

Coun. Bohan said it would be better for Mr. Colpitts to do the work and hire no detectives.

Mr. Colpitts—They won't sell to me.

Coun. Bohan—I think there is a lot of perjury as a result of this hiring of detectives.

The Inspector said that in two cases three hundred dollars came into the treasury as a result of private information. He could not give the names of those parties.

Coun. Merrithew moved that the Scott Act Inspector be requested to furnish a number of cases for the last year by 3 o'clock this afternoon, and that the bill lie on the table till that time.

The motion was seconded by Coun. Bohan and carried.

Coun. Bailey's verbal report on the accounts was received and the different accounts were read by the warden from the chair.

Moved Coun. Gallagher, seconded Coun. Bailey, that the bill of D. R. Willet, \$15, for engraving address, be paid when allowed to be carried.

On motion the bill of C. Bates \$2, was referred to the councillors for Northampton.

On motion Coun. Gallagher, seconded Coun. Merrithew the bill of Z. Demerchant, \$150 was refused payment.

On motion the bill of Dr. Ross, \$19.50 was paid less \$7.10 over charge.

Herbert Jones put in a bill for \$185, at \$1 a day for taking charge of the temporary gaol in the court house since June session. There was some discussion on this item, but it was ordered paid after explanation.

Coun. Saunders explained that in the new gaol there are 32 lights put in. The charge for installing was \$2 a light. The lights then become the property of the county. The contract for lighting is with Connell because his lights run all night. A meter is put in so that we only pay for what we use.

After the noon adjournment:—

\$500 was ordered assessed on Wakefield for poor purposes, \$400 on the front and \$100 on each of the back districts. \$500 was ordered assessed on parish of Woodstock for poor; \$275 on Wilmot. \$150 was ordered assessed on Upper Woodstock for road purposes, \$100 for road and \$50 for sidewalks, and that Judson Burpee be the commissioner.

Everett Kearney was granted a license to run a ferry between Bath and Wicklow.

Coun. Lamont moved that the old board of valuers consisting of John McLaughlan, Theodore Estey, John R. Ronald, be re-appointed.

Coun. Williams seconded the motion. Coun. Merrithew thought one valuator should be from Richmond and moved in amendment that Jas. R. Barton be a valuator in place of Theodore Estey.

Coun. Kearney—We want one in Simonds too.

Coun. Kearney moved an amendment to the amendment that Denis McGaffigan be appointed in place of John R. Ronald.

Coun. Gallagher thought if any change was made as suggested, a man at the lower end should be dropped, particularly if the new appointee was to be from that section.

The original motion was carried.

The bills of the Board of Health re. small pox epidemic was taken up.

Dr. Curtis, chairman of the county Board of Health was heard on motion.

Dr. Curtis speaking of the case in Brookville and the cost of handling it amounting to \$250, said that sum included all the expense. Dr. Bearisto's bill had not been sent to the Board of Health. The bills have all been certified by the local Boards of Health and with the exception of some small ones of the Provincial Board also. When men boarded at home we got men to work cheaper than men who had to board out, this accounted for the discrepancy between the pay to guards.

Coun. Williams said that a good deal of complaint was made at employing Mr. Fields at \$3.50 a day. As good a man could have been secured for less money.

Dr. Curtis said that time was precious, and Mr. Fields was secured at once. He proved a good man and as for his wages when he paid expenses he did not think there would be much in it for him.

Coun. Carvell said that he was informed that the council had nothing to say about the pay. The board of health contracted the bill and the county must pay it. He wanted the people to see the position we are in.

The Sec. Treas. said the local board of health had larger powers than any other body in the county. If an epidemic breaks out they must take charge of it. If they do not they are liable for a penalty of \$40 for every case not suppressed. They ask the county council to assess the necessary amount, if the council does not assess the amount, the provincial secretary calls on the warden to show cause why the amount should not be assessed. If they show cause well and good, if not an order is made on the sec. treas. for the amount, and the county must reconsp themselves as best they can. When bills are approved by the provincial board of health, the council would certainly have no reason

for resisting payment. The custom has been for the county to pay the bill, and the provincial government makes a grant to the county.

Coun. Williams wanted to know if Dr. Fisher Prov. Sec. came here and set the doctors' fees, which they could take of not.

Dr. Curtis said that Dr. Fisher engaged Drs. Sprague and Hand, and that he informed them that \$12 a day was the fee the government would likely allow.

Coun. Gallagher moved that the bill be paid as soon as possible.

Coun. McDonald second the motion. Carried.

Coun. Merrithew was told by Dr. Curtis that the expenses of two doctors now on the train to examine people coming to Woodstock was to be born by the county and town jointly.

The committee to confer with the Sec. Treas with regard to the amount to be assessed for the ensuing year said that they had decided that the sum of \$12000 would be necessary. It would be made up as follows: County purpose \$6500, debentures and interests \$1800 gaol \$3500, board of health \$3500. It was expected that the Government would pay one third of the board of health charge and that \$1500 would be derived from the delinquent list.

