

County Council.

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Owen Kelly services Hudlin matter, \$6.30, expenses paid for horse, etc., \$2.25.

Coun Melville thought Mr Kelly should be paid as marshal and find his own team.

Owen Kelly, total bill of \$16.55, ordered paid.

William Miles, witness Smith matter, \$6.80.

Coun Williams moved seconded by Coun Kinney bill be not paid. Carried. John Barnett, J P, \$9.45, ordered paid.

Theresa Maddox, witness and mileage Scovil matter, \$9.60, ordered paid.

Board adjourned for dinner.

Council resumed at 2 p m continuing in committee of the whole on the bills.

Taking up the bill of the sec-treas for preparing list of parish officers, the secretary explained by letter that a bill similar had always been paid both to him and to his predecessor. Bill on motion ordered paid.

Jas W Woolverton constable, \$22.90. Coun Bailey called attention to the ill \$2 for attendance at court.

Coun Brown—I think a constable always has \$2, ordered paid.

A R Foster, deputy sheriff, \$175.00. Coun Connolly—We complain of these officers making charges, but the people are a good deal to blame themselves. One, McCrea and one Ellis made a horse trade and one of them being dissatisfied with it, commenced criminal proceedings against the other. Many of our people make King's cases in order that they may save themselves expense.

Deputy Foster—Said it was true as Coun Connolly's and, but a warrant was issued and he acted under it.

Coun Melville—When George McCrea trades horses the officers should know that he is a horse trader, and that while he won't steal he will beat a man in a trade. The officers should be slow to put in force the criminal law. Bill ordered paid.

William A Hayward gaoler \$40.40, ordered paid.

William A Hayward, sheriff, \$3.00. Coun Wiley moved that Charles Wilson, assessor Aberdeen, received \$3 for searching records. Carried.

Coun Raymond moved that Donald Foster added to list of constables for Simonds. Carried.

Coun Bailey, sec moved by Coun Balmain that Frank McClements be appointed surveyor of wood bark and amber for County of Carleton.

Coun Carvell moved seconded by Coun Williams that Freeland McKenzie be added to the list of constables of Wilmot. Carried.

Coun Brown moved, seconded by Coun Phillips that Ernest Brooks be added to contests, and Herbert Sewell, Frank Giberson and Harry Riordan be appointed poundkeepers, for parish Northampton. Carried.

Coun Flemming moved that Edward London and Howard London be weighers of hay for the parish of Woodstock. Carried.

Coun Carvell referred to the death of Mr John R Ronald as a valuator and moved that J T G Carr be appointed for the vacancy. Motion seconded by Coun Bradley and carried.

On motion Coun Owens the following were added to the parish officers of Wicklow, Anthony Wright, Dexter, Beverley Kinney, Basil Kilpatrick, poundkeepers, etc.

On motion Coun Connolly, W W Murphy and B N Shaw were appointed hogreaves, etc. that David Brewer be relieved, and that Beecher Stockford and James Saunders be five wardens for the parish of Brighton.

On motion of Coun Jameson George Grant and George Buchanan were appointed firewardens for the parish of Wicklow.

Coun Balmain said Mayor Munro was here to address the council on the question of Municipal Union and on motion he was heard. The following bill being first ordered paid: A R Foster, \$18.90.

Mayor Munro spoke of the advisability of the County of Carleton entering the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities. The union was formed by a majority of the county councils sending members to a convention called at St John by Mayor Sears. There was a dominion union and a provincial union. He pointed out the objects of the union as detailed in the constitution; its particular object being the guiding of legislation in the dominion and provinces on municipal matters. He quoted from a speech of Mayor Sears on the subject speaking particularly of the need of union in opposing the influence of great corporation interests against which it was necessary to guard. Nearly all the towns in the province sent representatives and a majority of the counties. A member of the executive from N B was appointed to come before each council which was not a member and lay before it the objects of the association with a view of inviting it to join. The annual fee for membership is \$10. Each municipality is entitled to send two members for each 5000 of its population and one for each additional 5000 or less. The union was a means of enforcing anything or resisting anything and this was one great advantage of belonging to the union.

The executive had a meeting in Fredericton before the New Brunswick Telephone bill went through and they were asked to prepare a bill to which the government added something, and which was practically adopted. He believed this bill would be found in the interests of the people. The idea is that the Telephone is becoming a necessity, and that soon every farmer will have one in his own house. That was the first matter which came to the attention of the Union.

Coun Carvell moved that this municipality join the Union.

Coun Connolly seconded the motion. In doing so he said that he was favourably impressed with the idea

of joining the Union, which he thought would be made beneficial to the municipality.

Coun Flemming thought this was a move in the right direction. He thought the telephone bill was a very good one. Referring to the Highway Act he said that one county waited on the legislature through a delegation, and protested against the bill, and that county was released from the working of the Act.

Coun Forrest—It has been proved that Union is strength and to my mind there never was a time that the municipalities required more to look after their interests. Year after year our powers have been clipped by the Legislature. Now we control the assessing, collecting and paying the bills and the appointment of the hog reeves. We are allowed to support the poor. If there is any benefit in this Union we should put forth all the force we can exercise in its interest.

Motion carried.

Coun Carvell moved that the secretary be instructed to send the fee as soon as required. Seconded and carried.

A bill of Edward London for stationery etc, was read for 76 cents and ordered paid when attested.

Coun Kinney moved seconded by Coun Keenan that Jas Cummins and Dennis Cullen, be poundkeeper, Perry Crane, surveyor lumber and bark for Kent parish, that D A Bell be a constable and John Meed and A Giberson poundkeepers for the same parish. Carried.

