

TOWN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council chamber, Monday evening, Mayor Belyea in the chair and a full board of councillors present.

Town Treasurer Bourne reported, for July, the receipts were \$12,957.74, expenditures \$3,130.44, bank debit \$2,018.89, since received \$205.88; when paid to bank, debit \$1813.01.

Marshal Gibson reported collected for July: taxes, \$245.52; licenses, \$32.50. The report was received and the usual percentage on licenses voted to the marshal.

Mayor Belyea said, in reference to the novelty woodworking factory which it was hoped would be established here by William Craddock of Huntsville, Ont., that that gentleman arrived in town and spent several days examining the lumber in this neighborhood; he was well pleased with the quality and quantity of the same, and particularly well satisfied with the town for his proposed factory. The gentleman had left for home; he had not informed him (Belyea) of his intentions, but as he intended to enlist foreign capital, as soon as his plans were matured he (Belyea) hoped to hear from him that his factory would be started in the town and, if that were his decision, it would be started immediately.

A petition was read from Mrs. Catherine Burns, who stated that she owned three small houses in town whose aggregate rent would not amount to much over \$100 yearly; she was assessed for \$1600, but had paid her taxes, to save the discount, at a valuation of \$1200, which she considered was the proper value of the houses, and asked to have her valuation lowered to \$1200.

On motion Coun. Dibblee, seconded Coun. Lindsay, the petition was referred to the finance committee with instructions to report at next meeting.

Coun. Dibblee said the water in the creek and river was quite low and now was the proper time to do the proposed work at the pumping station and have the piers, in the Meduxnakik, re-faced.

On motion Coun. Lindsay, seconded Coun. Dibblee, these places will be visited by the board this week, who will then ascertain the amount of repairs needed.

Coun. Lindsay said that several churches, in the town, proposed to use motors for organ purposes, and he thought the town should give these churches the necessary water gratis.

On motion Coun. Lindsay, seconded Coun. Burt, the churches of the town can have the use of water for all church purposes free.

Mayor Belyea said he took it upon himself, last week, to instruct the marshal to order a couple of traveling men, who posed as Armenian priests and who were collecting money for church purposes, out of the town. He did this from information he had received, and as they told conflicting stories he was satisfied they were frauds. It is a delicate matter to go to extremes against men coming in a religious garb, but he felt it was not right to have them prey upon the community. Another thing he intended stopping: men with withered arms, or a leg with a hawk, come to this town frequently soliciting alms; sometimes they are legitimate charitable cases but the majority of times they are frauds, but whether legitimate or frauds, they have towns where they belong, and as begging is against the by-laws, in future he would ask the marshal to order them out of town; the town has its own afflicted people to look after.

Coun. R. B. Jones said that several Justices were complaining of not having constables to serve papers and at next meeting he would present the name of Allan Donnelly as a constable, if no objections are raised to that man's appointment.

Coun. Balmain remarked that he had been approached by several ratepayers, complaining of the bad sidewalks: on Main street, from McLauchlan's up; from the town hall, down; on Queen street, leading to the railway station; on the entrance to O'Connell street. Next week, there would be a big celebration, and it was a disgrace that the excursionists would have to travel from the station over the Queen street sidewalk. He pointed out several months ago that the sidewalks should be repaired, and now all the funds have been expended on the streets and the sidewalks have been neglected; the street from the railway and Connell street, at least, should be repaired. For several years the streets have been kept clean of paper, etc., but this year it is said there is no funds; they should make a good showing, but the money was raised and paid within

could be done in a few days. If the street committee has no funds, charge it up to "miscellaneous."

Moved by Coun. Balmain, seconded Coun. R. B. Jones, that the street committee be instructed to clean the streets, and, if no funds in that department, the same be charged to "miscellaneous." Withdrawn.

On motion Coun. A. E. Jones, seconded Coun. Dibblee, the street committee was instructed to do the work and have it charged to the street department.

