

# THE JARVIS RECORD.

THURSDAY, MAR. 20, 1884.

## WOODHOUSE COUNCIL.

The council met in the town Hall, Port Dover, March 8th, with all the members present. On the minutes of the previous meeting being read, Mr. Porritt said he had two communications to read before adopting them. Two letters were then read—one from F. N. Pettibon asking why he was not notified that the Woodhouse printing was to be let by competition and another from Dr. McLean asking why the printing was not given to the lowest tender as is customary in such cases. Mr. Porritt then moved, seconded by Mr. Woolley, that the resolution passed at last meeting regarding the printing be rescinded and the contract be given to the lowest tender. Yeas, Porritt and Woolley. Nays, DOUGLAS, TRINDER.

House had a legal claim to all or a part of the Dover toll house and if so it (in conjunction with Dover Reeve) sell it by auction at an early day. On motion of Woolley, seconded by Trinder, 200 pine stumps (more or less) in road division 19 were sold to John Mattice for \$4—to be removed by the end of the year. On motion of Porritt, seconded by Douglas, 40 cents of unpaid taxes were remitted to Henry U. Clark. On motion of Douglas, seconded by Porritt D. C. White and Wm. Duncan were paid eight dollars each for auditing last year's accounts. On motion of Trinder, seconded by Porritt, the Auditor's Report was received and 200 copies were ordered to be printed. On motion of DOUGLAS seconded by TRINDER, the following account of John Stickney amounting to six dollars was ordered to be paid:—One day for selling gravel road \$1.50; posting bills to sell toll house \$1.50; making report to bureau of Industry \$1.50. The council adjourned till Saturday the 29th of March when pathmasters and other township officers will be appointed. I suppose the other township officers refers to the collector who has not been appointed this year. It is to be hoped there will be more than one applicant for collector this year. Let there be several applicants and make the council show their hands. It will pay any one well to collect for sixty, or seventy dollars. The council have thrown away on the assessors that might have been saved and instead of accepting the lowest they took the highest tender for the printing. If collectors can do this it opens the door to all kinds of fraud. I call attention to the above account of Stickney and the men who moved his payment. It is very convenient to have a brother-in-law in the council. If the people are to pay Stickney a dollar and a half every time he makes a move for the township he has a pretty soft snap. Stickney didn't sell the toll houses, but Mr. Murphy was paid \$2.00 for doing it. What did Stickney do for the \$1.50? Here is one toll house eaten up to pay Stickney. Before Stickney's time, the councillors got twelve dollars a year each and never charged for any extra. It was a good temperance Reeve when the people are trying to push the Scott Act. This is no cool. Those who put Stickney in the field must feel proud of their candidate by this time, yet, and to state, church members and temperance men drove miles to vote for this man. The following letter was read at the last meeting of the council:

Simcoe, March, 7, 1884.

JOHN STICKNEY, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly request the council to vote to the town of Simcoe half the value of what the toll gate South of Simcoe sold for \$36.00 (\$18.00) at your meeting to-morrow?

Have you succeeded in getting any thing from Port Dover and Otterville gravel road as you expected to do? If so, kindly include half of the amount in the same resolution. You will remember that this was what we arranged before the completion of the purchase of the road was made. Some were willing that we should allow the road company to have the gate rather than lose the chance of buying the road, but we arranged for your council to have the disposal of the same in consideration of which you expressed a willingness to give us the amount mentioned, viz. \$18.00 and half of whatever was received from Port Dover. (Signed)

Yours Respectfully,

GEO. WERRETT.

Mr. Woolley said the we must use Stickney himself, since the council had given him no authority to promise half the toll houses to the gravel road company. I may remark right here, once for all, that Messrs. Porritt and Woolley are anxious to do the very best for the township, as you can see by their votes, but what can two men do with three opposed to them? Look who voted to pay Stickney the six dollars. It was not Woolley, nor yet Porritt. Must the people hire an auctioneer and pay him \$2.00 to sell the toll houses and then pay Stickney another dollar fifty for looking on? I would ask Stickney again how many times he got paid for purchasing the Low property? Why don't Stickney collect the bond he got from Captain Burgess about the

Ryerse bridge? Is it true that Stickney threw down a letter at the nomination and told the electors it was a bond? Why is John Stickney like a big Jewish harp? Is it true Stickney told the electors there were over twenty-five hundred dollars, not including school money, in the treasury, when there are not over three, or four hundred? Is it true that Stickney stopped the RECORD and now goes to his neighbors to see what is in it?

## QUIZ.

### PORT DOVER.

CURE ALL.—Dr. Bumblebee's "Cure All," as a panacea for the ills of the human and bovine race, still occupies the front rank, and, like old St. Paul, its praise is in all the churches. Since the "Cure All" came to the front St. Jacob's Oil, Shoshonoe's Remedy and Warner's Sore Cure have all taken a back seat. It is marvellous to hear the tales that are told of its curative power. Will, before we adjourn, give your fellow townsfolk a little of the log? It was a bitter night and the circle of men, composed of Billy Hall, Crab Aleck, one or two commercial travellers and others welcomed an excuse to hug Joe's bar-room fire. Bill, one of the most famous lumbermen of the region, cleared his throat and said:—

"There ain't much to the story; the point lays in how it came out. I was out one day in the woods all alone trying to start a good-sized pine log down the hill. I tackled her with my hook on the lower side and threw my whole weight on the lever. Well, boys, she started on a sudden and came for me. I ketched my toe on a pile of brush, and before I could get up that log rolled square over me, at the rate of 'bout a mile in a minute. Ef it hadn't been for that brush, that give me room to sink down, I sh'd 'a been manufactured into 10 yards o' rag carpet. As it was I got off with a lot o' bruises, and an ab-fired cold from layin' there three hours insensible in the snow. Rheumatism set in, and ef it hadn't been for Bumblebee's "Cure All" that I put on plasters of bees' wax and applied it's my opinion I'd never made another chip fly. But them blessed plasters took me like a dog a hold of a woodchuck, and in a month I was as good as new."

