

Orange Hall, Bowlers Brook
April 15, 1903.

The Municipal Council of the township of Ross assembled this afternoon at 1 O'clock for the purpose of discussing the advisability of altering the boundary of S. Section 205 & 26 as per a petition presented to them at their last regular meeting.

Present: all the members, the clerk in the chair.

A large representation of the persons interested in the proposed change were present.

After stating the object of the meeting, the clerk called on the trustees of the school sections to be affected, to give their views regarding the change.

Mr Wm Payne a trustee from No 5 asked the question, "If No 6 and the Government Road be formed into two sections what will become of the other half of No 5?"

Mr Geo C McLarn another trustee for No 5 stated that the school house should be on the Government Road as the road where it is at present, becomes blocked with snow and impassible in the winter months. Mr Jas Louca a trustee for the same section intimated that a large number of the ratepayers of the section in question are satisfied with the school house where it is. He thought the township should not be put to the expense of changing it so please a few.

Mr. Boardman on behalf of the trustees of School Section No 6. submitted the following viz: To the Municipal Council Township of Ross. Trusteesmen - With reference to the proposed alteration of the boundaries of School Section No 6. Ross, we beg to submit the following facts for your consideration: (1) County Engineer to the fact that the section includes the Village of Rossburg & as the school population requires the employment of two teachers. Should the proposed alteration be effected, the services of two teachers would still be required, as the average attendance would still exceed 50. and. A glance at the Township map will show that the section is already smaller than several other sections where only one teacher is required (2) The assessment of the section is in round numbers \$91,290. The assessment of the portion proposed to be cut off is \$23,658. This would leave an assessment of \$67,640 to support a school with two teachers, while section No 9. generally known as Cullman's section with one teacher has an assessment of \$88,300. (3) Last year the local School Levy on an assessment of \$2500 was \$8.26 had the section been reduced as is now proposed the local school tax on the same property would have been \$11.80. (4) For several years we have been fortunate enough to secure suitable teachers at from \$100 to \$150 less than is paid in any similar school of which we have knowledge. It is not only possible but probable that in the near future we may be obliged to pay an additional

\$100 or \$150 in order to secure teachers.

This would of course be much more severely felt if the Section were reduced as proposed (6) Realizing that the proposed alteration would very seriously cripple our section, would in fact render it almost impossible for us to maintain an efficient school, we respectfully but energetically protest against any portion of our Section being taken from us unless we are compensated by the annexing to us of other lands, whose assessment shall equal the assessment of the portion of which we may be deprived. Signed, P. Thrasher, P. R. Boudier, Robt. Buel

Mr John Thrasher stated that when the vacation months were deducted only a short time remained in which the roads were passable to the School in Section 5. In answer to Mr Payne's question he (Mr Thrasher) thought the scholars on the Queen's Line could go to No 4 as easily as they at present attend No. 5. Mr Crozier a Justice from No. 4 thought that Section all right as it is. They might take a few of the scholars from No. 5. but could not accommodate all of them without building an addition to their School House and engaging the services of another teacher. He thought the change would necessarily affect No 3 and No 2. also.

Mr Jos P. Thrasher from No. 7, intimated that his section was willing to let Messrs Hugh Pettigrew and Samuel Murdock out if they would be benefited by the change.

After considering the question the Council then ^{proposed} decided to enact a By Law at the next Session fixing the boundaries of the respective sections as follows. Taking from No. 4, Lot 16 and the E 1/2 of Lot No. 17 in the 6th Con. and adding same to No. 8. Taking from No. 5 all the lots from the E 1/2 of Lot No. 19 to the E 1/2 of Lot No. 27 in the 7th Con. both lots

inclusive and adding the same to S. S. No. 4, and all the lots from the W. 1/2 of Lot No. 16 to the W. 1/2 of Lot 19 in the same Con. and adding these to No. 8. Taking from No. 6 Lots 14 and 15 in the 8th Con. and Lots No. 14, 38, 39 and 40 in the 9th Con. and adding the same to No. 5. Taking from the same session Lot No. 3 in the 7th Con. and adding this to No 11. Taking from No. 7 the E. 1/2 of Lot No. 13 and Lot No. 14 in the 10th Con. and from P. S. No. 9 Lot No. 5 in the 5th Con. and Lots No. 6 and 7 in the 7th Con. and from P. S. No. 11 the E. 1/2 of Lot No. 2 in the 5th Con. and the W. pt of the N. 1/2 of 2 in the 6th Con. and the E. 1/2 of 2 in the 6th Con. and adding the same to No. 6.

In motion of Mr Bernest seconded by Mr Daley the clerk was instructed to notify all the Trustees of the School Sessions to be effected by the proposed change. Moved by Mr Bernest seconded by Mr Daley that this Council apply to his honor the lieutenant governor requesting him to cause the dividing line between Lots No 5 and Lot No. 6 in the 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th and 8th Concessions respectively Township of Ross to be surveyed and proper land marks erected under the direction and order of the Commissioner of crown lands work to be performed by J. S. Morris
A. S. S. Carried.

A few other items of business were brot up and discussed but were left over till next meeting of council.

In motion of Mr Daley seconded by Mr Bernest Council then closed.

W. P. Kirk
Clerk

L. Curvey.
Reeve.