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JANUARY SESSION, 1897.

The County Council of Queens County convened at the County Court House, in Gagetown, on the 19th day of January, 1897, at 10 a. m.

The Warden being absent, Councillor James McCrea was appointed temporary Chairman and called the Council to order. On roll call all the Councillors were found to be present except Councillors Beach, Corey, Cox, Thurrott, Hay, Fraser, Leonard and Snodgrass.

Minutes of last were session read and approved

Council then adjourned until 2 p. m. for dinner.

On meeting at 2 p. m. Warden Cox took the chair. All Councillors being present except Corey, Hay and Leonard, Councillor Wellington Cox, former warden, was unanimously elected Warden for the ensuing year. The following committees were then appointed by Warden, viz:—

On Bills and Accounts—Councillors Woods, Dickie and Barton.

On Parish Accounts—The Councillors of each Parish.

On Apportionment of Rates and Taxes—Councillors Snodgrass, Gilbert, McCrea, Carpenter and D. Palmer.

On Audit Report—Councillors Fraser, Thurrott and Lingley.

On Councillors Mileage—Councillors Perry, E. B. Palmer and Purdy.

On Land and Buildings—Councillors Dickie, McCrea and Sheriff Reid.

On Bye-laws—Councillors Gilbert, Nickerson and Beach.

On Finance, under Bye Law No. 31—Councillors Cox, Gilbert and Dickie.

The Auditor then submitted his report which was ordered to be received and referred to the Audit Committee.

A communication was received and read from Dr. Casswell, Chairman of the Board of Health, which was as follows:

GAGETOWN, Dec. 20, 1896.

To the Council Board of Queens County.

GENTLEMEN:—The Local Board of Health for Queens County, N. B., begs leave to present the following report for year ending Dec. 30th, 1896. Eight cases of diphtheria have been reported occuring in Wickham. Under the careful management of the attending physician the disease was confined to two families and now is about stamped out of that locality. Eight cases of scarlet fever have been reported. Two of these cases were in Upper Gagetown, four in Gagetown, and two in Hibernia. The last occuring in Hibernia were of a very mild type. The starting point of the diphtheria and scarlet fever could be traced to contact with outside persons and clothes.

The Local Board of Health has suffered the loss of its secretary, by the death of the late Sheriff Perry. No doubt the Board of Councillors will see fit to appoint another member. The Local Board of Health would suggest the appointment of one of the physicians of the parish of Chipman, that parish being a very thickly setted part of the County.

It is deemed advantageous to the proper working of the board to be represented by a physician from that district. The Local Board of Health has no bill to present to the Council board.

J. A. CASSWELL,
Chairman.

It was thereupon ordered that said communication be placed on file and that Dr. Hay, of Chipman be and is hereby appointed a member of the Board of Health in room of T. W. Perry, deceased, and further ordered that a committee be appointed to prepare a memorial suggestive of our sympathy for the family of our late and highly esteemed Sheriff T. W. Perry, now deceased; and expressive of the loss sustained by this Council and the County at large by his demise. Councillors Gilbert, D. Palmer and I. C. Fraser were appointed by the Warden as such committee.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on Councillors mileage.

"We, the Committee, on Councillors mileage beg leave to report that the mileage be the same as last year except Councillor S. C. Perry's which should be $4.00 instead of $3.60."

Report approved of and mileage ordered accordingly.

1000 copies of the Auditor's report were ordered to be printed and distributed as usual.

Moved by Councillor Gilbert that Collector of Rates in Gagetown Parish receive 4% instead of 5% as at present—amendment by Councillor Dickie that no change be made. Amendment carried.

A petition of a number of the ratepayers of the Parish of Hampstead was presented praying that cattle be prohibited from running at large on the highway in the said Parish of Hampstead, from John Worden's lower line or Farmer Brooks (so called) to S. L. Peters' upper line. Ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted and that a bye-law be prepared accordingly.

A like petition was also presented from the Parish of Brunswick desiring to prevent sheep from running at large on the highway from Johnston Parish line to Bridge over Fork Stream north side of the Canaan River. The prayer of this petition was also granted and a bye-law ordered to be made in accordance therewith.

Council then adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

On Wednesday morning Council met pursuant to adjournment. Warden in the chair. On roll call all the Councillors were present except Councillors Hay, Gilbert and Leonard.

The Committee on Parish accounts submitted their report as follows:

Brunswick—Accounts satisfactory as far as accounts received.

