

THE DEPUTATION TO VISIT THE CAPITAL

With the customary grace and pomp of the council meetings of 1894 the special gathering on Monday evening was opened in the presence of a small audience. Among the chairs vacant was that of Mr. Lockerbie, who had gone that morning on the early train to Ottawa to visit the Capital and interview the Ministers regarding the harbor question. Since the appointing of this deputation there has been considerable discord among some of the members, as a councillor expressed "They are an unhappy family!" Mr. Long at first wished to resign in favor of his brother Mr. J. J. Long, while Mr. Callary and Mr. Lockerbie could not agree on a date to depart. With the resignation in hand and a disagreement with Mr. Lockerbie, Mr. Callary summoned the councillors to meet in the legislative hall in the market building Saturday morning. They met. A full report of their actions is recorded in another column. As our readers will learn on reviewing the report nothing was done and the deputation remained unchanged. Another meeting was called for Monday evening, when matters would be straightened out. Something hinted to Mr. Lockerbie that to be sure of this trip he must get away bright and early Monday morning, which he did. If his story is true, and we have reason to believe it is, he had letters from the G. T. R. and the authorities at Ottawa, which completed arrangements for the proposed visit and interviews. This being the case, why was the delay in setting out on the journey? Why did Mr. Callary tarry so long? The meeting of Monday evening was short, but considerable was said on the much vexed question.

At the opening Mr. Callary made nearly the same remarks he did at the beginning of the Saturday meeting, but added that he had written Mr. L. J. Sergeant that the council would meet on Saturday to arrange a deputation to go to Ottawa on Tuesday, re the harbor, and also asking him to accompany said deputation. To this Mr. Sergeant replied that he could not comply.

After the speech from the chair had been received, Mr. O'Brien rose in his place at the left, and in a quiet tone asked if his motion presented at the Saturday meeting, regarding the appointment of the deputation and the granting of money for expenses, was

in order.

To this no reply was given.

Mr. Henderson's motion, which was presented as an amendment to Mr. O'Brien's motion at the meeting on Saturday was ruled out, but accepted as an original motion. By it the name of Mr. Thos. Long would be substituted for Mr. J. J. Long.

Mr. Henderson expressed himself as believing in prompt action, and that his motion was the proper one.

Reeve Nettleton opposed Mr. Henderson's motion now because it would be useless to send a deputation to Ottawa this week. The Members would be too busy to receive them.

At this juncture Dep-Reeve Duncan asked for information on the subject.

The seconder of the original motion Mr. Guilfoyle, was of the opinion that it would be the proper thing to do to clear the way before any changes were made. The council were given to understand that Mr. Thos. Long did not want to go, and that the other two members disagreed, in fact they are an unhappy family. If men cannot agree at home what is the use of sending them to Ottawa.

Dep-Reeve Duncan objected strongly to Mr. O'Brien's motion, as it would be taking an unfair advantage of an absent member of the deputation. Matters had been arranged so far and it would be better to let them alone. If this motion was cancelled it would be putting Mr. Lockerbie in a false position, added the speaker.

It would not be justice to put a member off the deputation who had been appointed by a vote of the council, said Mr. Williams; he would not give his consent to any such action, not even if he had voted against the appointment. He could not see why the deputation had not gone before. He had no objections to Mr. J. J. Long being substituted for Mr. Thos. Long.

The trouble as I understand it, said Dep-Reeve Duncan, is that Mr. Lockerbie was ready to go immediately after the appointment, but the other members tarried.

It is useless for the deputation to go at once, Mr. Guilfoyle added.

Mr. Henderson informed the council that Mr. Long went and had his interview with the Ministers.

Mr. O'Brien's motion was then put and lost on this division.

Yeas,—Messrs. Guilfoyle, O'Brien, Chellew, Nettleton.—4.

Nays,—Messrs. Williams, Henderson, Finlay, McComb, Duncan.—5.

Mr. Henderson's motion was then put and carried without any objections.

Messrs. Henderson and Finlay proposed another motion regarding the gathering of views for the Globe.

This motion was objected to as being out of order. The notice calling the meeting, stating that harbor deputation would be the business discussed.

Mr. Henderson then moved that the council adjourn. This was carried.