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OTTAWA LETTER.

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(From our own Correspondent.)

Although progress has been made the members have not been disposed to overwork themselves during the past week. The liveliest sitting was on Tuesday night, when the estimates of the Public Works Department were under review. Mr. Tarte is always considered legitimate game for the Opposition, and it is probably quite true, as he himself wittily remarked last year, that if the present Mr. Tarte were to disappear the Conservatives would be obliged to create another or go out of business. They tried by heckling and sniping to irritate the Minister on Tuesday night, but he was simply invulnerable. He met them with a smiling face as they bobbed up, and gave them tit for tat with ready wit.

Some of the discussion turned upon the question of political patronage, in which the unreasonableness of the Conservatives was brought out in a strong light. They complained that everything goes to Liberals, which brought Sir Richard Cartwright to his feet with the statement that for 30 years the Tories had gobbled everything in sight without a single qualm of conscience. They would at least, he said, now be learning something of the experience through which the Liberals had passed. While this complaint is made against the Government, it is curious to note that everywhere Liberals are finding fault with the extent to which Tories are receiving consideration. Probably a fair conclusion to draw is that the Government is dealing very justly with the general disposition of patronage. A distinction should always be drawn between work that is open to competition and employment which is in the nature of a favour.

Incidentally, the matter of carrying out Government works by days labour rather than by contract came up for consideration. Mr. Tarte himself was decidedly in favour of days labour, contending that, with proper supervision, it ensured the best value for the Government. A contractor might profit largely by a lump sum contract, whereas by the other plan the Government simply paid for the actual cost of the work. Quite a number of members strongly supported the judgment of the Minister, and if it were not for partisan considerations it is probable that Parliament would consent to a large reduction in the number of contracts annually let by Government. The question is almost sure to come up again in more definite form.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper made his first appearance in Parliament for the session during the week. His coming carries with it the promise of a little more ginger in the tactics of the Opposition; for Sir Charles Hibbert is nothing if he is not a scrapper. His bump of combative-ness stands out like a baseball behind his ear, and when he takes hold of anything he holds on with the tenacity of a bulldog. He is not, however, a mean fighter. He is full of courage and has very seldom descended to anything which could be called unmanly. So far he has not given any indication of what particular hobby he proposes to ride for the session; but it will probably not be long before he starts on a tournament in some direction.

The Minister of Justice has introduced a Bill in relation to telegraph and telephone companies, which is aimed to prevent any form of discrimination in respect of charges. If anyone wants a telephone, and deposits the prescribed toll therefor, the Company is obliged to install it with all reasonable dispatch, and neither as between localities nor persons can a difference of rate be allowed. At the same time the Government reserves to itself the right to take over all telegraph and telephone lines at a valuation and to carry them on in the interest of the public. This measure is not of a radical character, but is simply designed to make clear what has hitherto been open to doubt. It does not embody any provision looking to the establishment of a maximum charge by either telegraph or telephone companies.

Mr. Fielding, replying to a question on Tuesday, submitted a statement with respect to the circulation of Dominion notes in the years 1896 and 1901. The issue of \$1 notes, which in 1896 amounted to 1,734,000, had increased last year to 2,760,000. The number of \$2 notes had increased during the same period from 1,008,000 to 1,616,000. The \$4 denomination had risen from 176,000 to 316,000. This expansion has been due to the general development of business throughout the country, and as the rate of increase is being

maintained it is fair to assume that the tide of prosperity is on the ascendant.

The Premier was asked during the week as to what treatment he proposed to mete out to officials who took an active part in elections, and he replied that no change would be made in the procedure which had been adopted years ago. If a complaint was formally lodged against an official steps would be taken at once to have an investigation take place, and the person concerned would be dealt with according to the evidence. This answer will commend itself to public judgment. It is not the desire of the Government that public servants should make themselves obnoxious as partisans, and anyone who offends in this regard will be doing so at the risk of his official head.

The Government has received notice through Mr. Larke, Canadian Agent at Sydney, that the Premier of the Australasian Commonwealth proposes to visit Canada on his way to the Coronation ceremonies. He will do this informally, although he may spend a short time in the Capital for the purpose of gathering information in advance of the proposed Conference of Colonial Premiers in London. In the same communication Mr. Larke intimates that the Australasian Government has recently reviewed the tariff of the Commonwealth and has made very considerable reductions. Canadian trade with the Antipodes has grown very much during the past ten years, although our agent there complains very much of the carelessness of our people in disregarding the instructions he has been careful to give them with respect to that market.

