

## COUNTY COUNCIL.

Continued from last week.

Gallagher Bros. presented a bill for \$14.00 for horse hire.

Coun. Flemming—I think that the constable hiring the team from the livery stable should put in the bill. No doubt the bill is all right. I am not saying that it is not but I think that it was put in by the wrong party.

Coun. Connolly—I am of the same view as Coun. Flemming in this matter. When both parties put in the bill there is apt to be a confusion and the same bill may possibly be put in twice. I think that the constable should also not put in a bill for meals. If he were at home he would have to get his meals just the same. Thing are going too far. The charges are getting larger every year. According to the bills that are coming in the county must be swarming with burglars and tramps. The county should put a check on this business.

Coun. Bradley—I think that if a man loses any butter he had better say nothing about it. He can just keep the matter to himself and put in a bill to the county council.

Coun. Kinney—This bill may look excessive but the officers earn their money. They have many hardships to meet and we all must agree that the law must be enforced.

Gallagher Bros. bill was ordered paid.

On motion of Coun. Williams seconded by Coun. Forrest the following committee was appointed to confer with the Inspector and go over the Scott Act accounts and report on Wednesday morning 10 30 o'clock:—Couns. Melville, Carvell and Fewer.

Chas. W. Connell of the Parish of Northampton presented the following petition against the return of Couns. Phillips and Brown for the Parish of Northampton:—

NORTHAMPTON, N. B., Jan. 6th 1906.  
To the Council of the Municipality of Carleton,

GENTLEMEN,—We the undersigned petitioners and ratepayers of the Parish of Northampton in the County of Carleton, N. B., do enter protest against the said Henry A. Phillips and Alexander R. Brown to serve as Councillors in the County Council of the Municipality of Carleton elected at the Parish election held at Northampton on the 10 day of October last 1905 under the following conditions:

1. That the Parish Clerk acting as Chairman neglected to take Oath as required by the law on the opening of the Poll after it being brought to his attention that the law required him to do so.

2. The voters list furnished the Chairman was not a proper one as the law required.

3. The Chairman left his place and premises and was gone for some time.

4. The Chairman permitted people to vote when their names were not on his list.

5. At the close of poll the chairman neglected to administer the oath to tellers.

We respectfully ask the council for investigation. Signed, C. W. Connell, Howard Thompson, Sidney Colwell, A. Grant, C. Cunningham, Geo. Smith, Oliver Roulston, F. C. Harvey, Burns Cluff, R. Monteith, Charles Tompkins, W. Bull, Justus Gill, Charles Culbert, A. C. Dibble, J. H. Cluff, Herbert Tompkins, J. M. Dalling.

This petition was referred to the following committee:— Couns. Williams, Forrest, Fewer, Lamont and Alex Bell.

The committee reported as follows:—

To the Warden and Council now in session. Your committee appointed to investigate the petition of Chas. W. Connell beg leave to report after hearing the evidence that they find that the petition as set forth by the said Chas. Connell is sustained throughout with the exception of sec. 3, and we further recommend the petition of said Chas. Connell to the consideration of the Council. Signed, J. F. Williams, D. H. Lamont, James H. Forrest, Joseph Fewer, Alexander Bell.

Coun. Carvell was of the opinion that the matter should be carefully and thoroughly investigated.

Coun. Shaw moved that the matter of the petition be taken up at once. This motion was seconded by Coun. Bell.

The Warden then read the petition. On motion Mr. Connell was called upon to address the council concerning the matter embodied in the petition.

Mr. Connell: The officers in charge of the elections in Northampton never do their duty. I had objected before but it did no good. Nothing would have been done this time but for the fact that I as one of the ratepayers had the boldness to come forward and investigate matters. I have had the finger of scorn pointed at me. This council should not allow such things as this to take place in this the twentieth century. Some-

one had to take a stand in this matter and I took it. The assessors should have made out a separate list to vote on and furnished the parish clerk with it. This should have been done at the proper time, not on the morning of the election. The clerk opened the poll and afterwards I met him on the road. He said that he was going down home for a table or chair or something. Mr. Phillips has said that he met him before the poll opened, but he does not say that he did not meet him after the poll had opened. I do not want to make any reflections on the character of the clerk, Mr. Stone, for he may have been careless in the matter. Take the statement of Mr. Phillips as against mine and then look at the statement of Mr. Stone's. Whether the list was right or wrong Mr. Stone had no right to let anyone vote whose name was not on the original list unless he had been furnished with another list on which there had been alterations made. The tellers should have been sworn. The votes may have been counted all right but the law was violated. We must have the law enforced. Mr. Brown and Mr. Phillips made a great error in taking their seats as councillors in the face of these things. Had they been dutiful they would have seen that the clerk was furnished with a list at the proper time. Had they been as anxious to do their duty as they were to get elected there would have been no investigation. On behalf of the petitioners and every right thinking man in the county I ask for an annulment of this election.

Coun. Shaw: "How soon after the poll opened did you meet the clerk outside the poll?"

Mr. Connell: "It was about from one to one and one half hours after the poll opened."

Coun. Shaw: "How far were you from the poll at the time?"

Mr. Connell: "I was from about 15 to 20 rods away at the time."

Coun. Shaw: "Were you walking or driving?"

Mr. Connell: "I was standing around."

Coun. Carvell: "Do you think that you lost your election on account of these alleged acts?"