Cambridge—Satisfactory, but no returns from Bye Road Commissioner John W. Farris.

Canning—Accounts only fairly satisfactory.

Chipman—Found in a very unsatisfactory condition and would suggest a law be made fixing amount to be paid to Overseer of Poor for personal service, and that all returns be accompanied with an itemized bill. An effort should be made to secure from Parish Officers more perfect returns for the ensuing year.

Gagetown—Accounts fairly well as far as returns received.

Hampstead—A few accounts correct, and some very unsatisfactory.

Johnston—Accounts some quite satisfactory, and others quite to the contrary.

Petersville—All the returns satisfactory except Overseer of Poor "Boyle" who has retained three dollars for personal service.

The Secretary-Treasurer is requested to direct Mr. Boyle to place that ammount to credit of Poor Fund of said Parish.

Waterborough—Accounts correct with one exception that one is quite unsatisfactory.

Wickman—With few exceptions satisfactory.

Thomas H. Gilbert chairman of the Memorial Committee presents the following report:

That we, the Council of the Municipality of Queens, in session convened, place on record our deep regret that one so genial, manly, and upright, and in whom we had implicit confidence, and who one short year ago seemed in the vigor of manhood, being present with us then to council and advise, seeming to retain his former friendship for the Board, of which he had been an honored member for seventeen consecutive years should be stricken down by the ruthless hand of death, and, though sorrowing as we do on account of his sudden demise, yet in humble submission, we bow to the decree of our Heavenly Father, believing, "that He doeth all things well."

Therefore resolved, That the Council do tender to the widow and family of the deceased, our sincerest sympathy in their sad bereavement, and that a copy of this report and resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Perry.

Councillor Woods, Thorrett and Fraser were appointed a committee to prepare a list of Highway Divisions for the several Parishes.

Councillors then proceeded to the appointment of Parish Officers. Whereupon the recommendation of the Councillors of the different Parishes lists were presented and ordered to stand as and be the lists of Parish Officers for the several Parishes during the ensuing year.

Following are some of the appointments, viz:

BRUNSWICK.

Commissioners of Highways—Jarvis T. Corey; Fred Small; Asa F. Ryder.

Assessors—Calvin W. Clark; Jason A. Corey; Horatio W. Fowlie.

Overseers of Poor—J. T. Corey; Frank Clark; Jebulon Corey.

Collector of Rates—David K. Beach.

Parish Clerk—Jason A. Corey.

Revisors—Joseph T. Beach; R. H. Corey; Alfred Humphrey.

CAMBRIDGE.

Commissioners of Highways—No. 1—Fred Springer: No. 2—A. E. McAlpine; No. 3—Chas. W. Pearce.

Overseers of Poor—Benjamin Titus; Samuel Wilson; George L. Colwell.

Collector of Rates—Harvey E. White.

Assessors—F. J. Purdy; W. H. White; Fred E. Macdonald.

Parish Clerk—Rainsford W. Wright.

Revisors—Wellington Cox; Arch. Purdy; Harvey E. White.

CANNING.

Commissioners of Highways—No. 1—Benjamin Coy; No. 2—Samuel Colwell; No. 3—Wm. McMann.

Overseers of Poor—Robert McMann; J. E. Bailey; John H. Estabrooks:

Assessors—James Palmer; Benj. Coy; Walter S. Butler.

Collector of Rates—Harvey Balmain; Jarvis G. Sypher.

Parish Clerk—Isaac A. Palmer.

District Clerk—J. E. Vanburen.

Revisors—Daniel Palmer, jr.; A. McM. Thorrett; Sidney Butler.

CHIPMAN.

Commissioner of Highways—No. 1—William Burpee; No. 2—John Parkhill: No. 3—Wm. Lucas.

Overseers of Poor—Samuel Baird, sr.; John Conroy; Wm. Stewart.

Assessors—W. C. King; Wm. McAllister; Daniel Fowler.

Collector of Rates—John Ward.

Parish Clerk—A. D. McPhee.

Revisors—H. B. Hay; I. C. Fraser; Robt. Ward.

GAGETOWN.

Councillor Gilbert submitted a second list as an amendment to one presented by Councillor Dickie. The list presented by Councillor Dickie was finally approved of.

Commissioners of Highways—No. 1—Jos. Coy; No. 2—Wm. Holmes; No. 3—Chas. H. Ebbett.

