

The Carleton Sentinel.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1853.

MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE.

By request, Calvin L. Hatheway, Esq., delivered an address in the Institute on Saturday evening last, on the Improvement of the Navigation of the River St. John.

The following were the leading points to which Mr. H. drew the attention of his audience:

"The great importance of improving the Navigation of the River Saint John by raising dams with suitable gates at the outlets of several lakes on the Little Madawaska River.

He first gave a brief description of several Rivers above the Grand Falls, concluding with the Temiscouta, Toleda, and Squattack Lakes, as the most important points of operation.

On the Temiscouta he would erect a dam which would raise a pond including forty square miles. On the Toleda outlet of the first Lake another dam would flow twenty square miles, and a third at the outlet of the Great Squattack Lake would flow twenty miles more, making in all eighty square miles.

This he thought would be sufficient to keep up the Navigation by suitable steamboats from Saint John to the Grand Falls, and from Grand Falls to the Little Falls, and from thence to the head of Temiscouta Lake in Lower Canada.

But if this should prove insufficient, there were several other lakes which might be made available.

He alluded to the great delay and expense now attending the driving timber on the river Saint John after it had been driven down the small rivers, and alluded to the fact that after the Americans had drained off the top of their Pond on the Allagash Lake to drive their timber down the Penobscot river, they allowed a stream to pass through the St. John river in its natural channel to assist their neighbors in getting their timber down that river, which caused a freshet on it for several days, enabling the steamers to make a few more trips up the river, and causing a general report and belief that there had been a great rain in the upper country.

He alluded to the great value and importance of the Province and the unfavorable opinion entertained of it in other Countries, and a thorough ignorance of its existence in some places where it ought to be known, and as it was not seventy years since the first tree was cut either in the city of Saint John or Village of Woodstock to make room for an English habitation the Country was in its infancy.

He alluded to Railroads, about to be commenced and assured them that nothing would be more likely to enhance their value than good inland Navigation in their vicinity.

He alluded to the liberal grant made by the Legislature in 1849, said that he had at that time made these suggestions to the Executives and furnished them with some diagrams of the localities, and he regretted that the method he now recommended had not been undertaken at that time.

He alluded to the report of the Engineers who surveyed the river in that year, as being favorable to the construction of the dams and that the work ought to be let by contract, while the stream was well supplied with suitable timber for that purpose, and occupied with men competent to the undertaking.

The law authorizing the laying out of Roads through private property should be extended to flowing land by improving the Navigation of the river where the public interest required it, and

the damage assessed and paid in the same manner.

The Representatives of the different Counties were willing to do anything for the interest of the Country, but it was the duty of their Constituents to instruct them by petitioning for their wants and thereby aid them in their arduous duties—and he would advise them to petition them for a grant to be expended in the construction of those Dams; and as these are to be partly situated in Lower Canada there need be no doubt but that Province would cordially co-operate with any official request of this in the erection.

Mr. H. is evidently a gentleman of varied information and of clear practical views, and possesses in an eminent degree the faculty of explaining them to an audience. His address was not extemporaneously but evidently the production of a mind which had mastered the difficulties to which our language presents to many public speakers.

A lecture on the "History and Spirit of the British Constitution," was delivered in the Institute on Monday evening last by the President, L. P. Fisher, Esq. The principal incidents of History in connection with this great basis of British Law and Freedom were set forth in language truthful and poetic.

The interest manifested in Lectures the present season, by the people, is truly gratifying, and will induce further efforts being made by talented persons, in the preparation of subjects suitable and interesting.

The Rev. S. D. Lee Street will lecture on Monday Evening next, on the "Importance of a Knowledge of revealed Religion, in the pursuit of Science."

A meeting of the Directors will be held after the Lecture.

Owing to the large amount of other important matter we are compelled to crowd out a number of communications intended, for this week.

Public Meeting at Victoria.

VICTORIA CORNER, Wakefield, Feb. 21, 1853.

MR. JAMES S. SEEGE.

