

## THE BURNED COURT HOUSE

### A Committee Appointed Regarding Its Re-Construction

A special meeting of the Elgin county council was held at St. Thomas Friday to consider what steps should be taken to rebuild the court house.

The warden addressed the council, stating that temporary rooms had been engaged for the county officials in the Spohn block and that the valuator had appraised the damage done to the court house at \$5,509.

Judge Hughes, Sheriff Brown, County Attorney Donahue, Judge Ermatinger, and Local Master Miller addressed the council, asking for increased accommodation in their temporary quarters and also suggesting improvements in the court house.

Moved by J. H. Yarwood, seconded by A. J. Leitch, that the clerk be authorized to make arrangements with Mr. Spohn to put in the necessary fixtures for the convenience of the county officers in the rooms which they may occupy during the repairing of the court house and to rent store in corner of Spohn Block. – Carried.

Moved by A. J. Leitch, seconded by S. B. Morris, That a special building committee be appointed to deal with the improvements to the court house with power to employ an architect, visit other counties where improvements have been made similar to what we require, said committee to have plans and report to a special meeting of the council to be called by the warden and consider the same. – Carried.

Messrs. Morris, Leitch, Turner, Cole, Locker and Moore were appointed a committee under Mr. Leitch's resolution.

On motion \$24 was ordered to be paid to Mr. J. Walthew for restoring the coat of arms in the court room damaged by the fire and \$30 to be paid J. M. Green for services in valuating the loss caused by the fire.

On motion a grant of \$25 was made to the St. Thomas fire department for services rendered at the fire in the court house.

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