Overseers of Poor—Jos. Erb; Chas. Gunter; John Armstrong.

Assessors—John Hobin; Wm. Cooper; H. B. Hall.

Collector of Rates—Jas. Barnett.

Parish Clerk—Wm. Holmes.

Revisors—J. W. Dickie; T. H. Gilbert; Wm. Hamilton.

HAMPSTEAD.

Commissioners of Highways—Edward D. Vallis; David McConkie; Willard Slipp.

Overseers of Poor—Bradford Palmer; Thos Mullen; William Harrison.

Assessors—Stephen Hamm; Wm. J. Nickerson; Thos. W. Machum.

Collector of Rates—Samuel Vallis.

Parish Clerk—Geo. J. Rathburn.

Revisors—David A. Nickerson; Edgar B. Palmer; Geo. Derrah.

JOHNSTON

Commissioners of Highways—No. 1—C. H. Akerly; No. 2—H. W. Sommerville; No. 3—David M. Pearson.

Overseers of Poor—R. B. Akerley; J. H. F. Ward; R. W. Hetherington.

Assessors—John W. Perry; Thos Corcoran; A. H. G. Vradenburgh.

Collector of Rates—S. Van B. Hetherington.

Parish Clerk—James F. Roberts.

Revisors—S. C. Perry; John Leonard; James F. Roberts.

PETERSVILLE

Commissioners of Highways—No. 1—William Barnett; No. 2—Henry Ferguson; No. 3—Patrick Donovan; No 4—Geo. H. Scribner.

Overseers of Poor—John Trott; Jas. Bogle; John McGovern.

Assessors—William Howe; Patrick May; Albert M. Corbett.

Collector of Rates—Wm. Kirkpatrick, jr.

Parish Clerk—Richard Leonard.

Revisors—Peter Lingley; H. W. Woods; James Donald.

WATERBOROUGH.

Commissioners of Highways—No. 1—Jas. E. McLean; No. 2—Andrew McLean; No. 3—H. O. Branscombe.

Overseers of Poor—Isaac W. Snodgrass; Andrew Smith; Duncan McIntyre.

Assessors—Geo. H. Smith; Clarence Mott; Asa L. Smith.

Collector of Rates—No. 1—Michael Kelley; No. 2—Wm. A. Barton.

Parish Clerk—John Snodgrass.

District Clerk—Thos. H. Branscombe.

Revisors—A. F. Barton; Wm. Snodgrass; B. H. Smith.

WICKHAM

Commissioners of Highways—No. 1—Gilbert N. Golding; No. 2—John A. Jones; No. 3—John J. Huggard.

Overseers of Poor—B. C. Parks; John J. Huggard; John McCready.

Assessors—Alfred McDonald; J. T. H. Carpenter; R. B. McCready.

Collector of Rates—G. Whitfield McDonald.

Parish Clerk—James T. Hendry.

Revisors—James McCrea; T. M. Carpenter; M. H. McDonald.

At the afternoon session the Secretary-Treasurer presented petitions from each Parish praying that the law passed by the Legislature of N. B. on the 20th of March, 1896, instituted "an act to impose a tax on dogs for the protection of sheep" be annulled as provided by section 2, subsection 1 of said act in so far as your powers extend.

Whereupon it was unanimously ordered that the prayer of the petitions be granted, and a bye-law made accordingly.

A petition was also presented from Waterborough Parish, signed by a large number of rate-payers, praying that cattle be prohibited from running at large in a certain part of said parish. A counter petition was also presented praying that the prayer of the former petition be not allowed. After hearing Duncan Farris and Clarence Mott in favor of the first petition and Samuel J. Nelson contra. A vote was taken on the counter petition and declared lost. The prayer of the petition was granted and a Bye-law ordered to be prepared accordingly.

A petition was also presented from Johnston Parish praying that cattle be prohibited from running at large in Johnston Parish on the Highway near Coles Island, prayer granted and Bye-law to that effect ordered.

The Committee on lands and buildings submitted the following report:

Whereas, Sheriff Perry, Chairman of County Lands and Buildings, having passed away, we have nothing to report from, only such report as appears in Secretary-Treasurer's books and which you all have heard read by the Auditor. Report approved. Ordered that the Land Committee be impowered to collect all rents due on County lands and Thatch Island notes. The Committee on Auditors report reported that they had examined the Auditors account and find them in a very satisfactory condition and highly commendable to the Municipality, on motion report was received and adopted.