Dear Sir.—Agreeable to advertisement called by the Warden of the County on a Requisition, a large number of the Inhabitants of Wakefield, Brighton, Simonds, and other Parishes, attended at Victoria Corner this evening for the purpose of taking into consideration the proceedings of the County Council. But one feeling to support the course prevailed the meeting. The enclosed resolution was unanimously adopted.

W. S. NEVERS.

Moved by the Rev. G. Spurr and seconded by —

Whereas the inhabitants of the County of Carleton have taken on the Municipal Corporation Bill, it is the indispensable duty of the people to work with their Councillors, in order to carry out the measures of said Bill and to see that no party in opposition to said Bill shall hold office in this County; and further, it is the duty of every man to oppose all petitions which may appear in opposition to our Councillors until those labors shall be properly investigated.

Moved by C. S. Appleby, Esq., and seconded by William McGee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting are due to the Municipal Council for the straightforward and independent course pursued by them in investigating the defalcations of the Magistrates in whose hands they found over one hundred pounds of the County funds, for the strict investigation of the public accounts and the economical management of the County funds, showing a balance in hand to the credit of the County, instead of a debt, as heretofore, for the course pursued by them in adopting those resolutions that will have the effect, if carried out, of giving the people of this County the right to elect their County officers.

For the plan adopted by them of publishing in pamphlet form all their proceedings, giving to the people the fullest information instead of keeping the things in the dark as heretofore.

For the Resolution to petition the Legislature

for annual or biennial Parliaments, vote by ballot, and extension of the franchise

That the members of the two branches of the Legislature, for this County, be requested to give their aid to carry into effect the resolutions and recommendations of the County Council

Moved by G. Stickney, Esq., and seconded by Mr. A. Dickinson, Jr.

Resolved, As the opinion of this meeting that the Resolution passed by the County Council requesting the Secretary Treasurer to prepare a petition to the Legislature, to be signed by the Warden, recommending James Jones, Esq., as Supervisor from Woodstock to the Arctostock, is highly gratifying to this meeting, knowing as they do that such recommendation meets the wishes of the people of the County generally.

This meeting at the same time is decidedly of the opinion that the office should be elective, and that all Provincial grants for improvements and repairs of roads should be granted to the County Municipality.

Moved by W. D. Estey, Esq., and seconded by S. Hayden, Esq.,

Resolved, As the opinion of this meeting that the resolution passed by the Municipal Council to petition the Legislature to pass an act to give the people of this County a right to elect the High Sheriff, meets with their approbation, and that they pledge themselves to use every constitutional means to carry the same into effect.

Moved by G. Stickney, Esq., and seconded by A. Dickinson, Jr.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that not only the County officers but also Provincial officers should all be elective; that the General Elections should be held throughout the entire Province on the self-same day and that every representative should hold his property or an amount sufficient to qualify him for a seat in the County which he represents.

Moved by G. Stickney, Esq., and seconded by Rev. C. Spurr.

Resolved, That this meeting deeply sympathize with H. H. Beardsley, Esq., in his present indisposition, and regret that he found it necessary to resign the office of Secretary Treasurer, and in judge the hope that he may be able to attend his place in the Legislature in which he has heretofore so satisfactorily discharged the duties of a legislator.

Moved by J. Hayden, Esq., and seconded by E. Shaw, Esq.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Hon. Charles Connell, for the highly satisfactory reply given by him to the Warden and Council of this County to the Addresses of the fifteenth of January.

That this meeting highly approve of his conduct as a legislator, and that they tender him their united support in aid of the cause of progress and reform, and are ready to show their confidence in him as heretofore, when it may be required.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting adjourned.

W. S. NEVERS, Secretary.

To the Editor of the Carleton Sentinel:

SIR.—We have read the strictures of "A Rate Payer," and also the editorial remarks contained in your paper of the 19th inst., in reference to the application made to us for the appointment of new Fire Wards in this district, and the assumed want of courtesy on our part as to the treatment of the same. The facts of the case will show how far these censures are merited.

