

COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Carleton County Municipal Council met in annual session, at the Court House, on Tuesday.

The late warden, G. L. Cronkhite, called the meeting to order when the following councillors took their seats:

Aberdeen—Fred Skinner, William Lamont.

Brighton—C. E. Hayward, James S. Faulkner.

Northampton—A. C. Phillips, J. Rankin Brown.

Peel—Will Tompkins, David Phillips.

Kent—Michael Bohan, C. E. Gallagher.

Simonds—John V. Kearney, W. N. Raymond.

Wilmot—Harry Carvell, John F. Williams.

Wakefield—F. R. Shaw, Albert G. Bell.

Wicklow—C. A. Simonds, C. A. Giberson.

Richmond—J. S. Merrithew, John M. Hay.

Woodstock Town—W. S. Saunders, Wm. McDonald, A. G. Bailey.

Woodstock Parish—Wm. Speer, James H. Forrest.

The first action was the election of a Warden, when on motion Coun. Williams, seconded by Coun. Lamont, W. S. Saunders, who, upon the yeas, and nays being called, was found to have nineteen votes, was declared Warden elect.

Coun. Saunders thanked the Council for electing him. He considered it an honor to be Warden of such a county as Carleton; perhaps the finest and best of the counties of the Province. He had filled the position of councillor at the board for the past ten years, and had ever been actuated by a desire to act in the best interests of the county. An impression was broad that the business of the Council was not transacted in a business like way, but he could not say that such was his opinion. The report was in circulation that the county was heavily in debt, while as a matter of fact it would be shown that the reverse was the case. Some \$7,200 of indebtedness had been paid off, and there was a credit balance at the bank. It was true we owed \$10,000 bonds, issued for the building of the new gaol, which was a legitimate debt incurred for a legitimate purpose. Strictly speaking, he was entitled to sit as Warden for two years, but he believed differently and would only occupy the seat for one year, resigning at the expiration of that time.

Ex-Warden Cronkhite was given the privilege of making some parting remarks. His address was as follows:

Mr. Warden and Gentlemen,—

As I am now retiring from the office of a County Councillor, I should like to say a few words before leaving you. It is with feelings of sadness that I part company with you as a Council. As you are well aware I always enjoyed myself very much in meeting the different members of the board and their officers, who have always been a very clever class of gentlemen. I trust and believe it will always maintain the same high opinion of the public as in the past. My association with the members of the past Councils has been of the very pleasantest nature and, as you old councillors have heard me say, it has been among the green spots in my life; and I shall ever feel I owe you a debt of gratitude I never can pay, for the kind treatment and assistance you have always given me while filling the office of Warden, and the courtesy shown me through all those years I have associated with you as a representative. While looking over the members of the present Council I see quite a number of new members who have never sat at this board as Councillors before, and some old members have been returned this year, and I am glad to see them take their old places, as I know their sterling worth. In looking over the personality of the new members I quite readily come to the conclusion that the intelligence of the Council has been well sustained, and I feel that with the able assistance of Colonel Vince as Auditor, and J. C. Hartley, Esq., as Secretary, the business will be safe in your hands. I am glad to know the finances of the County are in a good and healthy condition, considering the losses we have met with through fire and otherwise. I do not think I shall ever forget you as a legislative body; I shall always read the reports accounts of the doings of the Council, and I hope with satisfaction. When I look back over the seventy years that has passed since I came into this my adopted County to live, and think of the many changes that have taken place, and that a major part of so many of those seventy years I spent a few days each year at the Council board with a good class of business men, as a rule, the memory is a pleasant one. I hope your sessions will be as pleasant in the future as in the past. I have been called upon at different times to perform different functions, affairs that took place in our Province and I attended them all, as I felt it was my duty to do so, as your

officer. The first of those affairs was to go down to McAdam to meet our returned soldiers from South Africa; the next, to go to Woodstock to deliver the watches to the returned soldiers; the next affair was the opening of Hartland Bridge, by request of H. H. McCain, M.P.P.; the next was by request of Mayor Murphy, to attend Prov. Exhibition; the next was from Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Premier of New Brunswick, who wrote me to prepare an address and send same to Hon. Mr. McKeown, and he would send same to Ottawa, to be approved of by Lord Minto and returned to me, and for me to go to St. John with two County Councillors to welcome their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York; and the last invitation I had was to a military dinner at the Carlisle hotel, on Wednesday last, the grandest affair I have attended.

