

COUNTY COUNCIL.

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Bill I. B. Curtis \$19.00 read.

Coun Connolly—I see an item of \$4 inquiring into the death of 3 children who were burned in a house. It does not cost the coroner any more than if there were one case.

Mr. Hartley said there might be a question. When a person died it was for the coroner, if the death was unnatural, to determine whether an inquest was to be held. Where there were three deaths he did not know whether he would be entitled to so much on each body.

Matter on motion laid over till June.

On motion Coun Williams finance committee and sec-treas authorized to pay school drafts and other charges on county, before taxes are collected and that for that purpose a sum not exceeding \$5000 be borrowed from one of the banks.

On motion of Coun Bell (Richmond) an over assessment of \$200 personal property in case of Thos R Estey was ordered to be refunded if collected, and if not, that it be not collected and charged to Wakefield. Also in the case of Thos Kennedy who has made affidavit that he has no real estate, that the amount of the tax so wrongfully imposed be refunded.

Coun Giberson (Wicklow) said that a petition was prepared in the matter of aid to a ferry. Mr. Jones had told him that the matter had better be brought before the council, it was asked that an appropriation be made by the gov't for this ferry between Bath and Wicklow.

Eben J. Kearney, the ferryman concerned was heard before the council. The petition, said Mr. Perkins was that \$200 be granted to the ferry and that the following rates be charged:—

For foot passenger 5 cents, single team, 10 cts, double team 15 cts, horse or animal of any kind 5 cts these to apply from daylight to dark, double the above till daylight and from the time the ice begins to run till the close of the ferry and from the opening of the ferry till the 15th of May each year.

He would expect to furnish and keep in good repair all boats, and the ferry road and wire to be kept in repair by the gov't.

Coun Bell (Wakefield) asked if this would mean a reduction in the ferriage from the present rates.

It was explained that it would except in the cases of foot passenger.

The payer of the petition was pronounced approved by the council.

A motion to increase the licence for ferry go-rounds from \$200 to \$400 was supported by Couns Connolly and Giberson and Bradley, and opposed by Couns Williams and McDonald, and lost.

Coun Williams on behalf of the committee to report on what bills shall be paid by the sec-treas without bringing them before council recommended that bills certified by the A'y-General, judges of the court, certified by the chairman of the building committee and the jury fees be paid.

Coun Williams moved that the bills of the bldg committee in these cases were not to exceed \$10.

Coun McDonald spoke of the difficulty in that case, as in the case they now had of the erection of the gallows.

Coun Williams—No one man's bill would be \$10.

Coun McDonald—Yes, we had a terrible time getting men to do this work.

Coun Smith—thought the limit should be \$10.

Coun Brown—I think \$50 is little enough limit.

Coun McDonald—There is the contract for light, from \$18 to \$25 each quarter.

Coun Connolly thought the committee should hand in a report at the end of the year showing the expenditure as any other officials and that their vouchers should be audited.

Coun Tompkins—if you put on too many restrictions you will not get any man to serve on the committee.

Coun Raymond—I think it is very unreasonable to limit the bldg committee to this meagre sum. Excessive repairs I should not leave to them.

Amendment that the limit be \$100 was carried.

A bill of W M Connell for \$24 was considered. There was a charge for advising Mr. McCormac, J P and some objections was taken to it.

Coun Lamont wanted to know why Mr. Connell's bills were always treated differently from all other bills.

Coun Connolly moved that the bill be left over till June.

Coun Phillips (Peel) moved in amendment that the bill be paid less than \$4.

Coun Raymond thought the bills should not be paid according to the generosity of the council but according to their merits.

Coun Bell (Richmond) the sec-treas can tell us whether it is a just bill.

Mr. Hartley—Any magistrate that lives within 20 miles of Woodstock can call in Mr. Connell and ask his advice and he is entitled to fair remuneration.

The amendment that the bill be paid less \$4 carried.

On motion Coun Raymond \$10 ordered paid R Wheeler, Simonds, collector, and \$4 paid W. C. Rideout balance non-resident road tak in his hands, also, \$2.50 paid Allen D-long 2 days service as road master when others refused to act.

On motion of Coun Bradley seconded by Coun D. Phillips this resolution was passed. That this council recommend all justices of the peace to exercise judgment and caution in dealing with indictable offences which may come before them for consideration and that in future they should not, in the opinion of this council send up for trial every person who shall come before them charged with an indictable offense, unless in their judgement they think there is reasonable ground for believing that the person should be placed on his trial.

Coun Phillips instanced the case of Henry A. Connell and the case of the Drost girl, both of whom had been sent up for trial and the grand jury found both cases were such as should not be tried.

Coun Bradley—I find there is much fault found about this. The cases come here and

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are dismissed by the grand jury, and yet the county is put to a great expense.

