

County Council.

The summer session of the Municipality of Carleton, opened in the Court House, Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock. Warden W S Saunders presided, and the following councillors were present:—

Aberdeen—Fred S Skinner.
Brighton—James S Faulkner, Clarence E Hayward.
Peel—William Tompkins, David Phillips.
Richmond—John M Hay, J S Merrithew.
Kent—C E Gallagher, M Bohan.
Woodstock—F Byron Bull, James H Forrest.
Woodstock Town—W S Saunders, W McDonald, Arthur Bailey.
Sands—John V Kearney, Wm Raymond.
Northampton—A C Phillips.
Wicklow—Chas A Giberson, Chas A Simonds.
Wilmot—Harry Carvell, John F Williams.
Wakefield—Frank Shaw, Albert Bell.

Warden Saunders referred in suitable terms to the death of Coun Speer. He spoke of his efficiency as a councillor and referred to the election of Coun Bull to fill the vacancy. The bill ordered by the last session was prepared and taken in charge by Mr Appleby. On the representation of Mr Appleby and on finding that the town was much opposed to the bill it was decided to allow the bill to remain as it was until the town committee consulted with the Council. The town would agree to pay a certain sum every year. A committee was before the Council this morning from the new Hospital organization. This would be a county hospital and it was thought they should, like the town, now make a suitable contribution.

Couns Brown and Lamont were absent, the former because of the death of a near relative, the latter by reason of his own illness.

The minutes of the January session were read by Secretary-Treasurer Hartley.

On motion Coun Gallagher, seconded Coun Phillips (Peel) the minutes as read were approved, after an explanation by the Sec-Treas, to Coun Merrithew, relative to the pay of the district clerk of Richmond.

On motion of Coun Forrest, seconded by Coun Gallagher, the following resolution was carried by a standing vote.

WHEREAS, by the wisdom of an all-wise and over-ruling Providence, it has been ordained that our late colleague, William Speer, has by the summons of death been removed from our midst; and, whereas, we feel his loss and miss his wise counsel and advice in our meeting to-day, yet we feel ours is a trifling loss compared to that which must be felt by his bereaved wife and family, who are so suddenly called upon to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we the members of the Carleton County Council this day assembled do hereby tender to Mrs Speer and family our kindest sympathy in their sudden bereavement and trust that the great healer of sorrows will comfort them and theirs, and further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer and forwarded to Mrs Speer on behalf of this board.

On motion the representatives of the Carleton County Hospital were heard before the board.

The Warden introduced Archdeacon Neales, who explained how the deputation was appointed. The necessity for an hospital arose not only from the feeling of the benefit it would prove, but from the absolute necessity of such an institution. He also explained the work towards the hospital already done. He estimated that the amount of \$3,500 is required for the present year and \$2,000 for each successive year. The board of directors have on hand in cash \$969. A subscription list of \$970 is on hand. The Legislature has given \$400 a year; the Town Council, \$300. This makes \$2669. In addition to this there is a property selling value of which is \$700, which is the gift of a gentleman well known in the county. From the Philharmonic fund \$600 is derived. As to the maintenance annually about \$100 has been pledged by private parties. The Legislature and town make an annual offering, and some \$1600 a year can be counted on. A house has been rented at \$200 a year. A matron and nurses have been secured. The same amount Charlotte county donated for the same purpose.

Dr Hand said that hospitals have become a necessity as concerning his profession. To perform proper recovery the hospital was as necessary to the doctor as modern improvements were necessary in all professions, trades and crafts. He spoke strongly of the use of trained nurses and the great value they were in preserving human life. We have now pledged between \$2600 and \$2700 and already in bank nearly \$1000 in cash. The house we have could in an emergency take care of 15 or 20 patients. The committee has it leased for five years. The estimated expenses of maintaining the institution is \$2000 a year. We may get \$500 from the Legislature. If the county gave \$400 a year the necessary amount contributed would be made up. While those who were able would be expected to pay, but any patient who was unable to pay would get treatment free. The hospital staff would operate free, but of course if a patient wished his own doctor either from the town or county that was provided for. Certain members of the committee have information that they cannot give to the public, which renders them sure that the hospital will be a certainty if the institution is once started.

Coun Gallagher asked if a man had an accident, say in the county, how would he get to the hospital—on whose permit?

Dr Hand said a line from his doctor to the matron, would do it. He referred to a case when the parish of Richmond paid some \$60 for an operation and treatment for a patient who was a pauper. In such a case treatment at the hospital would be free. He explained that the temporary board of directors was elected by a public meeting. The average cost of a bed was from \$150 to \$200 a year. This does not mean a bed occupied all the time, but the average bed.

