

COUNTY COUNCIL.

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Coun Ambers Giberson seconded this motion.

Coun Tompkins—I think we should try to do justice between the people who send us here and the public officials. I have a certain consideration for the officials when they have these tasks to perform. There are wounded feelings that we cannot make any less painful by money offers. I feel we should not pay any more than the sheriff is out. I do not think the people who send us here would be satisfied if we paid everything at the face as it comes before us.

Coun Phillips (Peel)—I will support the amendment to the amendment. The sheriff will get \$50.00 for the suffering he went through. In the two years referred to by Coun Bradley I lived in the district and had everything swept from me by hail. The local government offered us \$150.00, four and a half cents a piece. I am proud to say not a man accepted it. We went through greater suffering than the sheriff did. Last year I sold \$700.00 off my farm, those years I had to buy.

Coun Carvell—You are all aware that the sheriff had to pay Radcliffe \$100.00 out of his own pocket, he put in a bill for that and \$50.00 for his own services. The bill was cut down \$100.00. At the same session a resolution was passed instructing the secretary to pay bills ordered by the judge of the county or supreme court or the attorney general. Probably you are aware that if the attorney general had made an order this bill would have been paid and we could not dispute it. I know that the sheriff refused to take this step and has again presented his bill. This present bill simply covers the \$100.00 he lost and \$100.00 for the work he did in January. If we pass any of the amendments he will get that, and the balance on an order from one of the judges or the attorney general. I am going to support the original motion. I would not take \$500.00 and have gone through what the sheriff went through.

Coun Lamont asked the opinion of the secretary-treasurer on the matter.

Mr. Hartley—By the resolution of last session, if the attorney-general would certify that this bill is correct, I would have to pay it.

The Sheriff—I would rather have \$100.00 from this board than \$200.00 by order of the attorney-general.

Coun Shaw—I intend to vote for the original motion. I do not think it is a bit too much. A great many people have the impression that the sheriff's office is a very fat one. I would vote this for this bill even if I thought my constituents were opposed to it for I believe it fair, and I would not be under the lash of my constituents enough to make me vote for what I thought was not right.

Coun McDonald—There is an impression in the country that the sheriff gets a salary. He gets no salary at all. He is not expected by the law to serve any paper or travel any miles without being paid for it. He gets remuneration for the work he does. If there was not anything in the office we would not get a good man to serve in it. I think we should do right by the sheriff.

Coun Bradley—The law sets forth what he shall get for his service. It seems there is no provision in the law for cases of this kind. A man was hung in Edmundston 50 years ago and one in Fredericton 70 years ago, and the work was done well, so it was done successfully this last time.

A Councillor—Was not the sheriff paid in these cases.

Coun Bradley—I don't know. Within three miles of where the sheriff was born there are little children who step out of the door barefooted, they must pay their share of this tax.

Coun Carvell—How much would these barefooted children have to pay of this tax.

Coun Bradley—Perhaps 2 cents would be as much to them as five dollars to him.

Coun Carvell—Would they have to pay two cents?

Coun Bradley—I don't know.

Coun Bailey—I do not think that it is right that the sheriff should pay this money out of his own pocket. If it is worth anything to do the job it ought to be worth \$100. There is the point Coun Carvell has brought up as to the sheriff getting an order from the attorney-general. I do not say he would do it.

Coun Connolly—I think we would have something to say as to that. Has the attorney general power to control Carleton county. According to that doctrine he could give an order for \$1000.

Coun Brown—I voted last year for the payment of \$50 and I was afterwards ashamed of it. I think the sheriff should be paid the amount he paid Radcliffe. I do not see any use paying two men to do one man's work. If we pay this \$200 have we any

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The Sheriff—You have my word for it. I give you my word.

Coun Brown—I intend to vote for the amendment.

Coun Williams—I am not ashamed of my vote last winter. If there had been an amendment to give him nothing I would have voted that way. The reason is that there is no law that says we shall pay the sheriff anything for doing this work. He is getting pay \$200 for two minutes work. We have to pay for erecting the gallows. I do not think the sheriff should ask that much. I shall vote for the amendment to the amendment.

Coun Bull—I will vote for the original motion. I think we did not use the sheriff right the last session. This is something that never happened in our country before, and when the sheriff was appointed he did not expect to do anything of the kind. I think one reason the Dominion Government appointed a hangman was because they did not expect the sheriffs to do this work. I shall vote to pay him in full.

Coun Raymond—The idea around is that the sheriff gets from \$500 to \$1000 of a salary per year. In this matter it must be remembered he was master of ceremonies and had the whole responsibility on him. If we have a superintendent for a public building we do not expect him to take off his coat and work we pay him for his superintendence. I think he ought to be paid, I think if we pay the deputies we ought to pay him.

Coun Williams—He does not put in a claim for re-imbursement for last summer's work. It is only supposition that the attorney-general would certify his bill. We should not be influenced by that. The judges or attorney-general will be careful of bills that they certify.