The Warden, Couns. Williams and others spoke of the long and pleasant association of Councillor Cronkhite with the Council. Coun. Williams moved, seconded by Coun. Carvell, that the address be received and placed on file and published in the County papers. Carried.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The auditor submitted his report. He found the accounts neatly and accurately kept. Coun. Williams referred to the fact that the Town was behind upwards of \$3,000 and wanted to see that paid. Auditor Vince stated that the County owed \$20,000 in debentures, and would have to pay \$1,800 interest this year, on these debentures.

On motion of Coun. Williams, seconded by Coun. Carvell, J. C. Hartley was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer; and on motion of Coun. Tompkins, seconded by Coun. Macdonald, D. McLeod Vince was re-elected Auditor.

Coun. Gallagher wanted to know if it was the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer, to give legal advice to parish officers, free of charge. This was a matter, he thought, that ought to be settled.

The Secretary, Mr. Hartley, pointed out that the Secretary-Treasurer was supposed to advise, free, certain officers; it was his duty to advise County officers, but it was the duty of the Clerk of the Peace to advise parish officers.

Coun. Gallagher said that some years ago the Secretary-Treasurer was accustomed to advise both parish and County officers. One officer who complained that the Secretary-Treasurer would not give advice was a fence viewer.

The Secretary-Treasurer said that was not his duty to advise him; it was the duty of the Clerk of the Peace to advise local officers.

The following committee was appointed to meet with the Secretary-Treasurer and make up the assessment for the coming year; Couns. Williams, Tompkins, Bailey.

Coun. Gallagher moved that a committee be appointed to look into all County accounts and report to the board.

Coun. Forest moved in amendment that the Council go into committee of the whole at 1.30 on County accounts—Amendment carried.

Coun. Carvell submitted the report of the goal committee. The contract for masonry work was awarded Maxwell for \$7797; Henry Post, carpenter work and painting \$2000; Fewer Bros \$1425, plumbing for doors, \$700; total \$12,822. Of this amount there had been paid, to Maxwell \$6110; to Post \$1650; doors \$700; Fewer Bros \$650; total amount paid \$9110.

After dinner the question of going into the committee of the whole on the accounts was reconsidered, on motion of Coun. Shaw. The adoption of the original motion was reconsidered. The motion was carried, and the following appointed a committee:—Couns. Bailey, Tompkins and Carvell.

The Warden read the report of the Board of Health, submitted by Dr. Curtis, as follows:

Hartland, N.B., Jan 10.
To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Carleton:

Gentlemen—I beg to submit the annual report of the local Board of Health, District No 10, for the year ending Dec 31st, 1901. In July last small pox was discovered in the parishes of Richmond and Wakefield. The local board, with the assistance and advice of Dr. Fisher, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, immediately took steps to stamp out the disease. There were, when first discovered, about 25 cases of the disease, scattered over these parishes. The whole district was placed under quarantine, guards being placed on all roads leading to and from the infected area and all travel stopped. House to house vaccination was then commenced and completed as soon as possible. There were seventy cases in all of the disease and only one death. Although the disease had probably existed for at least six weeks, and was scattered over an area some sixteen miles long, the disease was entirely stamped out in less than seven weeks from its first discovery. Dr. Hand and Dr. Sprague, of Woodstock, and myself gave our

entire time to the epidemic while it lasted. The bills for the services of doctors, vaccine, fumigating material and the quarantine guards accompanying this report. All due care was exercised to keep the bills as small as possible, and if you take into consideration the cost of quelling the epidemics that have occurred in recent years in other counties of this province, it will be seen that we compare most favorably with them. I respectfully ask the Council to make provision for the immediate payment of these bills as they have now been standing four months and should have been paid at the close of the epidemic, more especially the bills of those employed on guard work who were laboring men depending on their daily wages for their living and who did a disagreeable work and did it well. The bills, with the exception of the last few items, which came in late, have been approved by the provincial board of health.