POST OFFICE.—Post Offices are generally supposed to be kept for the convenience of the public, but our Dover office seems to be kept for the convenience of the Postmaster. I hope every one who receives mail matter through the Dover office will sign the petition to the Postmaster General.

CHURCH.—A member of one of our churches keeps a trotting horse and frequents the local horse race much to the scandal of the church and reproach of religion. There was talk of a church trial, but as the party in question occupies the boss pew he can defy the church, so the matter is likely to be allowed to drop. A poor cuss would have got the hoist long ago, but so long as a man can occupy and pay for a boss "sit" he can run horses, drink grog or do any other mortal thing. Such is nineteenth century religion. On shades of Wesley!

LOUNGERS.—Several individuals make a habit of lounging around the stores at night till long after business hours. They seem to forget that the proprietors and clerks would rather be in their homes than listening to their rubbish. A man that can't take the hint when all the lights are put out but one, wants a rap over the head with a club. Lastwise them's my sentiments.

COURT.—Division Court was held here last Thursday. The case of Wm. Duncan vs. Wm. Folmsbee, which was a dispute about the price of a load of hay, was withdrawn.

Bell vs. Porritt was a garnishee in a judgment Bell has against Dr. N. O. Walker. Judgment for \$22.

Lungs vs. Collier, and James Riddle vs. Collier were both adjourned to be tried before the Judge at Simcoe.

Walker vs. L. B. Folmsbee occupied the Court all the afternoon, being a settlement of a running account by both parties since '65. It resulted in a draw, neither party receiving anything.

The rest of the cases consisted of judgment summonses which were disposed of privately.

PRINTING.—A more bare-faced transaction was never done than in disposing of our village printing. One of those who tendered was present when the matter was being discussed and congratulated the Council for their independence in giving the printing to the highest instead of the lowest tender. One of the Council remarked that he had neither the fear of hornets, nor the JARVIS RECORD before his eyes. Nevertheless, one of these same braves squealed considerably, when the "dirty sheet" made its appearance last week. When he was bidding against old Bobby for carrying Her Majesty's mail he believed in giving the contract to the lowest bidder. Now he thinks differently, however. It matters a good deal whose ox is gored. The RECORD, however, can't be purchased (like Judas) for thirty pieces of silver.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday afternoon last a span of horses belonging to Mr. John Low, that were hitched in the front of the Commercial Hotel, broke loose and ran away. Mr. John McBride who was at the railway station attempted to stop them, but his foot slipping he was thrown to the ground and was considerably bruised by the

horses' feet, though we are glad to learn no bones were broken. The wonder is he was not instantly killed. The horses were stopped at the swing bridge.—OBSERVER.

## LITTLE BILLY.

SIR,—I think our school question has now occupied space in your paper and the attention of your readers about long enough. Before concluding, however, since you have heard the friends Little Billy and also those of Yeomans let us hear what an outsider has to say. Though a voter I did not vote for either party at either of our trustee elections. Your last correspondent says:—

"I will admit that there was 14 persons present at the first meeting and when a show of hands was taken 7 were raised for Yeomans and 6 for Little Billy, but I deny most emphatically that the chairman left the chair in a huff. Immediately after the vote was taken some of the opposition began gabbling away in such a loud and discordant manner that, although the chairman called order a dozen times or more he failed to obtain it, and he was obliged to give them ten minutes to settle their dispute before he could make a declaration."

May I ask why the chairman did not declare Yeomans elected when he did get a chance to speak, instead of taking another vote by ballot contrary to law? I may say here that only three modes are authorized for electing a trustee (1) by acclamation; (2) by a show of hands and (3) by polling the votes—open voting. Your correspondent says:—

"He must certainly be a numskull who couldn't tell the difference between an editorial and a communication."

If any of the articles on this subject were editorials it is news to me, since they all had a signature attached and it is the first time I ever saw an editorial written over the address of a correspondent. Your correspondent says why didn't they do so and so? My reply to all this is that it appeared to me that the sympathy of the chairman was with one of the parties which led him into allowing what proved to be illegal, otherwise the Inspector would not have declared the election void. Your correspondent says:—

"The Inspector said that under the circumstances the chairman could not have acted otherwise, and he gave him credit for what he had done. He further said that morally the railroad man had a vote, but as his name was not on the voters' list there must be another election."

I think the chairman could have acted otherwise by declaring Yeomans elected after the first vote. I don't think the Inspector gave the chairman much credit when he declared his conduct illegal and ordered a new election. As to the railroad man's moral vote that is mere bosh. His name was not on the voters' list and he had, therefore, no right to vote, or put in his glib at the meeting. Your correspondent says:—The Elder is not Scotch at all, but an Irishman from the "ould sod." Your correspondent says Billy has brains. Well to hear him talk in Bartindale's back room some times you would think he had tongue whether he has brains, or not. In conclusion I think the voters and workers of one party were equally intelligent and respectable with those of the other. Amongst Billy's friends I noticed the man with the lavender pants who has to keep his coat buttoned up to conceal his nakedness and the nigger show man who had to wash his own duds when the folks were absent because he was "strapped."

Yours truly,

A FRIEND OF B.