

## A REGULAR CHESTNUT

Is the Scott Act Debate Which Figures at the County Council.

If there were prohibition, really and truly prohibition—no whiskey or "rum" or other spirituous or malt liquors imported or used, one wonders what the twenty-five members of the County Council of Carleton County, New Brunswick, Canada, would do. The coming of frost and cold is no more certain in January than the coming of the annual debate—if it may be dignified by that name—on Scott Act—Scott Act committees, Scott Act Inspectors, until the listeners hardly know which would be the worse—free rum and a council drunk with wine, or Scott Act and a council drunk with verbosity.

This year the councillors received pay for their services, and, being human, they took their time and did not rush matters. Three dollars a day may not be very big wages for settling the affairs of the county, but it is a good deal better than nothing, and the mileage along with it is not to be sneezed at. The councillors are only receiving their just due in getting some pay for their work, and no one has any complaint, but, it certainly makes a difference in the length of the session.

As reported in THE DISPATCH last week Major A. D. Hartley of East Florenceville was elected warden and he presided over the deliberations of the council with dignity, ability and impartiality.

There was quite a fight over Scott Act matters on Tuesday afternoon, and a repetition on Wednesday morning and afternoon. The bill of the Scott Act Inspector was the occasion for a general skirmish along the whole line. The bill was for \$394.00 in full, and embraced expenses, in securing evidence for the conviction of violators of the law.

Coun. Munro moved that the account be paid.

Coun. Cronkhite objected to the bill being paid until there was an itemized account. It was a gross sum, so much for witness fees, so much for this and that, whereas the council should be given detailed information about each item. He had never opposed temperance, and was in favor of the Act, and did not want to associate with men who would get drunk, but the people of the county want to know where this money goes, and he believed this information should be on hand.

Coun. Phillips said he was perfectly satisfied with the carrying out of the Scott Act, he believed the law was right, but he thought the inspector ought to do away with a good deal of the counsel they have in these cases. Two much of a time is made of these cases. There is too much deferring from time to time, too much adjournment.

Coun. Harding said that there was no intention on the part of the inspector to keep anything in the dark.

Coun. Caldwell did not see why a difference should be made in dealing with bills in connection with the Scott Act, from bills for any other purpose. He was surprised that the committee were not willing to give the information which the people asked for.

Coun. Munro said there are peculiar circumstances connected with this Act. When he first came to this council he was put on this Scott Act committee. He had endeavored to do his work with what ability he possessed, and had always tried to take the board into his confidence. He had never submitted a report that certain members had not found fault with. Today is the first time it has been asked that the bill be itemized. The secret of the matter is here. This thing started last January. In my duties as a member of the committee I have received the ill will of certain parties violating the Scott Act. Their friends have endeavored to influence the members of this board, so that Munro, at all costs, shall not be on the Scott Act committee. Then a councillor says I will vote for any man at the board, you will name but Munro! They don't want me on the committee.

Coun. Bragdon.—Nor I don't want you to be.

Coun. Munro—I have always endeavored to discharge my duties without fear or favor to anyone. I do not expect the approval of the violators of the law. The Inspector has always found me willing to stand by him, and I did so because I had the sanction of this board by me.

Coun. Cronkhite.—The facts of the case are just these. When Mr. Hartley, the present warden, came to me last year to appoint a committee, he handed me a list with certain names on it. Mr. Munro's was one of the names. I said I cannot name that committee for certain members are against that man. Afterwards I consulted with these men and said if I do not name Munro they will say it is because he voted against me for warden. Upon my making this representation those objecting gave in. I think the committee have run up bills they should not run.

Coun. Williams.—If there are any peculiar circumstances connected with the Scott Act we want to get at them. The Act sets forth that the Inspector shall give a detailed account of all expenses. We want to know whether this money is paid for bribery, is for mileage, is for what else. It is said that a detailed statement has never been asked for.

Coun. Munro will find that I asked for a detailed statement. One year he and I went to make a statement for county purposes. I came across an item, and asked him what it was for. He said "This is private. It is \$60.00 that was paid Heron for Scott Act convictions, but don't say anything about it."

On motion Inspector Colpitts was heard. He pointed out the difficulties of the position he held. Men were watching him all the time. Even in the case of hiring a horse, it was found that messages would be sent from the stable, perhaps by telephone to the person whom they were after. A good deal of driving had to be done at night. With regard to the counsel. They tried to do without counsel and found it more expensive than to have counsel. In a number of cases it was impossible to make convictions. One conviction in eight informations was as good as they could expect. He explained that one item \$20.00 for bringing a man out of the woods, referred to a man brought from Ashland to give evidence.

Coun. Bragdon asked the Inspector if the expenses could not be lessened. That attorney was too expensive, and this man, Munro was in his arms. The attorney is too expensive. Did not Mr. Colpitts think that feature of the expenditure could be lessened.

Mr. Colpitts said it would not be wisdom on his part to give an opinion.

Coun. Henderson did not think the county would gain anything by an account more itemized than that now submitted.

Coun. Forrest strongly favored the proposal to have the bill itemized. There was a sum of \$174.00 for a man. We don't know what he did, what evidence he gave or anything about him. It is a great mystery, but he was in favor of getting clear of the mystery. There was not much force in the argument that because this had been done it must be continued. As well say to the rumseller, because you have violated the law in the past continue to do so. Now what about Billy McDonald. Was he convicted?

Coun. Munro—He plead guilty and paid his fine.

A Councillor—How many fines?

Coun. Munro—He plead guilty to six cases.

A Councillor—Only six.