Yesterday Mr. Monk brought up the subject of an alleged announcement by the Imperial War Secretary in relation to the defence of the Empire. Mr. Broderick was quoted in a dispatch as having said that four militia army corps would be raised in Canada in connection with this new plan, and he asked the Government what foundation there was for the report. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that no communication whatever has been received on the subject, and it would probably be found that the War Secretary had been misrepresented.

A breezy discussion arose later in the day over Mr. Monk's motion for the papers respecting the Anglo-German agreement of 1898. This afforded an opportunity for some of the Conservatives to bring up the general subject of the tariff, and the familiar accusation was made that while the present Administration had opposed the National Policy they were nevertheless in favour of protection. Sir Richard Cartwright in a vigorous reply repudiated this view, and said that there was a great difference between a tariff for revenue purposes and one based wholly upon the idea of protection. The Conservatives will find it somewhat difficult to explain why they are opposing the trade policy of the Government if it embodies, as they say, the essential features of the National Policy.

The Minister of Railways has returned from New York very much improved in health, and has taken up his Parliamentary and Departmental work with old time vigor.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The usual meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday evening of last week, Mayor Belyea in the chair and all the councillors present.

On motion the Council went into committee of the whole on the estimates, His Worship in the chair. When the item for street expenditure came up, Coun. Dibblee said that the streets were now in excellent shape and would need but little money with one exception, that one passing by John Driscoll's on the Houlton road.

Coun. Lindsay, chairman of the street committee, was willing to accept \$1000 as the appropriation, and he asked the assistance of every councillor, and promised to use the money judiciously. The street on the Houlton road was an eyesore since 1893. The Council at that time spent \$800 for a sewer and even that sewer had not remedied the difficulty; it would take \$1250 to properly drain that street.

Coun. Balmain thought the largest part of appropriation should be expended on sidewalks. On Main St. the plank sidewalks should be replaced by asphalt.

When the item for county purposes was under discussion, Coun. Lindsay said the extra \$600 means that one quarter of the delinquent list was added to the present assessment; the town claims when it does not collect the county money, it does

not owe it, but the county officials think differently and they reassess it.

When the fire item came up, Coun. Balmain said he wanted 500 feet of new hose which would cost \$500, and the fire indicator would cost \$125. The department had considerable hose, but a large portion of it was very old, some of it being purchased in 1872. No reliance can be placed in the old hose in case of a serious fire; the quantity of good hose had "run down," and it were better to purchase some every year.

The sewer appropriation brought out the following remarks, after Coun. R. B. Jones submitted the cost of placing in sewer pipes to accommodate those who have already applied for the same.

Mayor Belyea said they had already spent \$30,000 for sewers and he would like to be informed when the expenditure was going to stop. The general public was not using the sewers—only individuals. He had voted against the sewers, and he was still thoroughly opposed to making a large expenditure for them, while the general public will not connect with them. No doubt the people who applied for them wanted them badly, but it would cost a good deal of money to satisfy that want.

Coun. Dibblee said the whole town was taxed for the sewers, and if rate-payers, living on streets where there are no sewers, ask for them, the Council had no right to refuse that request. The sewers are laid now on the principal streets, and, last year, \$500 was collected from that source, but unfortunately a large amount was uncollected. They could turn off the water and collect the water rates that way, but they had not that means of collecting the sewer rates. They might possibly sue and make the property pay the amount owed. Let the applicants for new sewers sign a requisition that they will enter them, and he would be willing to extend the service; it would be all right to make the appropriation, if the service could be made self-sustaining.

Coun. R. B. Jones said the new services would bring a revenue of \$20 a year. Before expending town money they should have something to stand behind the expenditure. They now had a law compelling ratepayers, before whose property a sewer ran, to enter the same, or the town could make the connection and charge the expenses to the owner of the property.