In December four cases of mild small pox appeared in the family of the postmaster at Brookville, but all have now recovered and the quarantine has been raised. I could not trace the source of the infection. Dr. Bearstoe, of Lakeville, very kindly took charge of these cases for the board.

An epidemic of diphtheria broke out in the parish of Kent in which there were eight fatal cases. Many cases had occurred before the outbreak was reported to the board. There are now no new cases. Dr. Cummings, of Bath, was employed to disinfect the houses in which the disease had occurred.

The bills for the epidemic of small pox have been kept separate and are in addition to the appropriation made last year for the current expenses of the board.

The bills for the ordinary current expenses of the board for the year 1901 are herewith submitted as are also the estimates for the present year.

I B CURTIS, M.D.,
Chairman Local Board
of Health,
District No 10.

Following was paid for quarantine work;

H A Atherton,	\$ 6 00
David Burpee,	31 25
Arthur Braden,	29 25
W W Black,	21 37
F Buck,	5 25
John A Brown,	3 00
John Brown,	6 75
E Bragdon,	6 75
James B Brewer,	4 50
John G Carpenter and brother and son,	117 00
Robert Carpenter,	10 00
E L Campbell,	5 00
John Camp,	43 50
John Carmichael,	43 01
Ben Crandall,	37 75
Wm Craig,	4 50
Wm Donnelly,	9 00
Charles Doherty,	3 75
Robert Durant,	4 50
Thos Dalling (and man),	56 25
W Fewer (and man),	65 00
A W Fields and horse,	134 00
Amos Freeman,	7 50
John Freeman,	7 20
W Gibson,	29 75
R G Good,	31 25
Richard Gallivan & son,	65 00
Charles Howard,	22 50
Geo Johnson,	13 50
W Johnson,	49 50
D Johnson,	24 00
J Johnson,	4 50
M London,	3 75
A B Lovely,	9 00
S S Miller,	2 00
Chas Murphy,	21 38
W H McCormack,	31 25
J McAdam & son,	36 00
John McAdam,	27 00
W H McBride,	7 50
Niel McKinnon,	6 75
J G Page,	5 00
Thos Pryor,	43 31
George Parks,	4 50
James Roxborough,	18 00
M Jacques,	70 50
J Shea,	14 25
S Thibodeau,	35 00
P Thornton,	24 75
H Tracy,	23 75
M Wilson,	26 25
E R Williams,	5 25
Baird Co's drug bill,	173 38
Estey & Curtis Co drug bill,	13 45
Guy Payson, messenger,	30 00
C T Boyer, constable,	3 50
J Carmichael, messenger,	16 50
W Fewer,	17 00
W C Good,	22 06
I B Curtis, Prof services,	549 00
I B Curtis, telephones,	15 00
Gallagher Bros, livery,	14 00
W F Glidden,	9 00
Dr Hand, Prof services,	552 00
Mrs M Page, board'g patient,	6 00
Miss R Simonsen, nursing,	50 00
Dr Sprague,	552 00
H P Vickery, mak'g badges	50
Dr Curtis, chairman B of H expenses of meetings,	40 00
Fred H Stevens, printing,	5 50
Sentinel Publishing Co.,	4 50
J W Wolverton, constable,	9 50
Woodstock Woodworking,	4 25
A R Foster, constable,	2 00
Alex Gibson,	2 50
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The report of the local Board of Health, exclusive of small pox epidemic is:

By Expenses for year,	\$74 20
To Balance over from last year,	\$11 05
Received from Sec-Treas.,	25 00
36 05	

On motion, the report was laid on table until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and that Dr Curtis be requested to attend the meeting.