A motion that the bill be paid was lost on this division Yeas, Munro, Lindsay, (Wakefield), Harding, Lindsay, (Woodstock), Grass, Phillips, (Brighton), Henderson, Crawford, Taylor, 9. Nays, Cronkhite, Flemming, Watson, Phillips, (Kent), Gibson, Bragdon, Staten, Franklin, Forrest, Williams, Corbett, Cheney, McCollom, Britain, Caldwell; 15.

A motion that the bill be itemized to the satisfaction of the county treasurer was then carried.

Another breeze sprung up over the salary of the Inspector. It was first moved that it be raised to \$500; then that it be \$400, then \$360 and finally be \$300.

Coun. Munro strongly supported the paying of the Inspector a good fair salary.

Coun. Gibson did not see the use of the county paying a man \$400 when the work could be done for half that sum.

Coun. Williams was in favor of reducing the salary. The expenses have risen pretty fast. The deficit since 1886 is \$3,100. The tax payers have to pay this money.

Coun. Henderson strictly backed the Inspector. He graphically portrayed the misery arising from drunkenness, and compared the present happy state of affairs, to a state in which men rolled home drunk to the ruin of their families.

Coun. Cronkhite was for the suppression of rum, but not for paying the Inspector \$400.

Coun. Lindsay, (Woodstock), thought the Inspector got little enough. He knew of one Inspector in the county who when \$10.00 was put before his eyes, could not see.

Coun. Forrest was willing to pay the Inspector a salary sufficient to enforce the Scott Act.

Coun. Lindsay, (Wakefield), supported the payment of \$400.

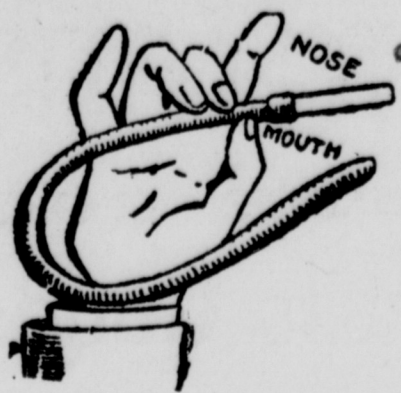
Coun. Bragdon said it was temperance people who complained to him that the Scott Act was running the county into debt. Coun. Henderson spoke about our poor children and going home drunk. We go home as well as he does.

Coun. Lindsay—Order.

Coun. Bragdon—Are you in the chair? You tried to get there but couldn't. It is just such men as you that make men talk against the Scott Act. I am going to vote the \$300 salary. Last year we were not given any chance. I asked Mr. Williams in place of one man on the committee, but could not get that. You can put me down for a "rummy" or anything you like. Probably my vote will not be intelligent, but I will give it just the same.

Inspector Colpitts on getting a hearing said that the \$400 was all that he got out of Scott Act. The little he got as constable would not more than cover his travelling and other necessary expenses. Prosecuting his business required considerable courage and sacrifice. When a rifle or revolver is shoved into your face you need nerve. However he was doing this work from conviction and he would not back down even if they only gave him \$300. People of Woodstock should thank God this town was not like St. John with its best buildings occupied by saloon keepers.

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The motion to reduce the salary to \$360 was lost by this vote:—Yeas:—Lindsay (Woodstock) Henderson, Munro, Phillips (Peel) Taylor, Crawford, Phillips, (Brighton) Lindsay, (Wakefield) Harding, Corbett,—10. Nays:—Cronkhite, Caldwell, Britton, McCollom, Williams, Cheney, Forrest, Staten, Franklin, Grass, Bragdon, Gibson, Watson, Flemming,—14.

The motion to reduce the salary to \$360 was carried by the above vote reversed.

Did You Ever Make Money Easy.

MR. EDITOR.—I have read how Mr. C. E. B. made so much money in the Dish Washer business and think I have beat him. I am very young yet and have had little experience in selling goods, but have made over \$800 in ten weeks selling Dish Washers. It is simply wonderful how easy it is to sell them. All you have to do is to show the ladies how they work and they cannot help but buy one. For the benefit of others I will state that I got my start from the Mound City Dish Washer Co., St. Louis, Mo. Write to them and they will send you full particulars. I think I can clear over \$3,000 the coming year, and I am not going to let the opportunity pass. Try it and publish your success for the benefit of others. J. F. C.

Flour For Australia.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Company has made a contract to ship flour to Australia at the rate of 6000 tons per month. Special flour trains leave Winnipeg three days a week for the Pacific coast, there to be loaded on Canadian Pacific steamers. This trade is likely to prove of vast importance to Manitoba.

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Reduced Railway Rates.

The Montreal Board of Trade has been notified by the Canadian Pacific Railway that on and after January 1st, that Company will reduce the rates on flour, grain and grain products from Ontario mills to St. John for export by sailing packets to Bay of Fundy and all other Nova Scotia winter ports as low as the current Boston rates. It is expected that this action will divert a large portion of the flour traffic that has heretofore found its way via Boston to points in Nova Scotia to St. John, and give traders there increased business.—Trade Bulletin.

The folly of prejudice is frequently shown by people who prefer to suffer for years rather than try an advertised remedy. The millions who have no such notions, take Ayer's Sarsaparilla for blood-diseases, and are cured. So much for common sense.

The man that makes the most of the little that he has is of more intrinsic worth than he who owns worlds but is unhappy because he has not more.

Life would be smoother in many a home if everybody would endeavour to understand his or her neighbour in the home, and if everybody were taken at the best, and not at the worst valuation.

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MONTREAL, Jan. 10.—Contrary to the general expectation there was no mandament read in the churches today, although such a document is promised for next Sunday. "I have written a poem on the sea," said the poet. "Very good," said the editor, with a smile. "I'm going down on Saturday. I'll look at it."