The committee rose, the Council re-assembled and Mayor Belyea reported the following as the estimates for the coming year:—

| EXPENDITURES. | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Interest on debentures..... | \$5500 |
| Water Works..... | 350 |
| Do to Bank..... | 350 |
| Water Works department..... | 3500 |
| Electric Light..... | 1500 |
| Schools..... | 6000 |
| Town Team appropriation..... | 1000 |
| Streets..... | 1000 |
| Poor..... | 2500 |
| Fire..... | 1500 |
| County Purposes..... | 3000 |
| Hose appropriation..... | 500 |
| Police department..... | 875 |
| Town Team appropriation..... | 600 |
| Salaries..... | 400 |
| Printing..... | 125 |
| Town Hall..... | 100 |
| Health..... | 325 |
| Sewers..... | 100 |
| Assessors..... | 100 |
| Discount on taxes..... | 500 |
| Deficit..... | 4000 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 300 |
| Fire Alarm Indicator..... | 125 |
| \$82,000 | |

| ESTIMATED RECEIPTS. | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Water Works..... | \$6500 |
| Sewers..... | 600 |
| Licenses and Fines..... | 1000 |
| Seals..... | 75 |
| Engine House..... | 48 |
| Poor Farm..... | 200 |
| \$8,223 | |

On motion Coun. Lindsay, seconded by Coun. Balmain, the report was accepted and the Council decided to assess the amount of \$24,000.

On motion Coun. Lindsay, seconded by Coun. Balmain, a committee of three was appointed—Coun. Lindsay, Balmain and R. B. Jones—to enquire into the accounts of the late Marshal James Harvey.

Coun. Lindsay—It has come to my knowledge that at least three rate-payers paid \$16, \$12 and \$8 respectively, to the late marshal, which money I understand the treasurer has not received. Something should be done to clear the matter up.

Coun. R. B. Jones—Did you consult the treasurer's books, or is it street rumor? I have heard similar rumors and inquired of the treasurer and he did not tell me that it was true.

Coun. Lindsay—It is not street rumor. I am giving you facts—that's why I want a committee appointed.

Coun. Dibblee said that this was a serious charge, and he had really no objection to a committee, but it would require a good deal of work, and he thought the auditor could discover the mistakes. He had heard the rumors. Marshal Gibson told him of one account paid that was not

found on treasurer's book. In justice to the new marshal and the new treasurer the auditor should audit all accounts, including the late marshal's. He thought Harvey was a careless man, but he would not like to accuse him of doing anything dishonest. This Council was accused of introducing politics in dismissing Harvey, but that charge was not true.

Coun. Lindsay said the treasurer's books would only show the money placed in his hands. The taxes would appear as uncollected when the rate-payers may have receipts from Harvey. The other day he went into a place of business and the proprietor and Harvey were in conversation. After Harvey went out he (Lindsay) asked what was the trouble, and the proprietor told him he had paid his taxes to Harvey, and afterwards went to the treasurer's books and found no record of the same being handed over to the treasurer. He (Lindsay) also found that Harvey had been using receipts that were not town receipts; those he used were smaller in size than the regular book provided by the town. If Harvey's accounts could be placed in the hands of the auditor, he would not press for a committee.

Coun. A. E. Jones asked why a committee was necessary. Other Marshals in retiring left errors committed, and a committee was never before appointed, but the marshal was given a chance to rectify his mistakes. Mr. Harvey is a citizen, he is not going away, and he has told the treasurer if that gentleman finds any mistakes which he (Harvey) knows nothing of, he is willing to rectify the mistakes. The charge really is that Mr. Harvey collected taxes and kept the money.

Coun. Balmain—in justice to the late marshal, Coun. A. E. Jones, as a friend of that gentleman, should gladly welcome an investigation.

Coun. Burt had heard similar rumors for several weeks, and he thought it was more than street rumor. When prominent citizens tell us that they have paid their taxes to Harvey, and find no record of the payment on the books, the Council should believe them, and, in justice to Harvey, also, hold an investigation.

Mayor Belyea said if it was not street rumor, for the present marshal showed him receipts signed by Harvey, the money for which the treasurer had not received. He thought the Council negligent in duty in letting the marshal, or any other officer handling large sums of town money, go out of office without having his accounts examined. Harvey was not a dishonest man, but he has not the business ability of many others.—Some time ago he had called the attention of the chairman of finance committee to the matter.

