

COUNTY COUNCIL.

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It was ordered that Hartley & Carvell be paid \$50 and charged to Northampton. Holland Estey was appointed pound keeper, etc., for Simonds. John Homes the same for Brighton. 58 cents was ordered refunded to John Atkinson, Richmond, and \$1.00 to Thos. McGeorge. It was decided to accept personal bondsmen for the sec-treas. instead of a guarantee company.

Coun. Saunders moved that all cheques issued by the sec-treas. in future be signed by the chairman of the finance committee. Coun. Gilmore seconded the motion.

Coun. White opposed the resolution as it would be very inconvenient for the public.

Coun. Gallagher (Bath) could not see what good was to be gained by passing the motion.

Coun. Gallagher (Woodstock) did not see any advantage at all in the proposed change. The motion was lost.

Coun. Richardson wanted to know if before the overseers of the poor paid a bill it must be itemised.

It was answered that this was a matter for the councillors of the parish.

After the noon adjournment, the warden appointed Couns. Saunders, Henderson and Gallagher a committee on the sec-treas. bonds.

The special committee on the case of Edward Nicholson reported, asking that the inspector allow Edward Nicholson to return to the county, and that the fines standing against him be not collected.

Inspector Colpitts was heard and while he did not oppose the recommendation he said it might establish a bad precedent. He advised that Nicholson be asked to pay one fine and costs. There were several grades of beer, some of it was adulterated.

Coun. Gilmore thought it was a shame to convict a man on the evidence of Allan Tibbits.

Coun. White—How much money, Mr. Colpitts, did you pay Tibbits for securing the conviction?

Mr. Colpitts—Eight dollars for each case.

Coun. White—Paid to such a character as that.

Coun. Caldwell claimed that the council was exceeding its rights. He would go for the inspector being asked to allow the fines to remain uncollected during his good behavior. He thought the action of the council was out of order.

Coun. Cronkhite did not think we have any right to deal with the matter, but Mr. Colpitts said he would agree to the collection of one fine instead of the three now hanging over him.

Coun. Forrest—This is no new departure.

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Mr. Colpitts said he had heard all of the case, and he never heard a witness give straighter evidence than that given by Tibbits.

Coun. Gilmore was tired of this cry "How much money is there to divide." It was all money, money, and not that the liquor should be put down.

Coun. Caldwell thought there was no point in Mr. Colpitts' reply, that no conviction was made by Tibbits. It made a great difference to the council if two or three good men swore that Tibbits drank liquor before, that day. A jury might not have found him guilty, and yet the evidence might be clear to this council. If Bart Maddox swore to the fact that Tibbits had liquor he, for one, would believe it. He wished the words added "during good behavior."

The report as recommended was adopted. Coun. Gibson moved the reconsideration of the vote regarding the revisors' pay, taken this morning. It would be found that the provincial revisor would be paid out of the county funds.

Coun. Caldwell did not wish the impression to go abroad that this was especially directed against the government appointee.

Fourteen voted for reconsideration, the nays being Couns. White, Caldwell, Cheney and Gilmore.

Coun. White's motion reported above then again came before the meeting.

Coun. White could not understand how it was that so many minds had been changed since ten o'clock this morning. He would not say they were changed by the difference between four and ten dollars.

Coun. Connolly thought \$2 was about as good as no pay at all for the revisors.

Coun. Henderson thought perhaps ten dollars was too much but two dollars was not anything like enough.

Coun. Gilmore—That speech you are making costs the county about two dollars.

Coun. Cronkhite did not think the councillors were paid any too much for their services. How much money was there in it for a councillor? He never felt any qualms about taking pay for his services here. It was a wrong principle to expect men to work for poor pay.

Coun. Saunders did not believe our constituents wanted us to come here and work for nothing. He did not believe the revisors were paid too much.

Coun. Caldwell said he moved some time ago that the revisors be paid \$6.00 but he was not supported. \$2 was no more too low than \$10 was too high. He had been revisor for more than twenty years. He was sorry the matter was reconsidered. The motion would only effect proceedings this year.

Coun. Gallagher (Kent) said he would rather do the work for nothing than to take \$2 for it.

Coun. Kearney thought ten dollars was little enough.

Coun. Forrest understood that we are working for economy. The next term next January would settle this question of the revisors fees. What was the use of our wasting time. Coun. Phillips was opposed to the motion. The following voted for the motion, Couns.

White, Caldwell, Cheney and Gillmore. The remaining councillors voted nay. Coun. Moores for the special committee in the Leonard Hotham case, for a non-collection of Scott Act fines report that they have no information justifying them in recommending that the fines be not collected.

Coun. Connolly brought up the case of W. E. Thistle, Collecting Justice, who had made no returns for years back from 1896 to 1893, for amounts aggregating \$480.41, and moved that the sec-treas. be authorized to request returns from Mr. Thistle at once. The motion seconded by Coun. Richards and carried.

Coun. Moores reported that a committee waited on the town council regarding the indebtedness of the town to the county, and that the amount due would be paid in three annual installments.

