

COUNTY COUNCIL.

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Coun. Saunders thought a committee of the council should be appointed to confer with the town on this question.

Coun. Henderson was in both the county and town councils. The trouble was that the collectors in town and county did not do their duty. They must be instructed to collect sharply.

Coun. Mooers' resolution was carried. A committee composed of Couns. White, Forrest and Mooers was appointed to confer with the town council about the town's indebtedness.

Coun. Saunders reported on behalf of a committee appointed at last session to enquire into the question of promoting trade between this country and Great Britain. Great Britain's average annual food imports was \$828,000. Canada sent 164,000,000 lbs. of cheese last year as against 50,000,000 lbs. by the U. S. This change in favor of Canada had recently been brought about. Great Britain wants 132,000,000 dozen of eggs. Canada only ships 1.26 of this amount. The same might be said of butter and other products. These figures were furnished by Geo. J. Johnson, the dominion statistician. The committee thought that it would be a great thing to have a man to go over to England and look into the market. It would be necessary that the man to go should be a practical farmer. He moved the adoption of the report.

Coun. Gilmore said that Russia canned eggs and sent them to England. Why could not we do this? We needed to go in for more scientific farming. Most farmers could winter 50 or 60 hogs. And we could make money at this. Send some man to England. The trouble is we were afraid to pay.

Coun. White agreed that everything should be done to encourage our farming industry. We first ask the legislature to give us power to make an appropriation for this purpose, and then we consider the advisability of providing for a representative.

Coun. Cronkhite thought the government had sent a man to England, as they had, it would not be necessary for this county to repeat the action.

Coun. Henderson favored getting all possible information before the farmers of the county on this subject. He suggested that certain extracts from the report be printed and circulated for the benefit of the farmer.

Coun. Connolly did not believe in sending a man from this county, when we could not raise oats fit to supply St. John market.

Coun. Saunders thought the only action necessary at present was to get the power from the legislature to send a representative. Next year we could decide on whether to send the representative or not.

Coun. Gilmore thought the people must be educated to raise better products, and thus secure the best markets.

Coun. Connolly still believed it would not be to the advantage of this county to send a man to England.

Coun. Gallagher said Carleton Co. could produce as good produce as was raised in Ontario. The shippers of this county has been in the habit of paying the same price for poor as for good stuff. They should, on the contrary encourage the raising of good products. He believed in sending a man to England, and thought good results would follow. He could have shipped 100 tons more hay, if he could have got accommodation. He would be willing to pay a man \$100 himself and could make money out of it.

Coun. Mooers did not see the advantage of sending a delegate to England when the information might be obtained without that expense.

The report was received and adopted. Coun. Henderson moved that certain extracts of the report be printed, to be selected by the committee, who submitted the report, and be circulated in pamphlet form throughout the county. The committee are Geo. W. White, W. S. Saunders and E. S. Gilmore.

At the afternoon session Coun. Connolly raised the question of the support of the poor of the county. He did not look for immediate action but desired to lay his views before council. He favored the establishment of an alms house and farm for the county, in place of the present system. A resolution to that effect was seconded by Coun. Tompkins.

A motion to postpone action to January session was carried, with consent of Coun. Connolly.

Joseph McKeen, John Crawford and Cyrus Vanwart were appointed pound keepers for the parish of Woodstock.

Coun. Flemming presented a petition from the people of Benton asked that the law be repealed prohibiting cattle running at large in that district, owing to the fact that the law was inimical to the interests of the majority of the inhabitants. The petition was objected to by Coun. Connolly. One party in this district, only, was opposed to the petition, but he thought that one party has right on his side. The petition was carried.

A difference existed between the councillors of Peel as to the appointment of a justice to collect delinquent taxes in place of the late D. Semple. Coun. Tompkins supported Henry B. Taylor for the vacancy. He argued that when Mr. Taylor was collecting justice before he did excellent work. Coun. Phillips objected that all the offices worth having had been held by East Florenceville people. He only objected to Mr. Taylor for the reason that he lived there, and he objected to Geo. W. Melville with whom he had a clash. He moved that Robt. Hunter be appointed. Mr. Taylor received the appointment.

Re a petition from Wm. M. Connell as to claim for fees as clerk of the peace before said fees were fixed by government, a special committee reported against the claim.

Coun. Saunders moved that Mr. Connell present his bill to a judge for endorsement and then have it brought before the council. He could get no seconder, and the motion fell.

Coun. Kearney moved that James Lipsett late commissioner of roads for Simonds hand over all moneys to Robt. Kirkbride his successor in office. Carried.

The attention of constables by resolution was called to the need of enforcing the Peddlars' License Act.

The finance committee was authorized to sign a loan for \$5000 for special purposes.

Next came the gaol matter.

Coun. Henderson moved that an expenditure of \$300 for necessary sanitary improvement to the gaol be made.

Coun. Cheney seconded the motion.

Coun. Saunders thought that the money would be thrown away, that \$300 would not be enough to do any good. He moved, in amendment, that a committee be appointed to prepare plans and specifications for the erection of a new gaol on the county lot in town and report at the January session.

Coun. Gibson seconded the motion.