Coun. R. B. Jones—Marshal Gibson has showed me no receipts. The mayor did speak to me about it; I went to the treasurer and I have stated to the Council what that officer told me.

Coun. Lindsay moved, seconded by Coun. Balmain, that a committee be appointed to make a fire limit for the town. The motion was carried and Couns. Lindsay, Dibblee and A. E. Jones were appointed.

Coun. Balmain moved that the resignation of J. T. Garden as town treasurer be accepted. Coun. Lindsay seconded the motion which was carried.

Coun. A. E. Jones moved that Williamson Fisher be appointed town treasurer. This was seconded by Coun. R. B. Jones.

Coun. Balmain moved in amendment that H. W. Bourne be appointed at the same salary as was paid last year. Coun. Dibblee seconded the amendment which was carried.

Coun. R. B. Jones moved to pay Mr. Colpitts \$100 to prosecute the Scott Act. Coun. Burt seconded the motion.

After some debate the money was voted to the Scott Act committee to give to Mr. Colpitts as required. The Council then adjourned.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

A verdict against the city of Chicago in favor of the Pennsylvania Railroad for \$2,792, damages sustained during the labor riots of 1896, has been confirmed by the U. S. Court of Appeal. Other claims to the amount of \$1,500,000, are pending and will have to be paid. This is as it should be: Strikes are insurrectionary—are treasonable, though States and communities have been slow in finding out that such is the case. The officers of the law are as firmly bound to protect the citizen from the striker as from the assassin. If they are able to do it and fail to do it, then the citizen who by paying taxes has paid for protection, is intitled to

damages. The laboring man used to be the object of a good deal of undeserved sympathy. If he has an ordinary amount of brains and makes himself as useful to his employee as he can he neither needs nor asks for sympathy. There is a conflict between the employer and ignorance and idleness, but there is none between him and intelligent and faithful work.

A strike among the journeymen painters of the city for a uniform rate of wages is contemplated; that is, they wish the man who earns \$1 to be paid the same as the man who earns \$2 a day.

The Sun is publishing interviews intended to show that the management of the Public Hospital is faultless.

INTO THE SILENCE.
"Into the silence of yesterday,"
From sunset until dawn,
The winds of March are sighing—
"Going, going, gone!"
The snowdrifts and the snowbirds
Are going, going, gone."

"Into the silence of yesterday,"
A thousand years ago—
The winds of March went sighing
Across the fields of snow:
And into the silence of yesterday,
Men went as their children go.
H. L. S.

Townsend Logan was drowned while attempting to save his gaspax nets near the mouth of the Kennebecasis, last Tuesday. His body has not been discovered. He was 33 years old and leaves a wife and three children.

Six steamships will load hay here for South Africa during the present month.

A small boy was tossed from the track by a street car fender last Tuesday night. He sustained only a slight scratch.

Contributions to the Y. M. C. A. building fund now amount to \$17,023. A steamship of the Donaldson line will shortly leave here for South Africa with a cargo of boots and shoes, provisions, dry goods, etc.

After several weeks of fine spring weather, snow fell here last Wednesday night to a depth of about twelve inches.

Market quotations of last week are unchanged.

A woman was stabbed on Sheffield street a day or two since. Her assailant is under arrest.

It is thought that the street railway will be extended by the Suspension bridge to Fairville next summer.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St. John, March 8.

News From The Country.

Kirkland.

March 10th, 1902.

A great many people in this community have been suffering from severe colds.

After a long illness Mr. John Givan passed away on Saturday the 8th, inst. Interment will take place today, at the Presbyterian burying ground, Kirkland.

On Sabbath, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Oak Mountain. Two new communicants were received into the fellowship of the church.

Mrs. Hunter Blackie's sister, Miss Lily, from McAdam, is visiting her at present.

Mrs. F. W. Murray of Milltown is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Lavery.

Miss Lavina Kennedy was visiting friends at Debec last week.

We were pleased to see that Geo. Jackson has sufficiently recovered to be able to drive out from town and back on Friday last.

Benton.

March 11th, 1902.