Coun. R. B. Jones agreed with the remarks of Coun. Balmain, but the latter did not go far enough. Next week there would be at least 10,000 people in town, and these repairs should be made immediately. Several back streets needed cleaning up; the street running by the late P. Gillin's store, is in bad condition. The town dumping ground near the bank of the river, needed raking up and the weeds destroyed; the sidewalks are shaky, and on some streets there is no sidewalks where they should be; the great logs in front of the post office should be removed.

Mayor Belyea said the ratepayers themselves did not assist in keeping the streets clean; it appeared to be a small thing, but business men will take the wrapper off papers, and envelopes off letters, when they are coming from the post office, and throw them on the streets, even whole newspapers; this is not done maliciously, but it is a bad habit. The jail building is a credit to the town, but the premises are not cleaned up, and he thought the jail committee should dress it up before the 13th.

The clerk said there was a difficulty between Contractor Maxwell and the jail committee, which he had hindered fixing up the premises.

Coun. A. E. Jones, in moving his amendment, said he did not feel like voting to charge the repairs up to miscellaneous. The street committee was given \$1000, and in six months it has expended the amount, and now has not one dollar to expend on the streets or sidewalks. The streets are now "running free" and it is suggested to have the streets put in repair and charged to miscellaneous.

Coun. Dibblee agreed with Coun. A. E. Jones; the street committee should shoulder the amount needed for repairs, even if the appropriation is over-drawn, and then the ratepayers can be shown how the money was expended.

Coun. Lindsay remarked that the street committee was not asking to have the work done. The committee for last year had \$1200, and it over-expended \$300. The present committee was under the direction of the council, and if the latter said to expend more money, it would do so. Over \$100 of last year's account came into this year, and that amount, with the cost of watering cart, reduced the amount of appropriation \$400; if the price of cart was placed in a separate fund, the street committee would have had \$260 more funds.

After a discussion on street lamps, on motion Coun. Lindsay, seconded Coun. Balmain, Coun. Burt was instructed to correspond with the electric light company, which is furnishing repairs, and ascertain the difference in price between open and enclosed are lamps.

Coun. A. E. Jones invited the board to visit the poor farm and see what the chairman and manager are doing in that important department.

After a discussion precipitated by Coun. Balmain, claiming that the town horse was abused during the warm weather, hauling the watering cart which has no brake, during which Coun. Lindsay remarked that the horse had gained 150 lbs, but some councillors thought the horse should have a padded stall and feather bed—on motion Coun. Balmain, seconded Coun. R. B. Jones, the street committee was instructed to have, if possible, a brake placed on the watering cart.

P. B. Carvell, J. C. Hartley and Charles Greer were appointed pound keepers and their barns constituted legal pounds.

On motion Coun. Dibblee, seconded Coun. A. E. Jones, the Council authorized the treasurer to receive taxes at a five per cent. discount, up to Aug 18th.

In short speeches Coun. Dibblee, A. E. Jones and Balmain, favored the motion.

Coun. R. B. Jones, chairman of the finance committee, strongly opposed the motion, as it was establishing a bad precedent, which other Councils would have to meet.

Coun. Burt said the motion was an unfair business transaction. Every man should be used alike. The proper time limit had been advertised; several ratepayers had a difficulty in raising their tax money, but the money was raised and paid within

PROGRAMME

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE
Victoria County S. S. Association,
WILL BE HELD IN THE
MELVILLE CHURCH, KINCARDINE,
Tuesday, August 19th, 1902.

First Session, Commencing at 10 A. M.

1. "Praise and Prayer Service," half hour, led by Rev G C Pringle.
2. President's words of Greeting.
3. Selection of Committees: Nominating, Credential, Question, Financial and Resolution.
4. Reports on work by Parish Officers.
5. Paper on "The Scholars Home Study," by Mr W L McPhail.
6. Normal Lesson, "Teachers Lesson Preparation," by Field Secretary.
7. Question Slips given out.
8. Offering. Benediction.

Second Session Begins at 2 P. M.

