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COUNTY COUNCIL.

UPPER WOODSTOCK, June 19th.

The County Council met in the Court House at 10 a. m. in regular mid-summer session. There were present all the councillors viz:-

Aberdeen-D. H. Lamont, Edward Wiley. Brighton-C. J. Connolly, Allen Bradley. Kent-John Kinney, John Keenan.

Northampton-Alex Brown, H. A. Phil

Peel-W. S. Tompkins, Edward Mellville Richmond-John Hay, Alex Bell.

Simonds-W. N. Raymond, W. L. Mooers Wakefield-F. R. Shaw, David Bell. Woodstock (parish)-John Flemming, J

H. Forrest. Woodstock (town)-A. G. Bailey, Joseph

Fewer, William Balmain. Wilmot-John F. Williams, H. P. Carvell.

Wicklow-G. W. Jameson, W. J. Owens. The chair was taken by the Warden, Coun. Bailey. The Warden welcomed the councillors to their duties. He said we have been criticized with regard to the Court House, all the grand juries have had a little something to say, and whatever views we have I think it would be advisable to bring the matter up that the board may take some action with regard to it. It would show the people that we are not dead to the issue, at all, and that we are willing to take it up the proper manner. A month or so ago there was an architect in town in connection with some private business and I got him to draw me a few sketches of a building for a Court House in connection with Record Office along with the figure of the cost so as to give us an idea of what he could do. I will leave the drawings on the table where any of the council may time till the January session to bring in their inspect them.

The minutes of the last session of council collected."

Coun. Flemming spoke of an extra indemnity to the Secretary in connection with the lect the rents? work done by him in view of the new road act. I think there was an amendment made lic buildings we are looking strictly after that the local government be asked to pay them. Mr. Leighton is paying the reut of the bill or indemnity.

Mr. Hartley-There was no resolution authorizing any payment to me out of the road fund.

Minutes were approved.

Under the head of reports of special committees, Coun. Flemming said that with regard to the collection of fees or licenses by the town from persons in the county doing business therein, the report he had to make was that the town took no action in the matter at all. It was not very satisfactory explanation for him but if the board was satisfied all right.

Coun. Forrest-It would perhaps be better if we had written a report. We waited on the town council and discussed the matter and left it for explanation with the sec-tress, who is also the town clerk. He told us that the town could not grant our request that the tax be removed, that the town could not discriminate, they could not relieve the ratepayers of the County of Carleton while enforcing the by-law against others, that to do so would make the whole by law invalid. The town could hardly be expected to remit the whole tax in order to relieve the few person in the parishes adjoining who were affected by it. He (Forrest) must say that the explanation was reasonable to him.

Coun. Phillips-I agree with Coun. Forrest. I was not aware before but that the town could pass a by-law to allow the ratepayers of the county to come in and do business in the town without paying a license, and that it would affect the tax on outsiders. One thing I particularly felt was that in the erection of county buildings in the town resideats of the county should be allowed to work thereon without having to pay a license. I think that should be allowed.

Coun. Forrest-If you are going to build a court house the ratepayers of the county ought to have the right or privilege to work on it.

Mr. Hartley on being asked to give his opinion said: The Act which was passed gave the town the right to demand a license from those who are not ratepayers of the town who do any business or follow any employment in the town. It is plain that we cannot discriminate for instance against the County of York in favor of the County of trials there, and thereby saves the

must pay the license. The minute we attempt to discriminate our by-law becomes invalid, and we could not make outsiders from Ontario or the States pay the license. It would be held by the courts to be unfair discrimination, and we would have the town burdened with Jews and others who would come to do business in the summer months to the injury of our own merchants. The town by-laws reads almost identically the same as the county by-law for the same purpose.

Coun. Flemming-Would not the county by-law protect the town?

Mr. Hartley-No, we are separate-a separate corporation and the county council has no control of the town. The only thing is that the town contributes for certain things as for the administration of justice. The county could get no conviction under their act for they have no jurisdiction in the town of Woodstock. The town contributes to the school fund and to the fund for the administration of justice, but it is a separate corporation otherwise altogether. No by-law of the county has any force in the town of Woodstock, for that reason the town was not able to what was suggested. I believe that the matter is referred to the Fines and License committee of the town council so that they could see if some mode could not be found whereby relieve could be obtained, so that the collections would not be made from the parties who are affected.

Coun. Raymond-I understood that you could not do that.

Mr. Hartley-We could not make a law discriminating, but supposing a man comes in the town and we do not see fit to collect a license from that particular person, but if we pass a resolution we make the by-law no good. I do not suppose that the whole amount the town gets from the parties complaining would be more than \$25 probably not over \$15.

Coun. Flemming-From what the sec-treas says the matter is still under consideration. I understood from the acting mayor that the town had taken no action.

Mr. Hartley-We have no acting mayor. .The councillor who presides has no more right to give an opinion as to what the council would do or would not do than any other member of the board. Report accepted and committee relieved from further duty. The committee on Printing was given further

Coun. Mellville said that there were comwere read, and on suggestion of Coun. Ray. plaints around the county that rooms in the mond a correction made in the report of a Registry office were being used for private resolution as to the paying of commission purposes and no pay collected. It is said on taxes, making it read "on all monies that Mr. Leighton lives in the Registry office. Is it not the duty of the building committee to look after this building and col-

> Coun. Fewer-With reference to the pub-Judge Carleton's office and everything is going along all right. By an arrangement between the judge and Mr. Leighton, Mr. Leighton remains in the rooms in the Registry office and pays the rent of the office used by the judge.

Coun. Mellville-Has the committee the right to allow them to make such a trade?

Coun. Carvell-We agreed to furnish the judge with an office in the Registry building, if Mr. Leighton pays his rent somewhere else what is the difference.