Town Coun. Geo. E. Balmain said that if the County gave an annual grant the town would have to pay their proportion. He had personal experience of the Victoria Hospital in Fredericton, being laid up for four weeks with typhoid fever. The treatment he got there was better than he could possibly receive at home. It was rumored that this was a scheme to help the doctors. It would help the doctors, because it would give them an opportunity to work to advantage.

To Coun. Merrithew—It is altogether likely that the town would exempt the hospital from taxes. Coun. Kearney did not believe that his parish would justify him in voting for an appropriation. Every one in the County had a home and they could be attended there by their own physician and surgeon. He thought we would be discriminating against our own doctors in the County. He would move that the Councillors instead of making a grant donate the indemnity they get.

Coun. Bohan moved that the request of the committee be granted.

Coun. Skinner—I second the motion. Coun. Forrest thought we lacked authority, and that a bill should be presented to the legislature giving the authority.

Coun. Forrest's views were incorporated in the motion of Coun. Bohan.

Coun. Gallagher thought it would be well to have the Council empowered to give a sum, say not exceeding \$500, and to start with \$300.

Coun. Tompkins seconded the amendment.

Coun. Merrithew thought we were binding our successors by this proposed motion.

The Warden said there was nothing like discrimination against the doctors in the County. Rather was the tendency to help them. He had too much confidence in the Council to think they would not act prudently in this regard.

Coun. Tompkins favored the hospital; he thought we should step slowly. He favored a grant of \$300 this year.

Coun. Merrithew believed in the enterprise, but did not believe in binding the successors of the present Council, for all time to an annual grant.

Coun. Gallagher favored the hospital, but believed we should not go too fast.

The Warden said the York Council had made the grant perpetual.

Coun. Skinner thought Mr. Bohan's motion was for one year.

Coun. Raymond did not like the idea, nor did it seem just, that we should bind succeeding Councils. He would favor a grant for the present year.

Coun. Bailey favored a grant of \$400 for five years. By that time the Council could see how the hospital was going on. He did not think

much of Coun. Kearney's argument, that as good treatment can be secured at home as at a hospital.

Coun. David Phillips favored the hospital, but did not believe in going too quickly into deep water. He would go for a grant of \$400 this year, and let the next year's councillors provide for themselves.

Coun. Williams agreed with Coun. Phillips. One thing he had noticed was that local doctors always recommended treatment in large hospitals. They did not recommend the patient to St. John or Fredericton. Would they recommend a patient to Woodstock? He did not favor a vote for a hospital in Woodstock.

Coun. Shaw favored a grant for one year. He had confidence that the Council of next year would do right. He moved a grant for one year of \$400.

Coun. Hay seconded the motion.

Coun. Bohan said he meant his motion to be for one year.

Coun. Skinner—That was the motion I seconded.

The Warden explained that the first motion implied an annual grant of \$400.

Coun. Carvell would be in favor of a grant for two years. If we vetoed this hospital it would be a disgrace to us.

Coun. McDonald—I think the amount of \$400 reasonable. The town has contributed personally and by the Council, and the latter their share of the County appropriation.

The amendment to the amendment carried. The following voted nay: Couns. Simonds, Giberson, Gallagher, Williams, Kearney, Tompkins. Archdeacon Neales, on behalf of the committee, thanked the Council for the generous support given.

After the noon adjournment, the Council went into committee on the accounts. The accounts submitted below passed:

J C Hartley, \$8; do, \$4; William A Hayward, \$85.15; J C Hartley, \$19; do, \$10; Dr Atkinson, \$16; A R Foster, \$193.75; J & A McMillan, \$1.57; Carleton Sentinel, \$27; Press, \$6, when attested to; James Guest, \$4, when attested to.

On motion Coun Gallagher, seconded Coun Hayward, the bill of J R Simms will be paid less \$4.50.

Moved Coun Raymond, seconded Coun Simonds, that the bill of Herbert Jones, \$121, be paid less \$74, this latter amount being the charge for 74 days service, as keeper of the court house, when used as a jail, before the new jail was finished.

Moved Coun McDonald, seconded Coun Gallagher, in amendment, that the bill be paid in full, \$121. Amendment carried.

Among the bills were the charges for conveying prisoners to the police magistrate and back. Coun Carvell said that one of the strongest arguments for the jail in town was that it would cost less to carry prisoners to and from jail. There seemed to be the old charges yet.