1. "Song and Bible Reading," half hour, led by Rev J S Gregg.
2. Minutes of Previous Session.
3. Conference on Home Department Work, led by Mr G L Corey.
4. Report from County Superintendent of Normal Work, Mrs T H Manzer.
5. Report from Secretary-Treasurer, W S Low.
6. Address, "What could we have worse than a Union Sunday School," with discussion, led by Rev G C Pringle.
7. Conference on Primary Work, led by Field Secretary.
8. Report of Nominating Committee.
9. Induction of Officers.
10. Question Slips (to be answered in the evening) and offering taken up.
11. Benediction.

Third Session Begins at 7.30 P. M.

1. "Bible Reading and Song Service," 30 minutes, led by Rev A Lucas.
2. Minutes of Previous Session.
3. Paper on "Is the Provincial S S Association worth its keep," by Mrs T H Manzer.
4. Quartet, led by Mrs S P Waite.
5. Provincial Pledge.
6. Question Drawer.
7. Address, "What Value has a Temperance Pledge on the Sunday School," by Rev A Lucas.
8. Offering.
9. Place of next Convention.
10. Reports from Credential, Resolution and Finance Committees.
11. Closing Words—What have I gained? What is my Purpose? Benediction.

N. B.—S S Workers are earnestly requested to be present. Be much in prayer, then will we be prepared to give and receive a blessing. Every one is welcome. Bring your hymn book and Bible, Note Book and Pencil.

the limit. Now other ratepayers are going to have an extension of time. It was establishing a bad precedent and he would vote against it.

Couns. R. B. Jones and Burt voted nay; the remaining councillors voted for the motion.

After a number of bills were read and referred to finance committee, the Council adjourned till Friday evening.

ENJOYABLE OUTING.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones have for some years been accustomed to make a summer driving tour through different sections of the Province which, in every instance, has proved exceedingly enjoyable. Thursday, the 24th ult., they started on their annual trip, selecting for their route the upper section of the St. John. They returned home on Thursday of last week highly delighted with their experience.

"From Andover, crossing the river we passed Indian Point, and crossing the Tobique at the Narrows, and after a drive of 35 miles, passing Tilley and Drummond, we reached Grand Falls. Here we were guests at the Curless Hotel, a most excellent

hostelry, fitted up equal to any in St. John. Business at the Falls appeared dull, but the water was just at the right pitch to make the Falls look grand and beautiful. Leaving Grand Falls we drove to Van Buren, 12 miles, through a magnificent country with excellent roads.

Twelve miles further north and Grand Isle was reached, and from thence to St. David, where we crossed the river, we reached Edmundston, having driven 121 miles in two days and a half. The country from the boundary to St. David is perfectly level, the whole distance the scenery is most picturesque.

At Edmundston we left our team and took the train to Notre Dame du Lac, Temiscouata, where we put up at the fine stone hotel, kept by Mrs. Latre, beautifully situated on the bank of the lake. There are half a dozen other hotels, all occupying commanding position of the lake. This lake is the home of the landlocked salmon of which 25 lb specimens have been caught. We attended chapel here this forenoon and witnessed high mass, celebrated by a Jesuit and the local priest; there must have been a thousand persons present. Of course we could not understand one word of the sermon, it being delivered in French, but the reverence of the worshippers and the intense earnestness of the preacher to us was most impressive.

The hotels here are quite up-to-date, furnished with all the modern improvements. Coming from a Scott Act county in N. B., one is struck with wonder at the number of licensed taverns; we counted twenty-one in one small place and in every place the number far exceeds any other one kind of business.

The lake reminds one of a mighty winding river. Madawaska river being its equals throwing into the St. John only of it.

nothing else to think of, and then

John at Edmundston. This river is said to be one of the finest trout streams in Canada. Only five miles in length, it falls in its course some two hundred feet; in fact a succession of little rapids and rough water, such as make the ideal trout stream; fish weighing five pounds are caught here and it is not an uncommon thing for a party to come home with a hundred pounds of trout.

In our journeying we passed through Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska, counties, and a portion of Quebec province. On our return to Edmundston, they passed down the eastern side of the river St. John, through St. Anne, St. Basil, St. Leonards and other intervening points to Grand Falls, where we crossed the river to Andover. Here we crossed over into the State of Maine, visiting Ashland, Caribou, Fort Fairfield, Presque Isle, Blaine, Bridgewater, thence to Centreville and home."

