

COUNTY COUNCIL.

COURT HOUSE, UPPER WOODSTOCK, Jan. 12th.

The County Council met this morning at 10 a. m. The following officers took the oath: Aberdeen—David H. Lamont, Edward Wiley.

Brighton—Allan Bradley, C. J. Connolly. Kent—C. E. Gallagher, Ambers Giberson. Northampton—R. Alex Brown, Henry A. Phillips.

Richmond—John M. Hay, Alex Brown. Peel—Wm. Tompkins, David Phillips. Simonds—W. N. Raymond, Oliver Miller. Wakefield—Frank N. Shaw, Albert G. Bell.

Wilmot—Harry P. Carvell, John F. Williams.

Wicklow—G. W. Jameson, Charles Giberson.

Woodstock (Parish)—H. B. Smith, F. Byron Bull. Woodstock (Town)—A. G. Bailey, Wm. McDonald, Joseph Fewer.

Coun. Carvell, the late warden took the chair and said the first duty of the council was to elect a Warden.

Coun. McDonald moved, seconded by Coun. Williams that Coun. Raymond be Warden. There were no other nominations and a ballot was cast for Coun. Raymond and he was duly declared Warden.

On motion of Coun. Bailey seconded by Coun. Carvell, T. C. L. Ketchum was appointed official reporter for the Council with a salary of \$50.00, and the Sentinel, the Press, THE DISPATCH and the Advertiser were ordered to be paid \$25.00 each for the publication of report furnished by the reporter.

On motion of Coun. Tompkins, J. C. Hartley was elected secretary treasurer for the ensuing year.

On motion of Coun. Williams, D. McLeod Vince was elected Auditor for the ensuing year.

Coun. Gallagher spoke of the question of bonds furnished by the sec-treasurer.

Mr. Hartley suggested that a committee be appointed to look into the bonds, and Couns. Williams, Gallagher and Phillips (Peel) were appointed a committee to go over the Sec-treas's account and report at the meeting of council at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Coun. Bailey moved that Mr. Colpitts the Scot Act Inspector be heard.

Mr. Colpitts submitted the following report: To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Carleton:

GENTLEMEN,—I have placed my account as Inspector under the Canada Temperance Act for the year A. D. 1903, in the hands of the county Auditor, by which it will appear that there is due me the sum of \$65.70. This has been a successful year in the operation of the Act? Some five or six persons who were selling liquor in this county have been driven out of business during the year. Some effective work has been done on the Boundary Line between this county and the State of Maine, and I have also succeeded in ferreting out an illicit still for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor which was being conducted in this county. During the year there were 76 cases tried, and 53 convictions obtained, 23 cases being dismissed. The financial result for the year is, that with all the bills paid, there is a surplus for the county of \$313.40.

Respectfully submitted, BANFRED COLPITTS.

On motion the above report was received and the following appointed a committee to report on the same tomorrow morning: Couns. Bailey, Bradley and Carvell.

Coun. Carvell asked if the Sec-treasurer knew of the precise condition under which the land in connection with the Court House was granted. It was said that there was a condition by the donor that in case it was not used for the purpose for which it was given it should revert to the heirs of the donor. If this were not the case it might be well for the County to accept an offer of Walter Trecartin of \$50.00 an acre for the land not now in use by the county.

The Secretary said that he was given to understand that the intention to make such a condition as mentioned by Coun. Carvell was said to have been in the mind of the donor of the land, but he had been told that in spite of that, the deed of the property did not contain such a condition.

The secretary-treasurer was instructed to look into the matter and report tomorrow morning.

On motion of Coun. Williams the following were appointed a committee to act with the sec-treas. in making out the amount of assessment for the coming year: Couns. Williams, Gallagher and Phillips (Peel).

Coun. Phillips (Peel) said that a committee was appointed at the last session of the council to confer with the government as to getting the diamond drill with a view of making test as to the existence of minerals in the county. He asked if anything had been done by that committee.

Coun. Gallagher said he understood some inquiries had been made.

The following were appointed the Building Committee: Couns. McDonald, Ambers, Giberson, Bull.

The following were appointed the Finance Committee: Couns. Bailey, Shaw, Williams.

A petition was read from Elijah F. Shaw protesting against the return from the Parish of Kent showing that Ambers Giberson was elected. The petitioner claimed that the return showed that Chas. Gallagher had 198 votes, Ambers Giberson 124 and he, himself 122 votes, that the following unqualified persons voted, Hezskiak Brook, Harry Tompkins, Anson Boyer, Frank Brooks, Henry Brooks, Joseph Brooks, and David White, and that he has reason to believe that they voted for Giberson. That F. McNally who was chosen chairman was not competent to be chairman, that John Farley, brother-in-law of said Giberson acted as clerk for said chairman, without his request and as chairman in the absence of Mr. McNally.

