

Carleton County Council.

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pay in order to have the work well done. It would cost as much in the end for one as for two Councillors.

Mr. Saunders said this was a step in the right direction and he was glad Mr White had the courage of his convictions in bringing this motion forward; last year he had received no support; he came back now to find his views more favorably considered. This was a proposed reform, and all reforms, even the greatest were at first unpopular. He thought the business of the county could be done just as fairly, as honestly and efficiently by one Councillor as by two and, in some respects, better. Councillors were not elected to represent one part of their parish, but the whole of it, and should have regard to the interests of the whole. He had not heard anything said of the matter in town, but was satisfied Woodstock would be satisfied with the change; he had always doubted if Woodstock was entitled to more than two Councillors at this board.

Mr. Connolly briefly expressed himself opposed to the resolution.

Mr. Forrest said experience was a great teacher; their experience was that a board of 25 members had done well; he would vote to let well enough alone.

The time having arrived for the order of the day, further discussion of Mr. White's resolution was deferred and the Council went into committee of the whole; passed upon the accounts and reported by their chairman, Mr. Kearney, to the warden. Report was adopted and the several accounts ordered to be paid as follows:—

Rev Jas Whiteside	\$11 25
Dr Rankin	16 00
Jos A Nixon	1 50
Carleton Sentinel	34 62
F H Stevens	1 50
Press Publish Co	29 35
S B Appleby	34 60
S Jones	357 30
S Jones (S A)	22 80
Mrs F Smith	5 00
Webster Ross	4 50
Johnston McAlpine	5 00
G J Cronkhit	3 20
Thos McCarren	18 00
Dispatch	18 00
R K Jones	16 00
J W Wolverson	6 60
Dr E A Welch	20 50
J W Biggar	2 00
Alfred Corey	3 30
J S Leighton	18 37
W D Balloch, Sheriff	239 00
Dr Hand	4 00
A G McFarlane	18 40
H E & J W Gallagher	2 50
J J Gibson	21 05
Miss Gallagher	1 25
W R Wright	12 05
H Hay & Son	11 50
W W Hay	17 40
Elijah Kinney	3 50
Wm Gray	9 00
Andrew J Ruff	3 50
John Hall	3 50
Stephen Kinney	3 50
Dr Cummins	5 00
Dr Cummins	5 00
A R Foster (Deputy Sheriff)	340 90
N C Secord	4 00
J A & R J Lindsay	2 85
Bal. of Dibblee Green	\$405 and Jos. Baker et al \$7, laid over for further information.

On motion of Mr. Saunders, Scott Act inspector Colpitts read his report as follows:

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Carleton.

GENTLEMEN:—I, Bamford Colpitts, Inspector of the County, under the Canada Temperance Act, hereby submit my report for the year 1898.

Since last January session I have made 119 prosecutions, of these 92 convictions were made and 27 cases were dismissed.

I have received from fines \$2,647 I have paid out in expenses the sum of \$1,675.05. I have retained my salary, \$350. I paid into the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer the sum of \$529 16, but in the early part of the year I got from the Secretary-Treasurer to pay certain expenses the sum of \$29.16 leaving the sum of \$500 net that I have paid to the Secretary-Treasurer for the use of the Municipality.

I have paid all charges and expenses in connection with the working of the Canada Temperance Act, with the exception of a small bill that the gaoler may have for the

board of Mrs. Shepard who was confined in gaol a few weeks for non-payment of fines.

To summarize, I have paid all costs, charges and expenses, with the exception of Mrs. Shepard's board; have retained my salary, have paid into the hands of the the Secretary-Treasurer over and above what I received from him, the sum of five hundred dollars, and I now have in my hands the sum of \$121.95

I hereby hand in my accounts made up in detail, in two parts, number one being from January, 1898, to June 1898, and number two from June, 1898, to January, 1899

Dated the 10th day of January, A. D 1899.
BAMFORD COLPITTS.

In reply to Mr. Saunders, Mr. Colpitts said that he had not paid any of the money collected to the town of Woodstock. The details of this report were embodied in his full account now in the hands of the chairman of the special committee.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Henderson, report was received and filed.

The Warden called attention to a paper received by the Secretary Treasurer by mail which was in the form of a petition and which could, properly, come before the board at the hands of a councillor

Mr. Saunders said he would read and present the petition which was as follows:—

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Carleton.

GENTLEMEN:—The petition of James G. Atkinson, a Medical Practitioner of the Parish of Kent, in the County of Carleton, humbly sheweth

That B Colpitts, Inspector for the said County, under the Canada Temperance Act, did employ disreputable persons with the promise of a certain sum to go about among the law abiding ratepayers of the said County, and tempt them to sell intoxicating liquor contrary to law, in order that the said Colpitts might secure convictions and pay the informers a certain sum for conviction, contrary to good morals, scripture and common law.

That the said B. Colpitts did by the said disreputable person, employed as aforesaid, obtain evidence and convict medical practitioners of offences against the Canada Temperance Act, contrary to the provisions of the said Act, and Act of Assembly, 44 Victoria, Chapter 19

That the said B. Colpitts did without warrant of law, or of fact, cause vexatious prosecutions to be laid against several of the law abiding ratepayers of the said County and cause them to be put to loss of time and money without cause, contrary to the principles of good government.

That the said B. Colpitts did administer the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act, the hearing of evidence and making conviction excepted, in an arbitrary manner contrary to law, to wit: collecting fines out of court; and costs not according to scale of fees laid down by parliament of Canada.

That the said B. Colpitts did not prosecute the Canada Temperance Act for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, but did prosecute the said Act solely for the purpose of collecting a large number of fines, and securing for his own pecuniary benefit a large bill of costs contrary to the spirit of the said Act.

Therefore your petitioner humbly prays that a committee of your honorable Council may be appointed to investigate the above charges under oath and report to your honorable body, at its ensuing session, that justice may be done in the premises.

JAMES G. ATKINSON.

Bristol, N B. Jan. 5. 1899.

Mr. Colpitts absolutely denied the truth of the charges, for which there was no foundation, and requested a prompt investigation.

On motion of Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Cronkhit—Resolved that the petition of Dr. Atkinson be referred to a committee of the whole, as the order of the day for tomorrow at one o'clock p. m., and that the petitioner be notified by the Secretary Treasurer to appear at that time.

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