Letter From Thomas Lawson, M. P. P.

To the Editor of Carleton Sentinel:
Andover July 31st 1902

My attention has been called to the record of the County Council of Victoria published in your issue of 18th inst. Pressure of other matters has prevented my earlier reference to the minutes and not any desire to ignore the Council, who seem to think that an explanation or apology is due from the members of the Legislature representing the County, for alleged neglect of two resolutions presented by Councillor Baxter at the last January session.

I may say, at the outset, that the Secretary-Treasurer is mistaken when he says that I was present when the resolutions were passed. I was present discussing road law matters with the Council, for a short time one day and left the town on private business that afternoon.

Mr Baxter offered a resolution that the Municipality grant a bonus to the school in each parish having the best kept grounds—my opinion was asked, in a casual way, as to the power of the Council to pass such a resolution and the Council refused to pass it. I knew of no other resolution on the subject, until I saw it, as above mentioned, in the report of the July session.

I never heard of the other resolution in reference to the wild land tax until I saw it in the same way.

Mr Baxter is in error when he says that he spoke personally to the local members about the matter of these resolutions.

I cannot answer for Mr Porter but Mr Baxter never in the most casual manner mentioned the subject to me.

I will add that neither the Warden, Secretary, nor any Councillor, either officially or in a conversational way, brought the matter to my notice. I regret that I did not see it in the January minutes and it may be held a fault, that I did not read them with sufficient care, but the fact re-

mains that not being omniscient, I could only acquire the knowledge by hearing or reading of the facts, and I was not informed in either way.

Personally I feel that there has been no antagonism, intentional, on my part, to the Council—I have carefully promoted such legislation as they required and consulted them in every reasonable way, and I regret that I was not informed of these resolutions.

I am struck with one thing in the report and that is that it would take a lawyer at a considerable fee to prepare the resolutions for presentation to the members.

It seems to me, if they were drawn in the ordinary English language and spread on the minutes of the Council, any person could make a fair copy of them, without much labor, special training or a very large fee.

There is one further point made by the clerk of the peace in reference to the act authorizing record office debentures requiring the assessment of a sinking fund and it is spoken of as a special cast iron law for Victoria.

I can only say that it is a generally conceived principle of legislation to provide a yearly proportion of the burden of a long loan for public works, so that at the termination of the period of the loan, a portion at least of the money may be ready to meet it. This money deposited in the bank carries bank interest in the same manner as other bank deposits.

I do not know all the instances in the past in which this principle has been neglected, but I know it is now being insisted on very strongly and, I think rightly so. At any rate it was not aimed as a special blow at Victoria and I may add that whoever has the honor of representing the County at the next session will have considerable difficulty in getting it repealed.

I regret taking so much of your space but the matter seemed to call for explanation, in the opinion at least, of some of the Councillors.

I can only repeat that I have no feeling of antagonism or friction with the Council.

Yours Truly,
Thomas Lawson

SLIGHTLY SARCASTIC.

To the Editor of Carleton Sentinel:
Plaster Rock, N. B.,
July 30th, 1902.

I ask for a little space in your paper, in order that my relatives may know where I am, that they may come here also. And in order that they may make no mistake when they come, I may as well state that my name is—not Norval—oh dear, not anything like that; but I am called, bacteria, bacilli germ; and as to where to find me, just stand on the east end of the bridge, any time but especially in the evening, after the trains comes in, and I will meet you in vast numbers—legions of legions, too great to enumerate. There is excellent accommodation for any number of our kin, in the sewer which empties in the river just above the bridge. And please let them—(my relatives) know, Mr. Editor, that I am anticipating a great haul here. You would not believe, sir, what a glorious chance there is for my friends of the typhoid family for the season. I am afraid, however, that we will not be able to catch a member of the Board of Health, or any of that ilk. Like another party that spun a web across the contribution box of a church, and was unmolested by any human thing, so are we. So please, sir, give this publication, for I do not think it would be fair to keep my knowledge of this very desirable locality to myself. It would be almost human to do so.

