Council went outside of the profession he would do all in his power to assist him, but he could not divest himself of the opinion that a legal man should be employed. He would present an application from Mr. Wetmore, and he

would go for the appointment; Mr. Wetmore was well qualified, he did oppose the principle it was true—but he was an honest man, and if he had opposed the principle it had nothing to do with the question, if he was appointed he must work, if not put him out.

Mr. Gallop would have no objection to a lawyer, provided he could get one of the right sort—Mr. Wetmore was a man well qualified for any office, so far as ability was concerned, but he was opposed to the principle of Corporations and might in his opinion would do many things to oppose it were he selected.

Mr. Harding had not intended to make any remarks but from the speech of Mr. Dibblee he felt called upon to say a few words. Mr. Wetmore had done all in his power to oppose the principle of Corporation—He took the trouble to go all the way to Fredericton to get the advice of Government before he would resign the County Books. Government had told him he must give them up or perhaps they would be without them yet—he had done and he believed would do all in his power to obstruct the working of the Act, and he thought it best to trust none but tried or known friends, until the principle was so firmly established that it could not be upset.

Mr. Lloyd thought a man offering his services should be a judge of his abilities to fill the office, and if he was not a professional man he should be prepared to look to some one for legal advice.

Mr. Dibblee did not think the salary was sufficient; he saw the Council was disposed to go out side of the profession and they would have to employ a professional man in the end—he would withdraw Mr. Wetmore's application.

Mr. Gallop had never known an instance when the Council were compelled to go to the late Secretary Treasurer for advice, if a question did come up, it was referred to the Crown Lawyers, the same thing could be done again and the opinion was given free.

Mr. Fitzherbert was of the same opinion and if a man otherwise qualified offered his services, his not being a member of the legal profession, shall not disqualify him.

Mr. Dibblee said Mr. Connell was a County Officer.

Mr. Harding said he was a Provincial officer, and if that disqualified him then Mr. Dibblee should resign his seat as Councillor.

The Council then proceeded to ballot for a Secretary Treasurer, when it appeared that all the votes except two were for C. H. Connell, Esq.,—whereupon Mr. Connell was declared duly elected.

Mr. Harding moved and Mr. Gallop seconded that the Warden intimate to the late Secretary Treasurer that the appointment had been made and requested him to deliver to the new officer the books, papers, &c., in his possession belonging to the County.

It was agreed that the Secretary's Bond by himself and two sureties should be in the sum of £200, and Messrs. Dibblee, Lindsay and Harding were appointed a Committee to draw and see the same properly executed.

[We give in another place Mr. Beardsley's letter of resignation and the resolution of Council in reply.]

It may be thought by some, because we allowed Messrs. Dibblee & Lindsay's Communication to pass last week without remark, that we did not intend to notice it. Not so, however, as it implies that if we did not exactly tell a falsehood, we disguised the truth. We merely said the Councillors should have replied to the requisition through courtesy, if nothing else. This we still say. The requisition bears date the 1st February; the reply (stating they had no power to act as Parish Councillors) is dated the 15th, just two days prior to the meeting of Council. Now if it took fifteen days to ascertain, they could not act unless in Council, two more days were not a great while to wait and bring the matter up in Council.—But says the communication on the 17th—an application was made to the Council, and discussed before that body on the next day when you were present taking notes. This we flatly deny; no such discussion took place in our presence, nor did we know it was ever before the Council, or that a reply had been sent, until we saw the communication.

We give below a letter from H. H. Beardsley, Esq., to the Warden of this Municipality, tendering his resignation as Secretary Treasurer; also a resolution of Council in reply.

WOODSROCK, Feb. 7, 1853.

To Samuel Dickinson, Esq., Warden, &c.

SIR,—Finding from increasing indisposition that I am unable to discharge the duties pertaining to the office of “Secretary Treasurer” of the Municipality of the County of Carleton, I feel compelled to tender my resignation of such office, so that you may have an opportunity of calling a meeting of the Council, to fill the vacancy prior to the sitting of the Legislature. You will please convey my thanks to the Council for the kindness I have received at their hands during my holding of the office.

I remain, sir,

Yours, with respect,

H. H. BEARDSLEY.

Warden of the Municipality of the County of Carleton.

On motion of Mr. Dibblee, seconded by Mr. Gallop, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas this Board is now officially informed of the resignation of H. H. Beardsley, Esq.; the late Secretary Treasurer of this Municipality; and whereas the strict integrity and urbanity of manner which has uniformly marked his conduct in that office, calls for special acknowledgement,—Therefore

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Board be given to Mr. Beardsley in this behalf, and also the expression of regret of the Board at the severance of his official connection therewith, and that the present Secretary Treasurer do furnish him with a copy of this Resolution.

The Rev. S. D. Street delivered an interesting and instructive Lecture at the Institute on Monday evening last, upon the subject of the “Importance of a Knowledge of Revealed Religion in the pursuit of Science” to a large and respectable audience. Indisposition prevented our being present, but we are informed that the Rev. gentleman treated the subject in a masterly manner. It is gratifying to observe that the people in this community are beginning to appreciate the advantages that will arise, from attending a course of instructive and amusing lectures that are being delivered this Winter, and it is to be hoped that the time will not again arise when an audience of only some dozen persons will attend.

Mr. McLaughlan will lecture on Monday evening next, at half-past 7 o'clock—subject, “The History of New Brunswick.” A meeting of Directors will be held after the Lecture.

We are requested to state that the Journals of the House will be sent to the Library's, all the Public Offices, Bank Agencies, Post Office and Way Offices, in this County to be filed for the use of the Public. This being considered a better plan than sending them to a few individuals as heretofore, as all will be enabled to see them who choose.

We have made arrangements with a Reporter for the Debates in both branches of the Legislature during the Session, and will publish from time to time such as may be interesting to our readers, the whole can always be seen on our Reading Room Table. Nothing of importance has as yet transpired in either branch.

“Shades of the Hamlet and other Poems.”—This is the title of a beautiful little work, containing 32 poems on various subjects, by the Rev. A. Gray, A. M. For sale by Mr. George Strickland.

Scarcely a Mail arrives that does not bring a complaint from some Subscriber of irregularity in receipt of his paper. We cannot tell where the fault lays—it is not in our office. Our papers are regularly mailed to every subscriber. We shall commence a strict investigation at once and hope to ferret out the cause.

Correspondents must bear with us a short time. We will attend to them all as soon as possible.

Mr. Gladstone's Bill, relative to the government of the Church, is to be introduced as a Government measure in the present Session of Parliament.