

MINUTES
OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL.Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
21st, 22nd and 23rd Jan. 1879.

The members of the Municipality of the County of York, held the semi-annual meeting in the County Council Room, in the Court House, on Tuesday the 21st of January. The following members were present and constituted the full Board:

JOHN C. MURRAY, Kingsear.
JOHN PHEEY, Kingsear.
JAMES HENRY, Prince William.
GEORGE L. HOYT, Prince William.
MICHAEL DOHERTY, Dumfries.
H. A. DAVIDSON, Dumfries.
JAMES K. PINDER, Southampton.
JAMES T. MASTIN, Southampton.
D. A. GRANT, Canterbury.
LEWIS LAWSON, Canterbury.
JOHN OLIVER, Queensbury.
JOHN H. MURCH, Queensbury.
THOMAS COBURN, Bright.
JAMES W. JEWETT, Bright.
W. WILSON, Douglas.
W. E. JOHNSTON, Douglas.
W. M. MCBEAN, St. Mary's.
BENJAMIN GLOVE, St. Mary's.
WILLIAM CERRIK, Stanley.
JOHN CALHOUN, Stanley.
A. A. NASON, New Maryland.
W. M. FISHER, New Maryland.
D. GLENDENNING, Manners Sutton.
W. MURPHY, Manners Sutton.

Mr. Hoyt was unanimously called upon to act as chairman, and the Council being constituted, proceeded to the election of Warden. Mr. Lawson moved that Mr. Wm. McBean, St. Mary's, be Warden for the ensuing year.

Mr. Grant seconded the motion. The motion, being put, was unanimously carried, and the Warden elected took his seat.

The Warden proceeded to thank the worshipful body of Councillors for the very unexpected honor that they had just conferred upon him. His election to the important office of Warden had been so unexpected by him, that he found himself not in a position to address them as he would desire. Any man who ran for an office should be prepared with a speech, for either event, either for victory or defeat. He was sorry to say that he came with neither. He could simply thank them for the honor they had done him. The present would be the last year when he would have the honor and he had always considered it an honor to fill a seat at the Council Board. Now that he had been elected Warden, and was called upon to preside over the Council, he felt that he had gained honor and glory enough.

The Warden then proceeded to speak briefly on a question affecting parish corporations. He believed that a great deal of improvement could be made in the conduct of municipal affairs. The working of municipal corporations elsewhere, he considered in some ways more satisfactory and economical than theirs. If the laws governing the municipalities of Ontario were examined, they would be found, he thought, to a great extent, an improvement over theirs. In Ontario, each parish was an incorporated body and it was composed of five members, the chairman of the body was called the reeve, each parish body was represented at the County Board according to population. Each parish corporation made its own bye laws, and with regard to granting subsidies, making contributions to the revenue, each corporation acted independently. Under that system, no bye laws creating debt on the corporation, became valid unless they were sanctioned by a vote of the County Board. The Warden went on to explain several of the laws governing the municipalities in Ontario, and said that in some respects the system that obtained there, was more efficient and more convenient than the system by which the York Municipality was governed. The subject was very well worthy the consideration of the members of the Board. One of the members (Mr. Murch) made a study of the municipal institutions of Ontario, and he had no doubt they would all like to hear from him on the subject. He would bring his brief remarks to a close, before taking his seat, by again thanking the members of the Council for the honor they had that day done him.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read the minutes of last meeting. On the motion of Mr. Close, the minutes were received and approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer submitted his accounts to the approval of the Board, whereon the Warden appointed a committee to examine them, viz., Messrs. Lawson, Coburn, Hoyt, and Pinder. Mr. Lawson moved that Peter Haines be appointed constable to attend the Board. Carried.

The Warden then proceeded to appoint the several standing committees for the ensuing year.

Gael and Public Buildings Committee.—Messrs. Pinder, Coburn, Close, Wilson and Murphy.

Administration of Justice.—Messrs. Henry, Doherty, Lawson, Murphy, Pinder, Murch, Jewett, Wilson, Close, Currie, Murray.

Public Accounts.—Hoyt, Davidson, Grant, Glendenning, Oliver, Coburn, Johnston, the Warden, Calhoun, Nason Pheey, Mastin.

Mr. Henry, Chairman of Committee on printing Reports, called the attention of the Board to the fact, that Mr. Lugin, who had hitherto been their

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reporter, had not published the reports of the last semi-annual meeting. He had promised most faithfully that the reports would be out in a fortnight after the meeting, but the fortnight passed and there were no reports. He had received \$30 for reporting. He would ask the Secretary-Treasurer had Mr. Lugin, handed him back the money? The Secretary-Treasurer expressed his conviction that the reports had been prepared by Mr. Lugin, and would have been published if an accident had not happened. Mr. Lugin offered now either to refund the money or report the proceedings of the Board gratuitously. If Mr. Lugin did not pay back the money, he (Sec. Treas.) would be responsible.