Coun. White said that when the vote was given by the people against new buildings in Woodstock, it was simply because they feared the extra taxation. He mentioned the extra cost to persons interested in council and court in going to and from the court house. Now, we have come to the jumping off place. The grand jury recommended a certain course and it was a question whether it was within the council's right to do otherwise than they had recommended. To do as the grand jury recommended would mean not less than \$2500. It is for the council to decide in view of the future, the better plan to adopt. If the building is put in town we will need no repairs on the old gaol. He advocated a good wooden building, not an expensive brick building. A building down their could be built at \$10,000.

Coun. Saunders—At \$5000.

Coun. White—Perhaps \$5'00, I think you are right. To do work up here one would have to expend one quarter of that amount. If we hired \$10,000, it would be only \$400 a year's interest, and how easy to provide a sinking fund? If we repair, here, we will have to expend in repairs every year. It

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would be economy on the part of this county to build the gaol in town. The time is opportune and should be taken advantage of today. You never can convert this building, up here, into what it should be. He would vote for Coun. Saunderson's amendment.

Coun. Gilmore favored Saunderson's amendment. With the present gaol, it was nothing but building wings and tails and heads. If it had another tail it would fly (Laughter.) He favored the building in Woodstock where it should have been long ago.

Coun. Phillips believed in the repair of the present gaol, and thought the people were against building a gaol and court house in town, for it meant putting the court house there. He would rather have the voice of the people before this building was moved.

Coun. Mooers thought it would be better to deal with the court house as well as the gaol, for we have a white elephant on our hands. If the amendment recommended a court house as well as a gaol he would vote for it.

Coun. Gallagher would support the amendment.

Coun. Saunders with the consent of a seconder amended his resolution so that it would include plans for a court house as well as gaol. In the past three years we have spent \$600 on the gaol and court house.

Coun. Connolly thought the people would vote against moving the court house and gaol. He would vote for repairing the old buildings.

Coun. Kearney thought the best way would be to immediately repair the old gaol. Something must be done at once, and he would vote for working at the repairs at once.

Coun. Henderson said that no matter how much was expended on this building they would then have no gaol, in the proper meaning of the word. The goaler who had been their thirty years said that if you are not going to make complete repairs, make none at all.

Coun. Phillips said the new building would not be wood, but would be brick. He strongly opposed the motion. The real objection to the buildings was their location.

Coun. Cronkhite favored spending \$300 on the old gaol, for the present.

Coun. Saunders said that \$300 would not put the gaol into condition, which would remove its condemnation.

Coun. Gibson favoured building a new building as soon as possible.

On a vote on Saunderson's amendment the yeas were Saunders, C. E. Gallagher, H. E. Gallagher, Henderson, White, Gibson, Lemont, Colter, Richardson, Mooers, Speer, Gilmore: 12.

Nags: Cronkhite, Caldwell, Tracey, Bell, Forest, Cheney, Connolly, Kearney, Tompkins, Phillips, Purrington, Flemming: 13 lost.

A motion to spend \$300 on the gaol was carried a former motion to go the whole length of the grand jury's recommendations being lost.

A question of the election of the two sitting councillors for Peel was taken up, Geo. Melville complaining that the election was illegal. Mr. Melville was a candidate.

A motion was made by Coun. Caldwell seconded by Coun. Lemont, that the election be set aside.

Coun. Phillips submitted that even if all the poll taxed electors were for him, and their votes were illegal he would still have a majority.

Sec-treas. Jones did not think one illegal voter would render an election void.

Mr. Melville contended that Coun. Phillips having secured an adjournment from last January, should have produced the witnesses he said he could bring.

A number of the councillors remembered that Mr. Melville said that he had some of the poll tax voters.

Coun. Tompkins said he got all he could of the poll tax voters (applause and laughter.) Coun. Cronkhite, seconded by Coun. Gallagher of Kent moved that the present councillors hold their seats.

Quite interesting sallies took place between Coun. Phillips and Mr. Melville as to the result if they could get at the polls. "I could beat him two to one," said the excited councillor. "You don't seem to want to try," replied the defeated candidate.

The councillor then examined the list, to see how the matter would stand if the poll tax voters had not voted. They found that 18 poll tax voters had voted in Peel, and it would appear that Mr. Phillips had a majority out side the poll tax, if they had all voted for him.

Coun. Caldwell said after the examination of the vote, he would not vote for his own motion.

The amendment was carried and the councillors remain in their seats.

A vote of thanks, on motion of Coun. Mooers was passed, to Mr. Hale M. P. for his pains in getting the statistics regarding trade with England, and the board adjourned.

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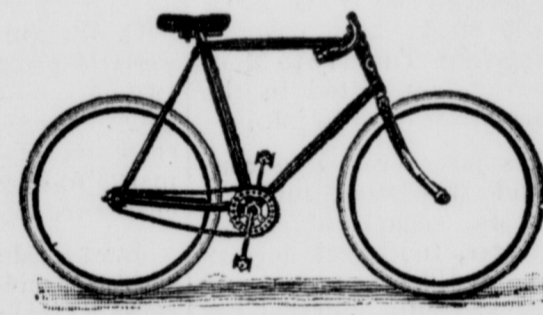
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