

Carleton County Council.

January 10, 1899.

Councillors all present except C. E. Gallagher, Kent.

There being some doubt as to the effect of an act, relating to municipalities, passed at the last session of the Legislature, on the Wardenship, the present Warden, J. Y. Fleming, was continued in office for present year.

Minutes of special meeting in August last read and approved.

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Mooers, Resolved, that a special committee of five be appointed to consider and report upon the accounts of the Scott Act Inspector, and that all other accounts against the county be considered immediately after dinner by the council in committee of the whole; Mr. Kearney in the Chair.

Mr. White said that no time would be lost, as the Special Committee could meet in the evening.

Committee appointed—Messrs White Henderson, Saunders, Mooers, Caldwell.

On motion, R. K. Jones was unanimously re-elected Secy-Treas. and S. Watts, Auditor.

On motion, Resolved, that, in addition to S. Watts and G. L. Holyoke, T. C. L. Ketchum, and Fred H. Stevens of the Hartland ADVERTISER, be employed to report proceedings of the council, they each to be paid same amount as heretofore paid Watts and Holyoke.

The auditor submitted his report which showed:—

Total receipts to Jan. 1, 1899,	\$14,405.82.
“ expenditures “ “	17,833.47.
Excess of expenditures	3,427.65
Debit balance Jan 1, 1898,	4,847.98
Debit balance, Jan. 1, 1899,	\$8,275.63

The Auditor explained that since the beginning of the year a considerable amount had been paid in, so that the balance as stated would be materially changed when the accounts were published. Report received.

Mr. White moved, seconded by Mr. Gilmor, Resolved, that the Secy-Treas. prepare a bill to go before the legislature praying that the law relating to municipalities in Sect. 6 C p 34 61st Vict, be amended by striking out the word “two” in the second line and inserting the word “one” so far as relates to the County of Carleton, and that Sect. 5, 51st Vict, Cap 48, be amended by striking out the word “three” in the second line and inserting the word “one.”

The motion seeks to reduce the number of representatives to one for each parish and also the town.

Mr. White said this was a day of reform, economy and progress and he hoped that in view of these facts his resolution would recommend itself to the approval of the council. Last year a similar motion made by him did not receive a seconding, now he thought it would be carried. He thought they should not hesitate about inaugurating a reform which was in the interest of the people financially, and which would not interfere with any of their rights. He thought his motion would meet the approbation of the intelligent people of this noble, progressive and wealthy County of Carleton. A stranger visiting the County might well be surprised that it was thought necessary to send 25 men here to do the business. The adoption of his resolution while promoting economy, would not at all impair the efficiency of the board. One representative, chosen intelligently from each parish could do all the business of the County and do it well; there were firms all over the country which collected and disbursed twice as much as is done in this County. He did not desire to reflect on previous councils, but feared they did not always conduct the County business as Councillors would do their private business. He wanted this Board to consider the matter for their

own information and that of those people who asked why are 25 men required to do our business. If the resolution was adopted it would, no doubt, make a great change. Some gentlemen now here would not probably come back. That might not prove a financial loss to themselves or the County. As good and capable men might be secured while there would be a large saving of time and money. Next January there would only be 13 members here and there would be a saving of at least \$80 and what ever was saved would by so much reduce taxation.

Mr. Gillmor said he had seconded the motion because he considered it a step in the right direction. If carried probably such good men as Cheney and Lamont would be here and White and himself would be left at home and there would be a saving to the county. One result would be they would have peace and if the heads of many of them were cut off it would be no great loss. He said the people of his parish unanimously approved of his action on the goal question.

Mr. Henderson was glad to find Mr. White displaying such vigor and renewing his youth. The theories advanced were alright, but the principle carried out would head to a reduction of the members of the Local Legislature. He was not yet prepared to accept the motion in all the details involved.

Mr. Cronkhite said the views expressed by Mr. White, and his resolution, were not the views of the people, nor would the introduction of the system proposed, promote their interests. Referring to Mr. Gillmor's remarks, he had received a letter from the late lamented Mr. Home of Glassville, in which he said the majority of the Council had made a great mistake in passing the goal resolution. But whatever the opinion in other parishes might be, his people would say we don't want the number of representatives reduced to one. The result of the principle now proposed would reduce the representation in the Local and Dominion Parliaments and would leave this county without any representation in the latter. It was true that the sessions of Council had been last year prolonged for reasons they all understood. Formerly two days in January and one in June were found sufficient to do the business. He hoped the present session would not be unnecessarily prolonged, though Mr. White might be wound up for five days as he was last January.

Mr. Phillips was opposed to the motion because in parishes of formation like Brighton and Peel, the interests of the whole parish could not be fairly represented by one Councillor and there would be no economy result.

Mr. Moores had given the matter some consideration and had hoped to receive more light on the subject, but there was little light to be gained from the remarks of some Councillors. For the soul of him he could not tell whether Mr. Henderson was for or against the resolution. He would vote for the resolution, as he believed Simonds would be just as well represented by one as by two Councillors. He himself did not expect to come back to the board and would be sorry to do anything to interfere with the aspirations for office of any young man, but believed the resolution was in the interests of his constituents.

Mr. Caldwell must place himself on record against the motion. In his, as in all the parishes, there existed a difference of opinion among the ratepayers on public questions, as on the goal question, and they should have an opportunity of giving expression, to their different opinions, by their votes for Councillors. Then in large parishes each Councillor generally looked especially after the interests of one section; there was too much work for one Councillor and the people were willing to

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- “ 6.—Glassville, Car. Co., evening session.
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