Coun Connolly—I think this is a mistaken idea as to what the sheriff gets. The idea is that he only receives about \$300. The country has to feed the sheriff. He has the office of gaoler and that gives him \$250. He gets rent free all his wood and everything for the house is paid for by the country. If he does any work he gets pay for it. Hardly any of us get any pay if we don't work. It is his own business if he employs a deputy to do most of the work.

The amendment to the amendment was then put. The following voted Aye:—Couns C. Giberson, Williams, Wiley Lamont, Miller, Bradley, Connolly, Phillips (Peel) Tompkins. Remainder of council voted nay. The amendment was carried on the following division. Ayes.—Couns Gallagher, Jamieson, A. Giberson, Phillips, Wiley, Lamont, Brown, Miller, Raymond, Bradley, Connolly, Phillips, (Peel), Tompkins, Hay, Bell, (Richond), Williams.

W W Hay, \$19.00
Neil McKinnon, 4.00
John Farley, 11.90
A Henderson Co., 21.50

(This was in connection with the burial of a pauper who died at the hospital.)

Coun Lamont moved that the bill be paid and charged to Brighton. The motion was seconded.

Coun Connolly—I do not think there is

anything in this bill that should lead to its being charged to Brighton. This is a matter this council has no authority to decide, it is a question where settlement is to be proved. It is a matter to be tried in a court of law. There is not one jot or tittle of law under which the county council can decide as to the settlement of the poor. The council has a right to decide, in the case of a dispute what the pay shall be. This is in case the overseers of the poor give assistance. This boy, Root, fell into need in the parish of Aberdeen. He was at George Gilmour's.

Coun Lamont—He was taken sick before he came to Aberdeen.

Coun Connolly—It is a very strange thing that they are asking the overseers of Brighton to pay the bill. The Aberdeen people took this boy to the hospital and he died there. Mr. Henderson had orders and buried him and now puts this bill into the council. Let Mr. Henderson get his pay from the overseers of the Parish of Aberdeen. They claim he belonged to Brighton, let them prove in a court of law that he had a settlement in Brighton.

Coun Gallagher—He was taken out of a public institution in Boston I think, and sent to a place in Brighton. He lived there so many years. I move that it be referred back to the parishes of Aberdeen and Brighton to settle their own business.

Coun Lamont—Mr. Connolly has somewhat changed his view since last winter. When talking with me then, he proposed that each parish pay half of this bill. I would not agree to that. I said if the bill was against Brighton they should pay it.

Coun Connolly—Coun Lamont's statement is correct. I met him as he says and said this affair is kind of mixed up, we had better divide it. He said, no, they had nothing to do with it. I went home and consulted the law. I came to the conclusion that according to the law we had no right to pay it. I was not, then, willing to pay one half the expense. My mind is to make a test case of it, and go to law, if it comes to that.

Coun Carvell—This bill came up last winter. At that time it was referred back to the parishes concerned. It appears there has not been anything done at all. Now, we have a motion to do the very same thing. Notwithstanding what Mr. Connolly says, we take our law from the sec-treas. I would ask him what constitutes a residence.

Mr. Hartley—There are two ways a minor can get a residence, one way he takes the residence of his parents, if illegitimate, he takes the residence of his mother. This is if his parents live in N. B. If they live outside there is no way provided for his getting a residence. I am not prepared to say that where people took a child out of an institution, the persons who took it would not be regarded by the law as guardians, and for this purpose be regarded in the place of parents.

Coun Bradley—I saw Mr. Craig who said the boy lived with him for a while and then went to Glassville, and from Glassville to the hospital. The councillor here read a letter from Atty Gen Pugsley, who gave it as his opinion that Brighton was not responsible.

Coun Connolly read from the Con. Stats, as the law there bears on the matter.

Coun Gallagher claimed that the boy became destitute in Aberdeen and was sent by that parish to the hospital, that parish should pay.

Coun Connolly said if the boy had been taken sick in Brighton, his parish would have paid the bill.

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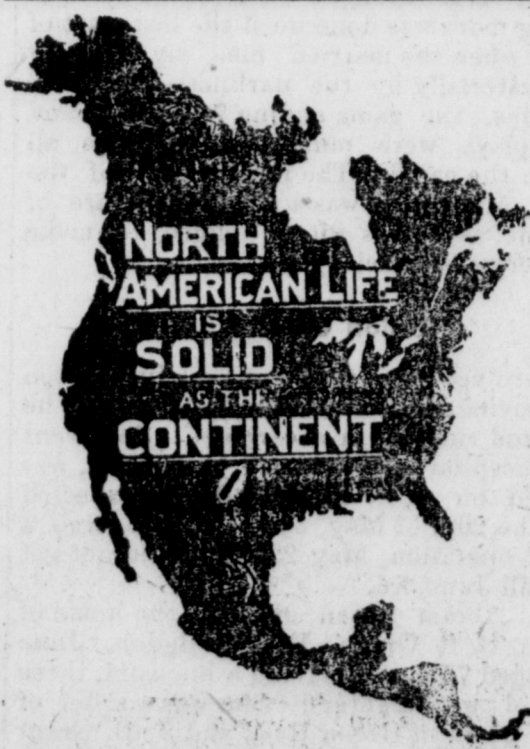
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