Coun Shaw moved that the charges be cut down. He agreed with Coun Carvell that now was the time to cut off the over-charges. In Wm Hayward's jr bill it was moved that \$3.50 be deducted from his bill.

Coun Bohan thought that a charge of \$1 would be fair for taking prisoners to and from the police magistrate's court.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Allan Bradley of Hartland was heard. He stated that he was unfairly assessed. He was assessed three times his assessable worth. Last year he was assessed on \$2,000. This was fair. This year he was assessed at a rate which was fixed by his enemy. This year he was assessed on \$6,000. He had failed to get any satisfactory action from the assessors.

On motion Coun Phillips (Peel), seconded Coun McDonald, the warden appointed a committee, comprising Couns Phillips (Peel), McDonald and Shaw, to confer with Mr Bradley and report.

The committee then retired to the ante-room.

Coun Faulkner said that the trouble arose out of a strife between two factions the Bradley party and the Thornton party. One time it was thought Mr Bradley was not taxed sufficient, and now it was probable that he was overtaxed.

On motion Coun Merrithew, seconded Coun Hay, Richard Kennedy, jr, was appointed pound keeper for the parish of Richmond.

On motion Coun Faulkner, seconded Coun Hayward, a rebate of \$10 was given Miss Lunn on taxes paid, and charged to Brighton.

The Warden stated that a committee from the Town Council was present and he would like to see a committee appointed by the council

to confer with them respecting a bill to force the town to pay their back taxes the same as the parishes.

Coun Carvell thought the Warden had taken it into his hands to stop this bill and he did not believe in the bill being recalled.

Coun Williams did not believe that it would be any use to appoint a committee. The bill should go through.

The Warden said he did not stop the bill. It had its first reading. Mr Appleby came to him and he acted as Warden in agreeing to the withdrawal of the bill.

Coun Carvell—Did you not advise Mr Appleby to withdraw the bill?

The Warden—Yes, I did, but I only did so, acting on my best judgment in the best interests of the county. The Council has lost no rights with respect to the passage of the bill.

Coun Raymond—What were the objections by the town to the bill?

The Warden—There are representatives from the town present who can explain. The town wanted to pay a certain amount each year.

Coun Merrithew—If the town was justly assessed, it was just that they should pay the tax.

Coun Carvell—I want to state I have nothing against the town. I find fault for the warden not letting the bill go through. If it had done so it would have been better for the county. The warden let the town pull him.

The Warden—I did not let the town pull me for the town did not want to pull me.

Coun Gallagher—The doubt was on the other side. The bill would have passed. There was a caucus in Mr Appleby's office and finally he was instructed not to let the bill go through. He understood that one person at that caucus said that the town did not owe the county a single cent. The warden was one of the parties that helped stay those proceedings.

The Warden—Coun. Gallagher has been incorrectly informed. Coun. Gallagher—There was a section put on the bill which would prevent its passing. The sec-treas. is my authority. The sec-treas.—Coun. Gallagher has been misinformed. I prepared the bill to the best of my ability.

Coun. Bailey said that Mr. Appleby was urged by the towns people to withdraw the bill. Mr. Appleby told him in a private conversation that the bill in its present form would not go through.

Coun. Williams did not say that the warden was the representative of the county. He was only that to a certain and formal extent. He was not in favor of this postponement of the town's obligation.

The warden said he did not know what the objections were to the bill.

Coun. Carvell—Then why did you work to pull it off. I don't attack the town of Woodstock unless I have to. The only person I attack is the warden of this county. You had no right to pull off this bill.

The Warden—You have no right to say I pulled it off.

Coun. Carvell—You said you allowed the thing to be pulled off. Had you pressed the thing it would have gone through. You have not carried out the instructions given you, and realize I think I will be backed by this board.

Mayor Belyea was heard. He had never heard of a caucus as referred to by Coun. Gallagher. He was appointed one of a committee to meet with the county council and if they chose to appoint a committee he thought the whole question could be reasonably adjusted.

Coun. Dibblee—If the town owes the county they ought to pay. We contend we do not owe as much as the county states we do. The legislature is composed of people from all over the province. If a bill is not just it is impossible to get it passed. If we cannot arrange this matter the town and council will have to fight out this work before the legislature.

Town Coun. Lindsay explained that years ago when the town was separated from the parish it was provided that the town tax for the county should be paid as collected. There was no caucus of any sort or description and the person who has stated so is evidently trying to stir up strife. Coun. Gallagher is making a bald headed statement.