The question regarding a ferry between Wicklow and Kent parishes deferred from the morning session was taken up. The petition asking for the ferry was allowed.

Coun. Phillips moved this resolution, sec. by Coun. Kearney:—Whereas a resolution was passed at a special meeting of the council in the month of August last to build a gaol in the town of Woodstock, and whereas contracts were entered into and expenses were incurred in connection with said contracts, and whereas an application was made to a judge of the Supreme court and decision is not yet granted, Resolved that we rescind the said resolution passed at said special meeting to build a gaol in said town of Woodstock.

Coun. Shaw moved an amendment, seconded by Coun. Caldwell that the matter lie over till January session.

Coun. Gallagher (Kent) moved in amendment, seconded by Coun. Saunders that the matter be deferred until the injunction be either sustained or dissolved.

Coun. Cheney believed in laying the matter over to January. By that time the people could have made their voice heard. He believed in paying the bills as far as incurred.

Coun. Phillips said his idea was that all the bills should be paid and all reasonable costs.

Coun. Saunders said this injunction was in the name of Isaac B. Curtis, and not in Mr. Phillips' hands. We have to wait for the decision of the court. Mr. Phillips was not the plaintiff but rather the defendant in the case. He believed in awaiting the decision of the judge.

Coun. Saunders moved that the debate be adjourned till the January session.

Coun. Cronkhite seconded this motion which carried.

Coun. Phillips moved a resolution to the effect that the ballots for the October election have a provision attached by which the people can vote "Yes" or "Nay" on the gaol question. Coun. Cheney seconded this which was ruled out of order.

On motion of Coun. White a committee of three was appointed to wait on the bondsmen of the late sec-treas. and report at the January session.

Geo. Currie of Simonds was appointed a constable, the parish clerk of Simonds was ordered paid \$3.00 and charged to Simonds. The appointment of Frank Rideout for collector for Peel was confirmed. Jas. Kelly was appointed pound keeper for Richmond. Wm. J. Dawes was appointed collector in the place of Mr. Lee for parish of Kent. Scott Estabrooks, Geo. Glanville, Thaddeus Porter and James Barnett were named pound keepers for parish of Woodstock.

The committee appointed to wait on the late sec-treas. bondsmen are White, Forrest and Moores.

Inspector Colpitts reported \$900 collected since January. Expense \$11 over this amount. A \$50 fine had been promised but was not paid. If that were paid there would have been a favorable balance of \$39. There was some apprehension regarding the costs. The police magistrate gets \$5 for every conviction. He gets nothing for adjournments. There were 13 adjournments in the Wiman case and Mr. Dibblee did not get a cent. Mr. Dibblee has not received \$1.00 for fines in his own hands for three years past. He (Colpitts) paid Mr. Dibblee.

Coun. White—Is Mr. Dibblee governed by law with regard to this \$5.00?

Mr. Colpitts—The old committee allowed this.

Coun. White—Is the finding of the old committee binding.

Mr. Colpitts—We have generally considered it that way, on account of the precedent laid down.

Coun. White—It is reported that he gets magistrates fees as well. He got \$1600 for nothing at all according to his own admission to me some time ago.

Coun. Gallagher (Kent) thought that the whole arrangement made by the old committees was done away with.

Coun. Gallagher—Does the lawyer get \$5 for undefended as well as defended cases. Mr. Colpitts—Yes.

Mr. Vince was heard with regard to his duties as auditor. He wished to know as to

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his duties. Would the council want a revision of the accounts between the county and the different parishes for instance. It was also necessary to know in whose hands the various papers were to be. To complete this year's work he thought he should be paid \$100. This would mean that he would adjust the balances between the parishes and the county.

The by-law naming the auditor's salary was repealed.

On motion of Coun. Saunders seconded by Coun. Moores it was resolved that D. McLeod Vince receive \$100 for auditing accounts, and adjusting balances between the county and parishes up to the January session.

In answer to Coun. Moores the sec-treas. said that he was under bonds of \$5000, H. Paxton Baird, and Williamson Fisher being his bondsmen.

Coun. Shaw of Wakefield was allowed \$2.56 over assessment to be charged to Wakefield, also that owing to mistake of assessors, C. Berthard be allowed a refund a \$1.62 to

be charged to Wakefield. The sec-treas. was authorized to publish the law relating to peddlers, so far as it relates to the duties of constables, also that the new act regarding the collection of rates, be published, or so much of it as is necessary.

Wm. Simonson, Wakefield was ordered paid \$3 as parish clerk.

Joseph McGee of Somerville wanted \$10 for keeping a ferry road fenced for 14 years past, and the matter was brought up by Coun. Shaw.

Coun. Caldwell thought Mr. McGee had no legal claim, but if the councillors of Wakefield chose to pay this, and have it charged to their parish he would not object, though he did not think it would be fair.

The matter dropped.

Thos. Gartley of Wakefield was heard. He complained that the road commissioner in that section of the parish was not doing his work properly.

The council then adjourned sine die.

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