Samuel N. Nelson, Peter Knight and D. Palmer, Jr., were appointed a committee to sell grass on Thatch Island, and said Samuel N. Nelson was appointed Auctioneer, and for the service was to be allowed the sum of five dollars.

Council decided to collect all Thatch Island notes due if not paid by July 20th, 1897.

The vacancy caused in the Board of Valuators by the death of T. W. Perry was filled by the appointment of W. S. Butler.

The Committee appointed to report on Highway divisions submitted the following report:

That it is the opinion of the Councillors of the different parishes that the dividing line of the different divisions be as follows: Parish of Brunswick to remain as under Highway Act of 1886 and approved of by the session of the Municipality of 1887, with the exception of line of division between one and two, which will now be at Wilfred Brice's lower line instead of Abram Corey's lower line.

Parishes of Cambridge, Chipman, Canning, Gagetown, Johnston and Waterborough to remain as under "Highway Act, 1886" and approved of by session of Municipality of Queens County, 1887.

Parish of Hampstead to remain as under "Highway Act, 1886" and approved of by the Municipality of Queens in 1887, with the addition to Division No. 1 of Long Island and Big Musquash belonging to said Parish.

Petersville divided into four divisions according to schedule annexed.

Wickham allowed to stand except adding part of Long Island to Division No. 1.

This report was approved and divisions confirmed as therein set forth.

The Committee on Bills and Accounts reported that they had examined the accounts laid before them, numbered 1 to 15 and recommend the following:

No. 1, John T. Beacom, Constable fees $5.00, be paid.

No. 2, A. M. Belyea, constable fees $7.00 referred to Council.

No. 3, Jas. Reid, Sheriff's bill, $40.00, be paid.

No. 4, Estate, T. W. Perry, late sheriff, $67.25, referred to Council.

No. 5, C. D. Dykeman, audit book, $1.50, paid.

No. 6, Wm. Brander, aoler bill, $57.00, paid.

No. 7, E. A. Simpson, Div. Reg. fees, $12.27, paid.

No. 8, John W. Dickie, gaol supplies, $1.24, paid.

No. 9. R. T. Babbit, making revisors list for Chipman, $8.00, referred to Council.

No. 10, Wm. Nevers, crier fees, $3.00 paid.

No. 11, J. & A. McMillan, register book, etc., $21.90, paid.

No. 12, R. T. Babbit, fuel for office, $20.00, paid.

No. 13, I. Van B. Hetherington, conveying John Thorne to asylum, $9.30, paid.

No. 14, C. D. Dykeman, collecting Thatch Island notes, $3.47, to be explained.

No. 15, Chas. Gunter, use scow Thatch Island, 1896, $6.00, paid.

The report was considered section by section, and each and all of the bills were ordered to be paid.

The Councillors of the different Parishes recommend sums be assessed for poor and special as follows:

Brunswick for support of Poor,	$ 40.00
Cambridge for support of Poor, and pauper insane,	165.00
Canning for support of Poor,	50.00
Jas. Paimer and J. E. Vanburon each	4.00
Chipman, Poor and Insane	230.00
Gagetown, Poor	400.00
Hampstead, Poor	150.00
Johnston, Poor and Insane	181.75
Petersville, Poor and Insane	150.00
Waterborough, Poor	60.00

Ordered that the recommendation as above be approved and amounts assessed accordingly.

On motion, C. D. Dykeman was re-elected Auditor for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed to apportion rates and taxes recommended the appropriation of $3800 for school fund, and $1100 for contingent fund, and apportioned the same as follows:

	School Tax	Cont'gt Fund
Brunswick	$ 135.02	39.08
Cambridge	549.51	159 07
Canning	336.53	97.41
Chipman	237.38	68.71
Gagetown	520.70	150.73
Hampstead	576.38	166.85
Johnston	380.23	110.07
Petersville	527.15	152.61
Waterborough	244.18	70.67
Wickham	292.92	84.80

Ordered that the report be adopted and the several amounts assessed as recommended. It was then ordered that the Secretary-Treasurer issue warrants of assessment for amounts voted this session for schools, contingent, poor and special funds.

Ordered that a bye-law be passed granting a daily allowance of two dollars to each Councillor during the session. The same to be paid from contingent fund, permission having been granted the council by Local Legislature to pass said bye-law. The same to take effect at this January session.