The report of the Building committee was next taken up, and Mr Mott the architect was heard on the matter, who said, he was there to answer any questions which might be put to him. He had heard that Mr Drysdale had said he meant to do the committee, and that he, Drysdale, would follow him to the new Council. He was here, but did not notice Mr Drysdale present. The local men he found to be as good a lot of men as he ever had to deal with. In reply to a question, he said that no cement was used in the foundation of buildings, unless they were government buildings. He had laid the foundation of many County buildings, and had never used cement in the foundation of them. According to the specifications for the gaol, no

cement was to be used in the foundation; cement was to be put in from the foundation up. The cement floor is about 4 1/2 inches thick; there is in connection with this a wire net work. A prisoner could not set fire to the gaol; he might burn a cord of wood and would only succeed in smoking himself. The gaol would be completed in a month. The building had the best rating of any building in town, and none in St John had such a good rating at present. The estimated cost of the building was between \$12,000 and \$13,000.

Coun. Saunders said there was a report that the foundation wall was built entirely of small stone and that there were no headers that a crowbar could not be run through.

Mr. Mott said that one piece of work was carelessly done, but it was discovered and the work was done over again. He would now say that they had a good foundation; the ground foundation is splendid and could sustain double the load that is now on it. He said he heard that there were to be several thousands of dollars of extras. The committee had authorized the expenditure of \$100 to make additional accommodation; otherwise there was no extras.

Coun Carvell thought the Council should visit the gaol in a body. One third of the present Council had never seen the new gaol. He would like that visit to be made while Mr. Mott was in town.

Coun Brown approved of the remarks of Coun Carvell and suggested the adjournment of the debate.

On motion Council decided to adjourn at 3.30 to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

Coun Faulkner, dealing with the gaol question, said that it was stated positively that the cost of the gaol would not exceed \$10,000.

Coun Carvell said that \$18,000 was about the price asked by tenderers for the kind of building that was required.

Coun Saunders said that Coun Faulkner was right, but Councillors approached the committee, urging them not to stick at a couple of thousand dollars.

Coun Carvell said the plumbing and heating was included in the \$12,000, total cost of the gaol. The architects commission, 5 per cent. would be extra of this amount.

On motion Coun D Phillips, seconded Coun Tompkins, \$200 was voted for poor purposes for parish of Peel, and charged to that parish.

On motion Coun. Gallagher, seconded Coun Bohan, \$200 was voted for poor purposes for parish of Kent, and charged to that parish.

On motion Coun Faulkner, seconded Coun Hayward, \$600 was voted for poor purposes for parish of Brighton, and charged to that parish.

On motion Coun Brown, seconded Coun A C Phillips, \$250 was voted for poor purposes for parish of Northampton, and charged to that parish.

On motion Coun Bailey, seconded Coun McDonald, the payment for and the work of the reporters is to be the same as last year.

The Council now adjourned to visit the new jail in a body.

Jan 15.

Council met at 9 a. m.

Two hundred dollars was ordered assessed on parish of Wicklow for poor purposes.

The following committees were named by the Warden:—

Finance—Couns Bailey, Williams, Brown.

Gaol—Couns Carvell, McDonald, Phillips (Peel), Raymond, Hay.

The revisors were ordered paid the same as last year. When the parish officers for Richmond were named, there was a difference between the councillors representing that parish. Coun Hay wanted the name of Allan Wilson substituted for Andrew Currie, as road commissioner. He agreed with the other officers as suggested by Coun Merrithew.

In making his motion that the list of parish officers, Richmond, be confirmed, Coun Merrithew said that he lived in the north of the parish, and Coun Hay lived in the south. Allan Wilson was the old road commissioner, and a large number of the ratepayers asked for the change. He promised to make the change and he substituted Andrew Currie for Allan Wilson. He considered Currie was a better man for the position. That man was no relative of his, as had been charged, but he admitted Currie married his wife's cousin. As he and his colleague could not agree he was willing to leave the matter in the hands of the board.

Coun Hay moved an amendment that Allan Wilson's name be substituted for Andrew Currie's.

The amendment carried. Coun Merrithew spoke of the heavy overdraft which recently this Council had at the bank. He thought there should be a restriction beyond which the Council should not go. At one time there was an overdraft of \$18,000. He moved that the overdraft be not more than \$5,000.

It was pointed out that by the law the county could not overdraw be-

yond the amount specified by the councillor.

On motion Coun Carvell, seconded Coun Williams, the list of parish officers for Wilmot was confirmed.