The sudden death of Mrs. Wellington Rogers occurred at her home in Springfield on Friday. Deceased was 33 years old and the daughter of Mr. Henry Graham of Temperancevale. The funeral took place on Sunday at 9 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Archer of Meductic conducting the services at the house. The remains were conveyed to Temperancevale for burial. She is survived by a husband, parents, 3 sisters and 4 brothers. Previous to her marriage she had taught the Springfield school several terms, and had charge of the same last term, during which time she proved herself a pains taking teacher, and was held in high esteem by the community, and will be much missed; her friends have the entire sympathy of the place.

Yesterday morning another death occurred, this time the victim being Mrs. Ethel Day McInnis, relic of the late John McInnis of that place. Deceased was 26 years old and had been a great sufferer with rheumatism and heart trouble for some time. She leaves three children two boys and a girl. The burial is expected to take place to-morrow in the Cath-

olic Cemetery at Debec. She was the daughter of Mr. William Day of Inches Ridge, and has a large circle of friends and relatives residing here.

The birthday reception held at the Methodist parsonage on Friday evening, proved a decided success. The amount of \$55.00 was cleared, which will be appropriated to the parsonage fund.

Rev. Mr. Barton, pastor of the Baptist Church, is at present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Veness, very ill from an attack of la grippe.

Rev. Mr. Adams spoke on the twentieth Century fund in the Baptist Church on Wednesday evening of last week to a fair sized audience.

The marriage of Miss Maggie Rogers of Springfield, to David Currie of Glassville, took place at Lowell Mass., on Wednesday, March 5th. The happy couple expect to reside at Lowell. Their many friends here wish them much happiness in their new sphere of life.

Plaster Rock.

F. H. Hale spent a few days in this place this week.

The Ladies of the Sewing Circle gave a Supper at the home of Mr. G. R. J. Riddell last Saturday evening; about \$12 was realized.

Misses McLeod and Thomas spent an evening last week with Miss Campbell.

Our school is under the management of Miss Maggie McLeod of Jacksontown.

Miss Pearl Campbell has returned home after a few days visit to Perth.

Mr. H. Phillips, our popular station agent, has recovered after a severe attack of La Grippe.

Towser Thomas had the misfortune of breaking his leg a few days ago. Dr. Cox was at once summoned and the patient is now doing nicely.

Mr. Enrique Mallory, of Jacksontown, spent Sunday in this place a few weeks ago.

Kit Hale has returned to Plaster Rock after having spent a few weeks at Riley Brook.

Mr. Gordon Green, one of our popular young men, has lately purchased a fast horse. Many a merry ride the girls will enjoy.

Arthur Hale who has been at Wicklow for a week has returned home.

Lost, somewhere between Perth and Plaster Rock Station, one passenger car. A reward is offered for the safe return of passengers.

Grand View.

March 10th.

We are enjoying a season of moderate winter weather and snow enough to make fair hauling; the bark haulers, lumbermen and suppliers are feeling better and looking more pleasant than they did a few days ago, when the roads were bare.

J. F. Grant expects to have his mill, at the mouth of Grier Creek, in operation in a short time, when he expects to manufacture a large quantity of lumber in the shape of timber, boards, shingles, laths, scantling, etc.

Mr. Dunphy, of Douglas, who has been visiting his daughters, Mrs. F. Brooks and Mrs. B. Akerley, as well as other friends in this place, returned home on Saturday.

A hearse passed through here yesterday, bearing the mortal remains of Mrs. Rogers, of Springfield, Carleton county, and that of her infant child, side by side, in the same casket, to Temperance Vale, for interment, accompanied by the grief-stricken husband and other friends as mourners. The funeral service was held in the Episcopal church.

The first of March has come and March is slipping past, and we don't hear the sound of axe or hammer on the hull of the new steamer which, according to promise and expectation, we have been anticipating for some months past. According to the appearance of the grounds where it was supposed the boat would be built, it looks as though operations might be commenced at once; lumber of different kinds necessary to make quite a stride toward a boat, together with other advantages, indicate that the work might be begun with advantage, but there don't seem to be even a rumbling in the air.

Question—Why did not the managing director, when he passed through here a short time ago, doing business in connection with the financial interests of the company, call on Mrs. Brown? It has been suggested that she ought not to be overlooked; her husband, the late G. W. Brown, spent a good many days and did a good deal of work and paid out some money for the furtherance of the scheme, for which he received no recompense, and it is the opinion of stockholders hereabout that she ought to be remembered for the reason that she bore a part of the burden with her late husband.