Coun Bell thought the fact of this resolution might be that nobody would be sent up for trial. He thought it was out of the jurisdiction of the council.

On motion of Coun Ambers Giberson David G. Bell of Bristol was appointed a policeman to maintain order in the village of Bristol and to have charge of the lock-up there established with power to do all such things as a peace officer may do in any city or town in the province.

The valuator on the case of James Miller (taxes in Aberdeen) reported as follows. James Miller has for a number of years been dissatisfied with the value the assessors of the parish of Aberdeen placed upon his property as compared with others and three years ago appealed to the valuator for a reduction. At the time T. H. Estey as chairman of the board took the trouble to see Mr. Miller and look over his property, and from what he heard he decided there was no need of going to the trouble and expense of holding a valuator's court. Last year (1904) Mr. Miller again appealed for over valuation and also claimed that three other parties whom he named were not as high assessed as he in proportion to the value of their properties. As the appeal was made in legal form the valuator felt it their duty to investigate the matter and for that reason held a court at Bristol to which Mr. Miller, the parties he named in his appeal and the assessors were invited? After hearing and weighing the evidence the valuator upheld the work of the assessors and dismissed the appeal, believing that no injustice had been done to Mr. Miller by the assessors. As this affair has been the cause of a good deal of talk in the parish and out of it, we consider it our duty to make this report.

T. H. Estey, John R. Ronald, John Mc-Lauchlan, valuator.

Report received and adopted.

The following communication was read:—Municipality of Carleton, Woodstock N. B.

For some years a number of the grand jurors, and several at the last session of the county court, complained of their being compelled to attend at the courts without compensation. This is a matter in which the ratepayers are more interested than myself, but I promised to bring the matter before your honourable body. W. P. Jones Esq., M. P. P. is willing to present a bill to the legislature authorizing the municipality to pay the grand jurors of the different courts of this county, if you (by resolution) empower the sec-treas to sign a petition to a bill authorizing the Municipality to pay the said Grand Jury fees for attending the different courts in this county and praying the legislature that the bill become law.

William M. Connell Clerk County Court.

A motion that the sec-treas draw up a petition to go to the legislature asking that the grand jury be paid \$1 per day was passed.

A communication was read from Judge Carleton setting forth that, in the other towns where a judge resided chambers were provided for him, that he had engaged good rooms at the rental of \$5 per month wherein he could hold chambers, and try non jury cases, that by the use of these rooms more money than the rent paid had already been saved to the county and asking that the county pay the rent of such rooms.

On motion of Coun McDonald, a motion that the county pay the rent of the Judge's chambers was unanimously passed.

In the matter of the bill of James Cullens for \$31 paid out for expenses on proposed road from Gage's line to the South Johnville

road, sec-treas was instructed to see if the road is recorded.

Coun McDonald said that the Scott Act has been in force for 25 years, it has proved an absolute failure. He believed the county should go to work and repeal it. He gave notice that he intended next June to move a resolution at this board that a petition be circulated at the time of the election to ask the people to sign it asking for the repeal of the Act. He believed a good licence law would be a protection to the young boys who being destroyed by the bottle-peddling business now going on, and that it would tend to the advancement of the temperance cause.

Council adjourned.

(The reporter would be very much obliged if any councillor who may notice any mistakes in this report, will kindly call them to his attention, and if he finds they are born out by his notes or have been mistakes of commission he will ask the papers publishing the reports to make the necessary corrections.)

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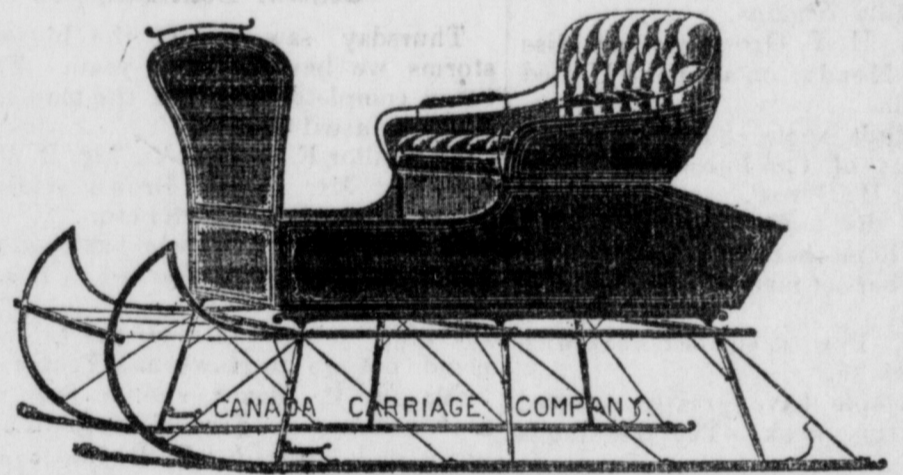
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