Coun. Williams moved seconded by Coun. Tompkins that the report be accepted.

Coun. Gallagher thought we could by debentures get the money at once. We must do that or over draw at the bank and pay 6 per cent. By debentures we could get the money for 4 per cent. He would have them run for 5 years. He moved in amendment that \$5,000 be raised by debentures.

Coun. Merrithew said that you could not sell those debentures at 4 per cent. If you did pay 6 per cent to the bank for a short time it would be the preferable plan.

Coun. Carvell said this was the best year we had had for some time and we had \$20,000 debentures out now. Many people objected to the issue of gaol debentures when the price could have been paid in two years. We have about 8,000 people paying taxes and they could stand the extra assessment in these good times.

The amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

A committee from the town council composed of Couns. Dibblee, and Lindsay was heard.

Coun. Dibblee on behalf of the town asked for one or two cells in the new jail for lock-up purposes, offering in return free water and sewer privileges, which would cost them at the regular rates about \$15. a year. In answer to Coun. Merrithew Mr. Dibblee said the town would not ask for these cells unless they had some prisoner to incarcerate.

Coun. Lindsay, also on behalf of the town, said that the lock up was not a good place to put people in and further urged the request the town.

Coun. Carvell said he had something to do with the town in the building of the jail. The town at one time offered to pay us what they owed us and give us a thousand dollars but they soon forgot that. Now however the town wants to get into this jail. He thought that to give this liberty to the town would be a great inconvenience to the sheriff. Further it was always rather a low class of people who got in the lock-up and some times bears are put in. He did not want to see the new jail put in such uses. He moved seconded by Coun. Shaw that the request of the town be not granted. The motion was carried.

Coun. Bohan moved that the fences throughout the country should be widened four rods, and that the Sec-Treas if it be necessary prepare a bill to go to the legislature in the matter.

Coun. Gallagher. These narrow roads are a nuisance throughout the country, and the proposition would be a move in the right direction. All existing roads would have to be widened.

Coun. McDonald thought it was opening up a big question.

Coun. Merrithew said it was one of the hardest things to get a man's fence back, in his section people were taking away the road fences. You cannot make the change without a general row.

Coun. McDonald pointed out that roads were not two rods wide and in some cases people often have to move houses. The result if passed would cause lawsuits.

Coun. Brown was opposed to the resolution.

Coun. Faulkner said several men in this neighborhood monopolised the road. He had a good deal of trouble in trying to widen the roads. He was in favor of the motion but he would be better pleased if the width was made six rods instead of four.

Coun. Gallagher thought that people would put their fences back if the law said so.

Coun. D. Phillips thought it would be better to throw down all fences. It would be impossible to make all roads 4 rods without lawsuits.

The motion was lost. Couns Gallagher Bohan, Kearney, Faulkner and Hayward

voting for it.

Inspector Colpitts submitted a report of the Scott Act cases dealt with during the past year. There were 47 cases.

Coun. Gallagher asked the charges for legal expenses.

Mr. Colpitts said that no case was taken up without the papers being submitted to a lawyer.

Coun. Gallagher said that 4 years ago if he was right the inspector was urged to go ahead without a lawyer.

Inspector Colpitts—We started that way and got into difficulty. One year we paid a lawyer \$900. Last year the expenses was \$335.00. The police magistrate charges were \$102. He did not get costs where a conviction was not made from the party accused.

Coun. Bailey said the Police Magistrate had been making out the Scott Act papers for many years and surely he could make out a common paper, without paying a lawyer \$5 for looking over it. He thought all money should be paid to the Sec-Treas. Why should Scott Act Inspector get his pay before he does the work.

Coun. Carvell moved that the Scott Act Inspector's report be received and that his salary be \$300 for the next year. Carried.

Coun. Bohan moved that all monies passing through the Scott Act Inspector's hands be paid to the Sec-Treas. Coun. Williams seconded the motion.

Inspector Colpitts—If I should get a constable to work for me have I power to draw on the Sec-Treas? The men that I have to deal with won't work without the money.

Coun. Carvell was inclined to think that they might tie the Inspector's hands so that he could not prosecute the work.

Coun. Bohan altered his motion so that it did not include necessary funds for prosecuting the act.

Coun. Carvell did not want the Inspector to be in a position to draw out any monies he wished to.

Coun. Merrithew—Do they mean under this resolution that the Inspector shall draw from county funds, or from the Scott Act fund.

The secretary—He would only draw when there was a balance in favor of the fund.

Coun. Phillips did not see that affairs would be made better by further tying the Inspector's hands.

Coun. Shaw said the council was in the position of finding fault and yet not knowing where the fault was. There used to be a deficit and now there is a surplus. He did not believe in having a committee. As Mr. Colpitts said it has narrowed down to this:—Do we want Scott Act enforced or not. He, for one, did.

The resolution passed.

Moved Coun. Gallagher, seconded Coun. Shaw that the bill of W. P. Jones for folios, at 20 cts. per folio, be paid. Carried.