Yours for a favor
MICROBUS

In the Match Rifle Association Cup competition at Bisley on Thursday last, Major Gibbs, a gunmaker of Bristol performed the marvellous feat of making 39 consecutive bull's-eyes at 900 yards.

Canada has become quite a cotton manufacturing country, and few persons realize that 550,000 cotton spindles are running. Three of the mills are located in Hamilton.

Fifty-one British ports imported 461,000 tons of ice last year. One port—London—took 230,000 tons of this whole amount.

Figures have been issued showing that the British army during the war in South Africa consumed 34,500,000 pounds of jam.

A piece of real estate was sold in New York the other day at the rate of \$5 per square inch.

News From The Country.

Rockland.

August 4th.
Seriously ill during the past week prohibits having much to communicate.

Sundries from CARLETON SENTINEL office received on Friday last with thanks.

The new bridge, across mouth of Coldstream, in course of erection, is progressing rapidly.

Post Office Inspector Colter and ex-Mayor Murphy, of your town, visited this village not many days since.

Notice for tenders for conveying the mail between this village and Hartland was answered (so informed) but by one person and considered too large and that the department propose some contract plan to have the service rendered for less money. If it is not worth one dollar per trip, over this route, which means 10 full miles of travel, a man to drive, a good horse, wear and tear of harness, wagons and sleighs, and go it must on time, good or bad weather or roads, furnishing bonds for faithful performance of the contract, liable for any or all mistakes, errors and deficiencies, then labor of man and beast and amount invested must be sadly depreciated, and to an extent to make it appear absolutely and most confoundingly mean on the part of such as would object to what is really a reasonable remuneration; why should a man work for the public for any less amount than he would receive from a private individual?

The very man who objects to this cannot get a rig at Hartland for Rockland and return, at anything less than one dollar, and drive himself.

Apology of last item: tenders are being received at present for carrying the mail, three times per week, from Rockland office to eleven way offices, making a circuitous route of nearly 50 miles per day, having to make Peel a terminus, and return here. An indifferent remuneration has been paid for this in the past, but parties are being given to understand that to get more is impossible; at Ottawa and other headquarters of the department, employees and servants of the government are well paid, some of them no doubt much more than they earn; then we have a postmaster here whose average earnings as such is fully worth one dollar per day and so eager and anxious is he to avoid mistakes or any wrong move that a certain amount of excitement is unavoidable; then there are always those of an unreasonable character expecting something which, if it fails to come on their calculated time, the P. M. must stand a breeze of fault finding and censure; of course all his fault; heavy bonds for the performance of his work; the least error in returns, if only a matter of a few cents, he is open to sharp rebuke with "don't let it occur again;" quite impudent when we learn the fact that our P. M. receives about twenty seven cents per day for his labor, office rent, fuel, light, office open at all hours—yes, and the A. P. M. entitled to half this amount—it is a farce and an insult upon the very face of the thing and furnishes one good reason why so many of our ambitious young men leave the Dominion for countries where if they succeed in obtaining Government or other employ they will be well remunerated and advanced. I know what I am writing about—fair play should be given to all and the public service should be fairly paid for and without partiality. The matter of retrenchment is the order of the day; strike in the right quarter, as was stated by some one in the *Hartland Advertiser* not long since; "it looked inconsistent to give Carleton county an increased representation in Local Assembly while its population was declining;" if two clever business men are not sufficient to do the work of the county in said Assembly, it may be converted into the fact that our business men are shallow and inefficient or that there is some political dodge not generally understood.

Our farmers are cutting and storing their hay—last week was all they could desire, and a better crop than a little while ago was anticipated, will be secured.

A writ was issued and placed in the hands of Sheriff Hayward to eject Enoch B. Estabrooks from lands occupied by him and his father for a number of years and upon which they have cut the hay; the sheriff knowing all the facts and the decision of survey, told E. B. to go ahead and cut the hay, it was his. Some folk want the world, but there is only a small portion for each; let us all try to be ready to occupy the little plot of 6x12 in peace, and with it a prospect for a better country in the land toward which we are rapidly travelling.

ADDON.