There was also read a petition from a number of the rate payers of the parish of Kent asking that the election be set aside, that John Farley did use undue influence on behalf of Ambers Giberson, being his brother-in-law, and used such influence while acting as clerk at said election. 30 names were appended to this petition.

Coun. Carvell moved that the councillors from Kent hold their seats. Coun. Bradley seconded the motion.

Coun. Williams thought it would be better to appoint a committee to summon witnesses and try the case out.

Coun. Gallagher said he was slightly interested in this matter. There was some little difficulty in getting a chairman. Mr. McNally came and the matter went all right. He had never asked a man for a vote whom he did not think was legally qualified to vote. He did not think there were any illegalities about the vote.

Coun. Giberson.—How does Mr. Shaw know that these men voted this way?

Coun. Williams thought the petitioner should have justice done him. He moved in amendment that the warden appoint a committee of three to report at the meeting next June and that for the present the councillors declared elected hold their seats.

Coun. Shaw seconded the motion. With leave of his seconder Coun. Carvell withdrew his motion and the motion of Coun. Williams was carried.

The Warden appointed the following a committee for the purpose:—Couns. Bradley, Shaw (Wakefield), Lamont.

After the noon recess the auditor submitted his report as follows:—

Mr. Warden and gentlemen, The undersigned begs leave to report that he has examined the books accounts and vouchers of the secretary-treasurer and finds that the secretary-treasurer has received taxes.

Aberdeen,	\$ 604 34	
Brighton,	2048 18	
Kent,	2066 01	
Northampton,	865 57	
Peel,	681 35	
Richmond,	2080 11	
Simonds,	930 55	
Wakefield,	2256 49	
Wicklow,	1895 41	
Wilmot,	1687 83	
Woodstock (Parish),	1482 10	
Woodstock (Town),	2403 61	
		\$18,631 55

(b) Jury Fees,	\$502 50	
Prov Gov, 1901,	63 00	565 50
Circuit Court, 1903,		
(c) Fines,	869 10	
C T A Act,	12 00	881 10
J Barnes, J P,		
(d) Licenses,		62 00
Pedlars, 1903,		
(e) Refunds,	63 30	
Insurance on Court House,	20 00	83 30
A R Fester,		
(f) Record Office,	137 00	
Registrar of Deeds,	4 00	141 00
For Staging,		
(g) Interest,		10 34
Royal Bank,		
Total Received,	\$20,376 79	

That the secretary-treasurer has paid out: (h) Indebtedness, Jan 12, 1903, 1928 05 (i) Debentures No 2, 1000 00 (j) Interest,

On Debentures,	740 00
On Current Acct.,	471 88
(l) County School Fund,	3243 15
Drafts, Feb 1903,	3243 15
Drafts, Aug 1903,	6486 30
(m) Ordinary Expenditure,	8682 07
	\$19,308 20
Leaving Balance on hand of,	\$1068 59

The Balance on hand consists of, Credit Balance in Royal Bank of Canada,

of Canada,	311 47
less Cheques drawn but not paid,	111 57
	\$199 90
Cash in hands of sec-treas.,	868 69
1068 59	

The state of the accounts of the different parishes with the county stands as follows:—The County owes the Parish of Northampton,

The following parishes are indebted to the county in the sums set opposite each.	
Aberdeen,	\$ 18 23
Brighton,	844 57
Kent,	70 25
Peel,	357 32
Richmond,	570 72
Simonds,	81 67
Wakefield,	538 75
Wicklow,	277 30
Wilmot,	7 19
Woodstock (Parish),	331 99
Woodstock (Town),	4536 77
	\$8265 76

Respectfully submitted, D. McLEOD VINCE, Auditor. Attached to above report are the state-

ments of the accounts between the different parishes and the county.

In reply to an inquiry it was stated by the secretary-treasurer that the insurance on the Court House amounts to \$5,000.

Coun. Williams submitted the report of the committee on the assessment for the year. They had decided to recommend that \$7,500 be assessed made up of the following items:—Debentures, \$1,000, interest on debentures, \$700, interest to bank, \$500, grant to hospital, \$500, administration of justice, \$3,500, councillors fees, \$400, miscellaneous expenditure, \$1,400. He moved a resolution based on the report, seconded by Coun. Gallagher.

Coun. Bailey—While that may seem money enough to run the county \$1,500 is a big reduction in one year. We are likely to have a larger overdrawn account than ever. My idea is to assess for a little more than we want. I do not think the people would object to raising the same amount as last year, and if we have a surplus we will have less interest to pay at the bank. The auditor's report showed we were never very flush at the bank. We should take warning by the town of Woodstock which had made the mistake right along of assessing a too small amount for properly carrying on the affairs of the town.