Coun. Carvell called attention to the fact that the building committee of the gaol made a contract with Mr. Maxwell on the strength of promises from Mr. Saunders for the town that no licenses should be charged and that the water should be free. Notwithstanding this the contractor had to pay \$91 to the town for licenses and water and Mr. Maxwell claims that the county should pay this back to him. When he spoke so harshly about the request of the town a few moments ago he was smarting under the recollection of the way the town had treated them in the matter.

Warden Saunders said that he had talked with some of the town councillors and there was a sort of understanding that no fees should be charged for licenses if Woodstock men were allowed to tender On that understanding Mr. Maxwell signed the contract. He said there was no definite agreement with the town council but he was surprised when Mr. Munro shut off the water at the gaol.

Coun. Bohan thought the building committee should be upheld in the verbal agreement they made with Mr. Maxwell.

Moved Coun. Tompkins, seconded Coun. Bohan that this amount of \$91 be paid to Mr. Maxwell.

Coun. McDonald understood that the town was to give \$1000 towards the new jail and give water free and charge no licenses. After the water was turned off he met some of the town councillors and Coun. Dibblee was in favor of giving the water free. He thought the county had done quite properly in not giving the town any cells in the new jail.

Coun. Merrithew approved of payment of the money to Mr. Maxwell. Motion carried.

Coun. Dibblee of the town council who was present expressed his regret that the license was imposed and the tax for water insisted upon. Contractors of town who did not get the jail job, prevailed upon the council to extract the license. He personally, voted against the resolution in the town council. The town does not want to have any trouble with the county. He was sure nine tenths of the people of the town would favor refunding the county the money taken for licenses and

for water.

Coun. Macdonald moved that a bill of Harry Baird's for \$85 for taking care of a Mrs. Cronk be paid and charged to Northampton.

Coun. Brown said the bill in connection with this case was \$175. Northampton did not feel like paying this bill in full. A reasonable settlement might be effectable.

Coun. Brown's amendment that the question be referred to the poor commissioners of Northampton was carried.

Coun. Gallagher moved that the sec. treas. be intrusted to prepare a bill to go before the legislature changing the mode by which the town portion of taxes due the county is paid, so that this sum be paid, not when collected, but in as peremptory a manner as is incumbent on the other parishes.

Coun. Raymond seconded the motion. The sec. treas. said the deficit in the cases of the parishes could be assessed on them the next year, and that he understood was the position in which it was intended the town should be placed. The motion carried.

Coun. McDonald moved that a bill be prepared to go before the dominion parliament, asking them to shut out those broncho horses which were no earthly use, and which were sold throughout the county. Carried.

On motion of Coun. Gallagher the building committee were authorized to furnish the different cells in the gaol as required.

Coun. Forest moved, seconded Coun. Williams, that resolution that assessors receive same per cent. as last year be rescinded. Carried.

Moved Coun. Merrithew, seconded Coun. Hay that assessors and collectors of Richmond receive 2 per cent. Carried.

In answer to Coun. Raymond the Sec. Treas. said that it was the privilege of the road commissioners to appoint road masters at once.

Moved Coun. Raymond, seconded Coun. Faulkner that portion of act relating to winter roads be published in the papers.

The resolution opposed by Couns. Merrithew and Gallagher.

Coun. Forrest wanted to know when the money was to come from to pay the bills. There was the small-pox bill, the jail bill and others. He moved that the finance committee be authorized obtain a loan from any bank in Woodstock for 5000, besides the \$5000 overdraft which the law allowed to be made.

This was seconded by Coun. Bailey and carried.

Coun. Williams moved that the warden sec-treas and chairman finance committee be a committee to confer with the local members with a view of the county being recouped for the money paid out under the small-pox epidemic. Carried.

The resolution carried.

Moved Coun. Gallagher seconded Coun. Tompkins that fees of assessors and collectors of all parishes except Richmond be same as last year.

Resolved that one quarter of the delinquent list be added to the assessment of each parish.

Moved Coun. Shaw, seconded Coun. Bohan that the Sec-Treas be instructed to prepare an Act to go before the Legislature to amend the Highway act, sec 47, line 3 by striking out word Commissioner and inserting word road master.

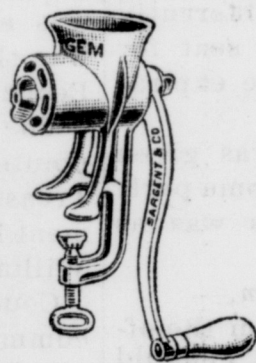
Coun. McDonald thought a bill should be presented to the local Legislature, enabling debtors to be sued in the county the bill is contracted, and the constable have the power to serve papers in different counties as in criminal matters. This was made into a motion and carried unanimously.

In answer to Coun. Gallagher, the clerk explained the procedure for collecting delinquent list in the different parishes. The new collector in all cases can take up the list where the old collector left off.

Miss Lunn, owning property in Brighton, asked through Coun. Phillips for a reduction, but on motion of Coun. Faulkner, the matter was left over till June session.

On motion meeting adjourned sine die.

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