A. W. Ebbett Clerk of the Peace, was appointed to prepare blank forms as provided and required under "The Highway Act, 1896," and have the same printed for distribution.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Warden, Secy-Treasurer, Clerk of the Peace, Sheriff Reid, and Deputy Sheriff Brander.

The Council adjourned by singing the National Anthem to meet again on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, 1898, at 10 a. m.

British Navy Surgeon in Disgrace.

HALIFAX, Feb. 4.—Staff Surgeon John L. Ahearne, of the cruiser Talbot, has been tried at Bermuda by court martial for drinking intoxicating liquors to such an extent as to cause illness. The defence was that the prisoner had been very much weakened by dysentery, which precipitated the illness referred to. Nearly all the medical officers present in the harbor were called as witnesses either for the defence or prosecution. The prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to be dismissed from his ship and lose one year seniority. The trial excited intense interest in naval circles and the general feeling was that Doctor Ahearne was entitled to a good deal of sympathy.

E. Barnes, an able seaman of H. M. S. Talbot, made a desperate attempt to take his life at Kingston, Jamaica—first by cutting his throat with a razor and then by jumping overboard. Chief Gunner's Mate Grinton, who was aroused by a commotion on the lower deck, rushed on deck in time to see Barnes struggling in the water, and, without any hesitation, plunged after his shipmate and assisted to get him into a boat which had been promptly lowered by the watch.

The rumor that a rear admiral is to be appointed to the British North American station to take charge of the West Indies Division has been revived in Bermuda. It is said that the Talbot will be the flagship of the second in command.

Herbert Fuller at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The barkentine Herbert Fuller, Capt. McLaughlin, arrived last week from Buenos Ayres after an uneventful voyage. This is the vessel on board of which Captain Nash, his wife and second mate Bramberg were murdered, for which crime Thomas M. Bram has been convicted in Boston. During the trial the question was raised as to whether a person stationed at the wheel could see into the cabin of the vessel from that position. Upon the arrival of the ship at quarantine this morning a personal examination was made, and it was demonstrated that the cabin could be seen from the wheel by a man there keeping his hand on the extreme end of the wheel spoke, and by reaching his body over far enough he could look into the cabin. Permission to board the vessel by a reporter was refused by the owners, one of whom said, acting under special instructions from the district attorney of Boston, they had decided not to permit any newspaper men on board the Fuller while she is in port. It was said about the Maritime exchange this afternoon that two detectives from Boston have arrived in this city to see the orders of the district attorney of that city be obeyed.

A Million Dollar Blaze.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 2.—A fire, which started in the rooms of Lieut. Governor Lyon, some time this morning, swept through the ancient capitol of Pennsylvania, and within an hour and a half afaer the baeakiug out of the flame the structure was in ruins. The senat and house were about to reconvene f the afteruoon session when the fire bu through the walls, and the lawmak were driven for their lives to the open r. As far as is known no one was killed A number of people were disabled tryi to save furniture and other effects. hen the dome fell in it is possible som one may have been buried in the ruins Quite a number of people were cut aud ruised or half smothered by the smoke. No one was seriously hurt. The most valuable state and legislative records whic were in the building were saved. The records and statistics of the department of public instruction, which included mua valuable information bearing upon he public schools of the state, were de royed. The total loss is estimated at nearly a million dollars; insurance $200.00 The origin of the fire is unknown.

State Dinner.

The first State Dinner of His Honor Lieutenant Governor McClelan was given at the Queens hotel Thursday evening, Feb. 4th, at 7,30 o'clock. Following is a list of the guests:

The Bishop of Fredericton.
The Hon. The Minister of Railways and Canals.
The Chief Justice
The Hon. Senator Wark.
The Hon. Senator Baird.
Mr. Justice Barker.
The Hon. the Atorney General.
The Hon. the Provincial Secretary.
The Hon. the Chief Commissioner.
The Hon. the Solicitor General.
The Hon. the Surveyor General.
Hon. C. H. Labillois.
Hon. L. P. Farris.
The Speaker.
Dr. A. A. Stockton.
Mr. C. J. Osman.
Hon. A. F. Randolph.
His Worship the Mayor.
Lieut. Col. Maunsell.
Sheriff Sterling.
Dr. Coulthard.
Dr. Inch.
Mr. F. A. H. Straton.
Mr. H. B. Rainsford.
Lieut. Col. Call.
Capt. Fisset.
Mr. A. G. Blair, Jr.
Lieut. Col. Gordon.