Coun. Gallagher—Were you not in Mr. Appleby's office with Mr. Saunders discussing this bill.

Mr. Lindsay—No sir, nor with anyone else.

Coun. Gallagher—Did you not state that the town owes the county nothing?

Coun. J. A. Lindsay—Yes, and I say so still.

Coun. Carvell said he was against appointing a committee because he thought there was a scheme on, and that that was the reason why the warden asked for it. He was now willing for a committee and moved that Couns. Williams, Forrest and Gallagher be a committee to meet a

committee of the town council and endeavour to arrange matters.

The mayor and both the town representatives announced that they had no discussion with the warden over this bill.

The motion of Coun. Carvell's was adopted.

On motion of Coun. Forrest seconded by Coun. Bull \$5 was ordered assessed on parish of Woodstock to pay John Fleming for holding the poll.

These gentlemen were heard at the board:—Henry Smith, Charles Braydon.

Henry Smith said that last year they did their road work and paid their taxes, under a misunderstanding. Now they asked for a refund of the money paid.

Mr. Braydon supported the contention of his colleague. Mr. Kent, the road-master died and we neglected getting our return.

Coun. Forrest stated they did not do their work under the commissioner. He moved that the matter be left to the complaints and the new Road commissioner.

Coun. Bull seconded the motion.

Coun. Bull said that these men had certainly done their work and paid, too, and should have the money refunded, which probably the view commissioner would cause to be done.

Henry Smith said they did the work under the supervision of a man appointed by the commissioner.

Coun. Forrest—We have the sworn statement of our commissioner and we must abide by this till we hear from him.

Coun. Macdonald moved in amendment that the commissioner be instructed to pay back to those men the money they had paid in road tax last year.

Coun. Phillips seconded the motion.

The amendment carried.

The sec-treas. announced that Dr. Curtis was paid \$3,450 as chairman of the board of health in connection with the small-pox epidemic of last summer.

Dr. Curtis asked for the following appropriation for the Board of Health:

Mail fumigation, etc	\$139.83
Diphtheria in Kent	100.00
Dr. Beairto	150.00
Unsettled acct epidemic of 1901	20.00
Grafton smallpox	500.00
	\$909.83

Coun. Gallagher submitted the following report:

Court House, June 17, 1902.

To the Warden and Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of arrears in taxes due from the Town of Woodstock beg to report the following recommendation:

That the Town of Woodstock pay one-seventh of the whole county rate yearly and that the same shall be divided in two equal parts, to be paid on the first day of July and January; and also after the amount of arrears is ascertained it shall be paid in nine annual payments; and the Sec-Treas. be instructed to propose a bill to be presented at the next session of the Legislature to carry out the above recommendation.

CHAS. E. GALLAGHER,
J. G. WILLIAMS,
JAMES H. FORREST,
W. B. BELYEA,
J. T. ALLAN DIBBLEE,
JOHN A. LINDSAY.

The Mayor thanked the Council for the reception given the committee. The matter was settled in a small space of time and he did not think there would be any need of friction in the future. The Mayor was loudly applauded.

Coun. McDonald submitted the following report, which was adopted:

We your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

That in our opinion Allen Bradley, of Hartland, is assessed in the Parish of Brighton \$4000 too high. Therefore we, your committee, recommend that the collector of Brighton be ordered to collect the amount of Allen Bradley's assessment for the year 1902, less \$4000.

WILLIAM McDONALD,
DAVID PHILLIPS,
F. R. SHAW.

The Sec Treas was given authority to have pamphlets containing the acts and by-laws relating to the county printed for the information of the public officers.

Coun. Bailey called the attention of the Council to the fact that the account was overdrawn at the bank \$1662. The school drafts would fall due for \$3379 in August, and no money from taxes would be available until September. He would like the Council to authorize a bond to the extent of \$5000. On motion the finance committee was given the necessary authority. \$51 was ordered paid Miles Rideout for work done on the approach to Hartland bridge and charged to Parish of Wakefield.

Coun. McDonald moved that a by-law be passed imposing an annual license of \$500 on any person peddling bronchos in the county.

Coun. Carvell for the building committee said that nothing had been added to the expenses since the last report. Six cells were furnished and also the Sheriff's office. The gaol was about completed; the sheriff has moved in. There is on hand enough money to pay for some late unfinished work.

Coun. David Phillips thought something should be paid to the Warden and Coun. Carvell for their services in connection with the new gaol.

Coun. Carvell said he did not ask for anything nor expect anything.

Coun. Merrithew thought the act prov-