Coun. Fewer-The Judge can go in the Record office at any time.

Coun. Williams-In the first place we rented a room for the judge and paid for the use of it. Last winter we rescinded that resolution. Are we as a municipality bound to provide rooms for Juage Carleton, if we are not, where are we making anything out of it? Mr. Leighton is using the Registry office and paying Judge Carleton for a rented room in another place.

Coun. Bailey-Judge Carleton, as near as I can make out, could come up here and hold his court and we would have to furnish janitor and heating and attendance, that would be for his work in Chambers as well as for the ordinary courts. I understand the Court House is the proper place but when the county comes to figure it up it is a great deal cheaper to furnish the judge with a room down town. When we got instructions to put him in the Record office Mr. Leighton was living there and rather than move out he was willing to pay the rent of the judge's present office.

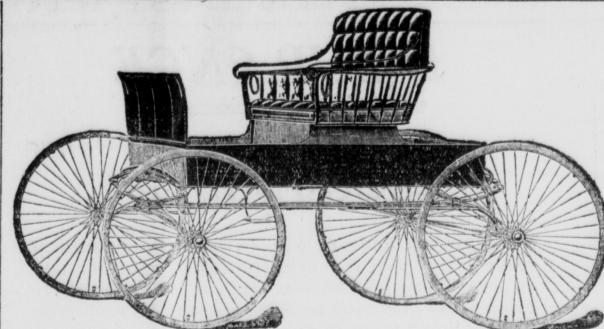
Coun. Flemming-We met as a committee only Mr. Bell was not present and we thought as he was at a distance he would agree to our acting without his being present. We spoke to Mr. Leighton as to last winter's resolution, and when we spoke to him he said he had paid the judge's rent for two months already and would rather continue to do it than to make any shift.

Coun. Carvell-I think there is an impression about that the judge is holding all his courts there. I think it would be well if the sec-treas would explain just what he has the rooms for.

Mr. Hartley — He holds his non-jury be held on 2nd day of July next.

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opening of the court house, janitor's attendance, etc. He is not only the judge for this county, but also for Madawaska, Victoria and Charlotte, and he has Court Chambers matters, applications made to him and all such matters. The county is bound to furnish some place and the Court House is of course the proper place. If he used the Court House it could probably need to be heated twice a week, and the cost would be four or five dollars a week. Then there would have to be a janitor and conveyance to and from the Court House would have to be provided.

Coun. Williams-When the question came up as to supplying the judge rooms I did not thoroughly understand our duties I would like to ask who furnished Judge Stevens with rooms or whether he held courts in this

Mr Hartley-When we had to go before Judge Stevens in those county chamber matters we had to go to Charlotte county.

Coun. Williams-It is a question then as to opening the Court House or to have an office for the judge in town. We own the county building, rooms I understand are in demand. in Woodstock and we might get wealthy renting our rooms in the building.

Mr. Hartley-I may say one room in that building belongs to me, and if you are talking af renting you must consider me as sec-treas. The clerk of the County Court has a right to an office in the building.

Coun. Williams- How many rooms are there in the office?

Mr. Hartley-Three up stairs.

Coun. Williams-What rooms did the Woodstock and Centreville Railway occupy? Mr. Hartley-The room in the corner-I

think, and a little room in the end of the Coun. Williams-There is a good deal of talk about funishing the registrar with rooms,

I did not know just how many rooms there

Mr. Hartley-Besides the Clerk of the County Court, the Judge of Probates has a right to a room.

Coun. Lamont-I think we had better say nothing about it.

Coun. Fewer-I think these things had better be settled right now.

Coun. Thompkins-I understand this matter better than I did. There was a good deal of complaint in this county with regard. to this and now that the people know just how matters are I am sure they will be satisfied. The people are resonable when matters are laid fairly before them. 1 am perfectly satisfied with the arrangement.

Report of the Committee adopted.

Coun. Tompkins asked about certain cases tried before police magistrates and other justices. In cases of assault and battery certain people in different parishes are taken up and tried before magistrates. They are fined say \$10, \$15 or \$20 and costs. I believe in these cases the fines should go to the parishes wherein the offences are committed and. that they go towards the support of the poor. I fail to ever see where these fines are paid. over. I can tell you of one case that happened in the Parish of Brighton. The parties concerned were o man named Stockford who had a row with a man named Smith. As a result Stockford was fined \$20 and costs. I would like to know whether this fine has been collected, and if so, has it been paid

Mr. Hartley-It seems to me the fine was turned over to me and was credited up to the county. It is not a parish matter, the fines go to the county.

Coun. Williams-Does Mr. Farley make &

Mr. Hartley-I have never had a return from him, or I do not recollect of any. A representation should be made to the Solicitor General that justices are receiving fines and not turning them over to the proper officers who are entitled to have those fines and he would see that the requirements of the act are carried out. If you pass a resolution that the sec-treas communicate with the solicitor general to that effect I will do

Coun. Mellville moved a resolution directing all magistrates through out the county who have collected fines to herewith make out a return to the council of all these fines. The motion was duly seconded and passed.

Coun. Tompkins suggested that the county auditor should look over certain bills and see what bills had a right to come before the board. He thought this would simplify

The auditor who was present said he would willingly assist the council in any way, but it was their primary matter to examine and deal with the bills that came before them.

Coun. Carvell-At the last session of the council there was talk to the effect that the sec-treas should be paid for his special services in connection with the newroad act. I think there was a resolution that it so be reported to the local government, that he be paid for this work. At the last session of the local government they passed a resolution that the sec-treas receive a certain sum out of the road money for such services, but first subject to the approval of the council. I herewith move "That the sec-treas of the (Continued on page three)