Mr. Henry, who read the tenders of Mr. Fisher of the Reporter, and of Mr. Lipsett of the AGRICULTURIST, said that the Committee on printing Reports had tendered for the printing and publishing the proceedings of the County Council for 1879, and that they had accepted the tender of Mr. Lipsett of the AGRICULTURIST, who had engaged to have the work performed for the year for the sum of \$50, and in addition had promised to furnish the members of the Board with 200 copies of the AGRICULTURIST in which the reports appeared, gratuitously. Board confirmed action of the Committee on Reports.

Mr. Wilson said that the Board ought to take some action with regard to Mr. Lugin, in explanation of the course he had taken on reporting. He did not for a moment suppose that the members wished to fix intentional wrong on Mr. Lugin, who had failed to publish the reports of last session from causes he could not have anticipated at the time. Mr. Lugin, he felt assured, had had no wrong intention in the matter, and was quite sincere when he promised to refund the money. Mr. Wilson, thereon, moved that the Board exonerate Mr. Lugin from any wrong intention in not publishing the reports of the last July session. Carried unanimously.

The Secretary-Treasurer having read a communication from J. A. Beckwith, Esq., treasurer of the York County Agricultural Society, regarding the payment of debentures issued by the County Council, in 1866, and which had been mislaid, and the following memorial connected therewith.

MEMORIAL
To the Municipal Council of the County of York.

The Memorial of JOHN A. BECKWITH, of Fredericton, in the said County.

Respectfully Sheweth: That your Worshipful body issued under the authority of the Act, 30th Victoria, cap. 27, five debentures, No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, for the sum of \$300 each, with interest, coupons attached, and bearing date the 27th November, 1866.

That such debentures were handed over to your Memorialist, as Treasurer of the York County Agricultural Society.

The interest on all the said Debentures was paid up to the 27th November, 1868, and the principal and all interest money on the Debenture No. 5 was paid.

That the other Debentures, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, while in your Memorialist's possession, were by him placed in some supposed place of safety, sometimes in the year 1868, but your Memorialist cannot bring clearly to his mind the exact place where he had deposited the said debentures, and he is unable to cause to be made by others the most diligent search possible, at different times, and in every place where he thought the said debentures had been placed, but they cannot be found.

That your Memorialist has been repeatedly requested by the said Society to endeavor to obtain from your worshipful body the amount of the said lost debentures (\$1,200), and the interest thereon.

Your Memorialist feels well assured that your worshipful body will have every desire to fulfill all legal obligations existing against the Municipality.

Your Memorialist, therefore, would respectfully ask that your worshipful body will make an order for the payment of the said debentures and interest, or obtain authority to issue new debentures, or the taking up of such lost debentures and interest. Your Memorialist being prepared to furnish your worshipful body with security to indemnify them against the presentation of the lost debentures.

And your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JOHN A. BECKWITH.

Fredericton, N. B., January 18th, 1879.

Mr. Wilson asked "At what time did the Council propose to hear Mr. Beckwith regarding this matter?"

Mr. Henry said that the proper course to adopt would be to refer Mr. Beckwith's communication to a committee who would hear him, and then report to the Board. The Board could then take such action as they saw fit.

Mr. Lawson moved that Mr. Beckwith be heard before a committee.—Carried unanimously.

The Warden named the following committee:—Messrs. Grant, Wilson, Murch, Murray and Currie.

Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Secretary-Treasurer called the roll.

The Warden read a communication from a committee of the Temperance Convention of York, then being held in Fredericton, viz., B. A. Goodspeed, A. Roley, and G. W. Merrieth requesting the attendance of the Board at an adjourned meeting of said convention in the Reform Club Rooms that evening, at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Board comply with the request. Carried.

Mr. Lawson from the committee appointed to examine the Secretary-Treasurer's accounts, reported that the committee had attended to their duty, and had found all correct.

Balance on hand, 30th June, - \$1,236 50

Received during six months ending 30th December, - 28,743 46

Total payments, - \$30,029 94

Balance, - 22,925 53

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Mr. Lawson called attention to certain payments for stationery, which he thought rather exorbitant, for six months, in all \$25.27.

The Treasurer explained that there was an election held last year, and it was necessary to procure books, &c., for the different polling places.

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Deputy Secretary-Treasurer then read:

1. Rules and Regulations for the management and good order of the proceedings of the Council. Approved and passed.

Secretary-Treasurer having resumed seat, read:

2. Bye law relating to the contested elections of Councillors for the County Council of the County of York. Read and passed.

3. Bye law relating to the public wharf in the parish of Southampton. Read and passed.

4. Bye law relating to the continuation in office of Parish officers in the Municipality. Read and passed.

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