On the fifteenth instant our reply was handed to the person who presented the application.— On the seveneenth an application signed by three of, and on behalf of the general applicants, was made to the Council then in Special Session, and discussed before that body on the next day, when you were present taking notes; and on the nineteenth your editorial on the "want of courtesy" appeared.

In order that the parties interested may be in possession of all the facts, we request you will publish this, together with the other documents referred to, in the order of their respective dates, in your next paper.

Yours, &c.,

H. E. DIBBLEE, } Councillors for
WILLIAM LINDSAY, } Woodstock.

Woodstock, February 24, 1853.

[COPY.]

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 1, 1853.

To Messrs. Lindsay & Dibblee, Councillors for the Parish of Woodstock.

GENTLEMEN,

We, the undersigned, Rate Payers of the Village of Woodstock, feel it our duty to request that you will appoint Fire Wards for this district for the present year, as that duty was neglected at the January sittings of the Council. We deem it necessary for the protection of life and property in this place, that good and efficient men, having the confidence of the community should be appointed; we therefore request that you will make such appointments forthwith.

(Signed)

James Wood, M. D. John S. Cox,
G. W. Cleary, Michael Hartt,
Joseph Connell, W. H. Karagan,
W. W. Hammond, Sands Gillespie,
William Stephens, Charles Saunders,
W. L. Ferguson, Rufus Payson,
W. Q. Shaw, Alfred Payson,
Aaron Perkins, Martin Lyons,
Phillip McCaffry, James S. Segee,
John Caldwell, James Phillips,
B. G. Melndoe, John Stevens,
James McDonald, F. A. Connell,
James McCann, Geo. Connell,
C. M. Raymond, Edmond Powers,
C. H. Melndoe, James H. Jacques,
James Dougherty, Charles Churchill,
Luke Petit, Samuel Churchill,
George McDonald, Stephen Tracey,
Barnard Dougherty, Wm. H. Sisson,
Wm. Connell, A. P. English,
J. W. Raymond, Josiah Hallett,
Duncan Dickinson, James C. Boyer,
James Jordan, Peter Melody.

REPLY.

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 15, 1853.

Gentlemen.—We have received and duly considered your application to us, under date of the 1st inst., in reference to the appointment of new Fire Wards for this district; and after an examination of the law upon this point, find we have no power, as Parish Councillors, to comply with your request.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servants,

H. E. DIBBLEE, } Councillors for
WILLIAM LINDSAY, } Woodstock.

To James Wood, M. D. George W. Cleary, and Joseph Connell, Esquires, and the other signers

To the Warden and Council of the Municipal Council of the County of Carleton.

GENTLEMEN.—A Requisition having been made to the Councillors of the Parish of Woodstock for the appointment of Fire Wards for the Parish of Woodstock, they declined doing so on the ground that upon an examination of the law they had not power to do so. You will therefore please cause an investigation to be made into the same, and take whatever action may seem meet to the Council.

Yours, with respect,

JAMES WOOD, M. D.

JOHN S. COX.

W. H. KARAGAN.

On behalf of the Signers of the Requisition.

CALORIC (AIR SHIP) ENTERPRISE.—The N. York Journal of Commerce understands that the gentlemen through whose instrumentality the caloric ship Ericsson has been built, are so fully satisfied with the success of that vessel, that it is their intention to shortly lay the keels of the other and still larger ships, of the capacity of say 4,000 tons, into which engines of sufficient power will be placed, to give them a much higher maximum speed. We understand, during the present year, at least six vessels of this description will be built for the same parties.

AMERICAN NAVY.—The Americans are making preparations of a hostile nature for some purpose yet undeveloped. It is proposed to place ten millions secret service money at the disposal of Gen. Pierce, when he shall have taken the Presidential chair; and we observe that Commodore Stockton is about to submit a proposition to Congress for the addition of ten large steam frigates to the present naval force of the Republic.

There is an Indian woman living among the Penobscots who has lived to see her granddaughter's grand-children, and is so old that she has forgotten her age!