Coun. Gallagher—No matter how much we assessed we always had an interest account at the bank. If we do not assess too much the collectors will have to be sharper in the collections.

Coun. Connolly—A good many parishes are behind. If we make the assessment light there will be a better chance to collect the back taxes.

Coun. Williams I agree with Coun. Bailey as to not paying interest. But we have found that whenever we have a big assessment and a consequent surplus, the people do not pay the taxes as well, and we have a large defaulters' list.

Coun. Tompkins agreed with Coun. Bailey. It would have been better to have kept the assessment up this year and make a reduction next year, when we go back to the electors. (Laughter).

Coun. Brown—It would be better to assess a little more than we need. If we would assess for \$5000 we would have a little more than we would need.

Coun. Bailey—If we had a surplus we would not have to pay interest. We get 4% interest at the bank, and pay 6%.

Coun. Bradley—Would it pay a man to put money in the bank and renew notes at 7 per cent.?

Coun. McDonald—I would we willing to make the assessment the same as last year, and I move in amendment that the assessment be \$9000. Coun. Shaw seconded this motion.

Coun. Carvell—I agree with Coun. Bailey that we should have something on hand, but do not think it fair for one of the parishes to keep a surplus which other parishes owe. Northampton, Aberdeen and Wilmot are nearly out of the hole now. Wilmot only owes \$7.00. It is hardly fair to be charge these parishes for part of \$1500, which is owned by other parishes. In Wilmot we look sharp after our collectors.

Coun. Brown moved as amendment to the amendment that the assessment be made \$8000. Coun Bell seconded the motion.

Coun. Phillips (Peel)—The committee have considered the matter and believe with the outstanding taxes \$7,500 will be enough to assess.

There were taxes enough to be collected in the different parishes to meet the necessary demands.

Coun. Connolly favored the amendment to the amendment.

Coun. Tompkins urged the the councillors to be sharper with the collectors.

Coun. Williams—If Coun. Bailey will support a resolution to make the parishes pay interest on the defaulters list, and Woodstock town to pay the \$4000 in full, I am with him.

Coun. Shaw said the taxpayers, from his experience did not find fault as long as the taxes were not increased. We should allow something for unforeseen expenses. Next year if we read as good a showing as this year we might consider the question of reducing the assessment.

The amendment to the amendment was put and carried (it means an assessment of \$8000) the following councillors voting nay, all the rest yes, Couns. Williams, Bradley, Gallagher and Phillips.

Coun. Carvell moved that the parishes in debt pay an assessment of half their indebtedness instead of quarter as formerly Coun. Williams seconded the motion.

Coun. Gallagher moved in amendment that they pay half the indebtedness as to the time the warrant of assessment is issued.

Coun. Connolly moved as an amendment to the amendment that the indebted parishes pay quarter of their indebtedness.

Coun. Carvell—I do not think it fair that the parishes that have always paid their taxes, should have to pay interest for those behind. Parishes that are behind from \$500 to \$1000 ought to pay up without squealing. The parish of Wilmot for the last ten years has never been \$50 behind.

Coun. Brown agreed with Coun. Carvell, that it was unfair that the parishes out of debt should pay interest on the debt of the other parishes, if those parishes choose to remain in debt they ought to pay the interest.

Coun. Bradley said that Brigh on was hampered with a great many poor, they were neither extravagant, nor less intelligent than other parishes.

Coun. Tompkins would vote for the quarter assessment. Parishes varied, one year a parish was free of debt, the next year behind.

The amendment to the amendment was lost, those voting in favor of it being Couns. Bradley, Gallagher, Giberson (Kent), Giberson (Wicklow), Bell, Hay, Connolly, Tompkins, Phillips (Peel), Miller.

The amendment was then carried. A delegation from the Carleton County Hospital Board was now introduced, consisting of Rev. G. D. Ireland, Dr. Sprague and Mayor Bylea.

Dr. Sprague said that he could hardly see that it was necessary a deputation should come before the Council every year. He thought the Council might do as the Government and Town Council do, make the grant a permanent thing. He would like the Council to be as generous as possible, and also make the amount an annual grant. There had been 45 patients in the hospital since the 1st of June, paying patients 30, free 15. Of these 17 of the former and 10 of the latter came from outside the town. The paying patients made 755 bed days. He explained to Coun. Connolly that one John Clendenning had given a note for his care, but it had been returned when the Board was satisfied he should be a free patient.

Rev. Mr. Ireland pointed out that this is a county institution and the warden is by the act of incorporation a trustee and a member of the Board of Directors. The benefits of hospital are largely for the people outside the town, it is only an accident that the institution is in the town, and they were able to get the best of care and scientific treatment. If we are not our brother's keeper we are our brother's brother and those who are strong must support those who are weaker. Any doctor properly registered may bring a patient from any part of the county and have him attended to free of all charge. (Continued on 4th page.)

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