On motion Coun Lamont, seconded Coun Skinner, the list of parish officers for Aberdeen was confirmed.

Five dollars and fifty cents was ordered refunded to Albert Nevers and charged to Brighton, two men having paid the same tax.

On motion Coun Carvell, seconded Coun Williams, the following resolution carried:—

Whereas—No general rule has been observed in reference to the time and manner of paying the road commissioners; and

Whereas—It is desirable that the secretary treasurer should have some general rule to follow in this respect, and that the ratepayers should know the amounts paid to the commissioners; therefore

Resolved—That in future the commissioners' bills and returns be presented to the Council, and after being approved by the councillors for the parish in which the commissioners are appointed, the same be ordered paid by resolution of this Council.

On motion Coun Lamont, seconded Coun Skinner, the following resolution carried: That the uncollected rates, if any, for county and poor purposes, including non-resident road tax, on property assessed in the name of J W Loyd, a non-resident of the parish of Aberdeen, be rescinded previous to the year 1899, and that the secretary treasurer instruct the collector of rates to that effect.

Nine hundred dollars was ordered assessed on Richmond for poor purposes, and \$350 for Aberdeen.

Coun Kearney referred to the fact that a merry-go-round came into this county from Aroostook last year and that they took upwards of \$2,000 from the county. He moved that a license of \$400 be imposed on any such concern.

Coun Bohan thought the license would be too high.

Coun McDonald doubted if the county had the power.

The secretary treasurer said that the county would have the right.

Coun McDonald moved in amendment that the license be \$20. No second.

Coun Gallagher moved in amendment that the license be \$200.

Coun Kearney thought the merry-go-rounds were no good for the county. They rather led to immorality.

Coun Williams thought they were a temptation to old men and women as well as children. Coun Gallagher thought also they were a menace to good morals. Whiskey was generally sold by peddlers who follow them up.

Coun Giberson would prohibit the merry-go-rounds altogether.

The original motion carried by a large majority.

Coun Williams moved that the councillors be paid \$1 per day instead of \$2. Coun Carvell seconded the motion.

Coun Williams said there was a large deficit. He meant to move a reduction in the salaries of all the officials. By passing this vote, \$75 would be saved a year. It was true, councillors did not make much money with the present pay; if we intend practising economy we should start on ourselves. He had been a councillor for years when no pay was received, and he was willing to have it reduced to \$1 per day.

Coun Carvell said he seconded the motion because he was asked to. Next, he believed in Coun Williams' heart he did not wish the motion to go through. He believed Coun Williams would be the most disappointed man of the Council of the motion carried. (Laughter.) He was seeking a little favor from his constituents.

Coun Merrithew did not agree with the motion, which was defeated by an overwhelming majority. The mover and seconder only voted in favor.

The committee on accounts reported through Coun Bailey. He said the committee met last night and had a late session. They found it quite difficult to make an intelligent report from the fact that they were unable to consult with the different councillors who had the necessary information about certain bills. However, they went carefully over the bills and marked some of them O K; on the back of others they asked for further information, which could be given by the councillors as they were read by the warden. With regard to the Scott Act report, which they examined carefully, they could not find all the vouchers. They thought the accounts were kept in a peculiar manner, for it appeared there were two treasurers—Colpitts and Hartley. The committee thought the inspector should not pay his own salary, but should put in his bill to the Council as other officers do.

Inspector Colpitts report of the working of the Scott Act during the year, showed that receipts were \$1,668.19. After all expenses were paid there is a sum of \$112.59 on hand.

Coun Bohan wanted to know what authority the Inspector had to hire a detective. The detective work should be done by himself. There were two bills for detective work, one for \$30 and one for \$15.

Coun Merrithew asked why there were not vouchers for all the items in the Inspector's account. There was a charge of \$42 and no vouchers. He moved that Mr Colpitts be heard in regard to the bill. Carried.

Inspector Colpitts, referring to the bill of \$42, said the party went to the woods before he could get a voucher. The party was a detective on Albert Demerchant—six cases, \$42 in all; the voucher would be forthcoming. In the other case, Worth, a detective, got away and he could not get a voucher from him.