Mr. Connell: "I can't say as to that. I saw that there was no use in my making a hard fight as I had no show."

Coun. Carvell: "Had these acts not taken place would you have been elected?"

Mr. Connell: "I would have got a good many more votes. I can't say whether I would have been elected or not."

Coun. Carvell: "What was the result of the voting?"

Coun. Brown: "I can give you that information. The vote stood: Phillips 131, Brown 116, Connell 43."

Mr. Connell: "Votes are not what will settle this."

Coun. Carvell: "But we could get an idea as to how many of the ratepayers of Northampton wanted you for councillor."

Mr. Connell: "I had the promise of a large support."

Coun. Carvell: "We all get that."

Coun. Raymond: "Do you claim the ballot box was stuffed in the absence of the clerk?"

Mr. Connell: "There were strong indications. There was a bunch that came out marked 'Phillips and Brown.'"

Coun. Carvell: "It looks as though quite a bunch came out marked that way."

Coun. Shaw: "How many voters names are there on the list?"

Mr. Connell: "I don't know exactly. There are about three hundred."

Coun. Flemming: "I think that it is important that we get some idea, Mr. Connell, as to whether you stood any chance of election. You see there are two courses left to this council. We can censure the proceedings or we can go further and say that the Parish of Northampton shall have no representative at this board during this session."

Coun. Carvell: "Have you run elections in the Parish of Northampton before, Mr. Connell?"

Mr. Connell: "Yes, but I never made an active canvass. I got about sixty votes one time. But that is not the point. What difference does it make whether I expected to get elected or not. It doesn't matter whether I got one vote or ninety votes."

Coun. Carvell: "If we annul this election the parish will go unrepresented during this session. The indications are that the ratepayers of the Parish of Northampton wanted as representatives the men that they sent here or they would have sent someone else. If we go to the expense of another election the thing will go the very same way."

Coun. Alex. Bell: "I was on the committee that inquired into this matter. I think that if the law was carried out to the letter quite a few of us who are now here would not be here at all. As the thing stands I think it would be better to let Mr. Brown and Mr. Phillips remain and let Mr. Connell try it

again next year.

Coun. Brown: "Mr. Stone has acted as parish clerk for the Parish of Northampton for the past sixteen or seventeen years. I was not present when the poll opened. I was perhaps fifteen or twenty minutes late, but after I got there Mr. Stone never left the polling booth. I believe that the assessors furnished the clerk with the revisors' list instead of the voters' list. Only one man voted whose name was not on the list. I think that that man had the right to vote and I think he voted for Mr. Connell. The tellers were not demanded to be sworn by either party. Mr. Connell tried to get elected a number of times before. Once he got six votes, another time he got twenty three votes and another time he got forty-one."

Coun. Connolly: "Had you got elected would you have complained of corrupt practices, Mr. Connell?"

Mr. Connell: "It would not have been in my interests to have done so. If three or four can get together and run an election where will we be in a few years. Your committee have found the election illegal."

Coun. Carvell: "They have not found the election illegal, they have only sustained your charges."

Coun. Phillips: "Mr. Connell is mistaken about the clerk leaving the poll. I met Mr. Stone before the poll opened and he said that he was going for a chair. Mr. Connell says that when he met him he said he was going for a chair. This must have been at the time when I met him and I can swear that that was before the poll opened."

Coun. Williams: "Mr. Brown, would you have protested the election if you had been beaten?"

No. Nothing was further from my mind. Some men only signed Mr. Connell's requisition for fun. I have heard that he asked some men to sign and they did not care to do so and he signed for them.

Mr. Connell: "I challenge and deny that assertion."

Warden Bailey: "Let us get some motion made on the matter."

Coun. Carvell: "The election was intended to be run fairly. It is quite evident that the people of Northampton do not want Mr. Connell as a councillor. In our own parish the name of one voter was left off the list through an oversight but he was allowed to vote. I move that the councillors for the Parish of Northampton be confirmed in their seats."

This motion was seconded by Coun. Bell and carried unanimously.

It was then moved by Coun. Balmain and seconded by Coun. Carvell that Mr. A. Henderson be heard regarding his bill against the municipality. On the motion being put and carried unanimously, Mr. Henderson was heard as follows: I have a bill for \$21.50 for undertaking and burial services in connection with the body of a young man named Root. This young man lived in the Parish of Brighton for two or three years and then he went to the States. He afterwards went to the Parish of Aberdeen where he lived for about eleven months. We applied to Aberdeen to pay this bill, the young man having died at the Carleton County Hospital. Aberdeen refused to pay. We then asked Brighton to pay. Brighton agreed to pay one half if Aberdeen would pay one half. Aberdeen at first refused to do so. Then Aberdeen agreed to pay one half and Brighton refused. So far I have not been paid at all. I want you councillors to know this county's indebtedness to me. I have another bill for \$16.70 Miss Veasey, of Brighton, died at the hospital and was buried at Newburg. The poor-masters of the Parish of Brighton refused to pay the bill. They should do their duty. I don't think that I should bury three or four paupers and receive no pay for doing so.

Coun. Williams: "To whom are these bills addressed?"

Warden: "One to the overseers of the poor for the Parish of Brighton, and one to the overseers of the poor for the Parish of Aberdeen."

Coun. Williams: "What has this council got to do with them then?"

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