The following was the report of the special committee on the Henderson bill for furnishing Sheriff Hayward's quarters last January:—

To the warden and municipality of Carleton county:—

Gentlemen.—Your committee appointed to wait on the Sheriff in reference to goods paid for in furnishing the private residence of Sheriff Hayward, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty. The Sheriff says he never asked for furnishings for residence and told the chairman of the building committee, Joseph Fewer, that he would not take any responsibility for any goods furnished as the county council would not agree to it, and further he would not pay for the goods.

(Signed) J F Williams  
Edwin Melville  
W N Raymond  
Committee

Court House, June 18th, 1907.

Coun Melville said we were told last year that Mr McDonald was responsible for this. The Sheriff said that Mr McDonald did not order this. He said that when the carpets were being laid, he said he did not want them and would not pay for them, but he was told that the chairman of the building committee was back of it all.

Coun Balmain thought it would be well to have the story as told by Mr Henderson. He thought that the one remedy for such mistakes for the future was to cut down the power of the building committee.

Coun Williams read a note from Mr Henderson on the matter in which he said that William McDonald and Jos Fewer were wholly responsible as they ordered the work and ordered the bill paid. The committee were going to order that the council proceed against the building committee but thought it would be better to let the council deal with it. All bills paid should in his opinion be paid by the order of the whole of the committee.

Coun Balmain thought Mr Henderson's letter was a little vague. It did not specify what part Mr McDonald had to do with it. There was furniture which should have been rightly furnished and this he thought Mr McDonald certified, not that put up stairs and which we should not have paid for.

Coun Bradley did not know how a man could have furniture put in his home against his will. It seemed to him the sheriff must have known about it. To say that he did not looked thin.

Coun Melville—The sheriff did not say that he fought very hard against it, but he claimed that Coun Fewer had full charge. I think he would be willing for the council to come and take the stuff. He told me that when Mr Henderson went there, he had instructions from the chairman of the building committee to put in furniture. I understood that the repairs down stairs were made by Mr McDonald.

Coun Flemming did not see anything to reflect on Sheriff Hayward.

Coun Carvell did not see how the Sheriff's residence could be furnished against his will. Someone is shirking responsibility. What was the furniture?

A councillor—carpet and linoleum.

Coun Carvell—It is property of the county put in there.

Coun Williams—Coun Fewer was here last winter and why did he not make explanation.

Coun Melville said he understood that Coun Fewer contended that the Sheriff was responsible.

Coun Raymond thought perhaps too much power was placed in the committee's hands. He remembered a motion being voted down that \$10 should be the limit of the bill paid on the order of the chairman of a committee, a motion which he favored now as he did before. He found the jail at Fredericton well furnished and thought ours should be similarly furnished.

Coun Balmain—This is a new idea. Why did not the chairman have the manliness to say this last winter.

Coun Bailey thought a committee should be appointed to locate the man who was to blame.

One councillor—They should meet in the jail.

Coun Bailey—They would break out then. With regard to limiting the committee powers a difficulty arose, say in the case of buying coal, which should be done this month.

Coun Carvell asked if the committee waited on Mr Henderson.

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Coun Melville—Two waited on the Sheriff and they meant to wait on Mr Henderson. They were not appointed to wait upon Mr Henderson.

Coun Forrest—We should not shirk the responsibility. If there is anyone responsible it would be Ex-Warden Bailey who appointed Coun Fewer as chairman of building committee. We should instruct the committee to get a hearing from the three parties concerned.

A councillor—One is at Grand Falls and one at St Stephen.

Coun Bell (Richmond)—For my own part I never was asked what to buy or not buy, but I think we should not be too hard on Coun Fewer. I would like to have the thing straightened out. It will hurt no one to tell the truth.

Coun Williams—I intend to wash my hands clean. I claim if any blame there should be it is on this council. Two years ago I was on a committee on bills to be paid and it was proposed by the committee that no bill over ten dollars should be paid on the chairman's order. This was opposed. According to the resolution passed Coun Fewer had the power to pay the bill on his own responsibility. I think the matter should be settled here.

Coun Melville referred to a motion passed last session guarding against bills being too easily paid. The county is responsible for any bills contracted by the building committee.

Coun Balmain said that Clerk Hartley passed the bill because he had then no power to refuse payment.

Coun Carvell—There is no good of us getting up here and making speeches for the next election, for that is largely what we are doing. All we can do now is to deal with the matter. We are accused of not doing our duty because a man escaped from the jail. The best we can do is to accept our responsibility and look pleasant. We had better accept the report.

Report received and accepted.

Coun Melville did not want to be in a position of having to say that he was afraid of what was going on.

Coun Balmain thought the sec-treas veto was ample guard. It would be very inconvenient to get three of a committee by letter.

Coun Owens—I don't think Mr Hartley has power to veto any bill, but that he would rather pay a bill certified by two of a committee.

Coun Bailey—I would second Coun Raymond's resolution. I don't think the sec-treas should have a word to say.

Coun Flemming—The sec-treas was simply authorized to refuse to pay bills which the council had no right to pay.

The Warden read the resolution of council passed in January which showed that the authority given to the sec-treas was to exercise his judgment as to the legality of a bill, and refuse payment if he has doubt as to its legality.

Coun Bradley—It was some bill the Judge had ordered paid that led up to the resolution being passed.

The resolution passed.

Coun Bailey spoke of the goal not being safe, with reference to the escape of Hudlin. He wished to know if any further repairs were advisable.

Coun Williams—Did he go out under the window sill.

Coun Bailey—Yes.

Coun Bradley—How many courses of brick are there?

Coun Bailey—Four.

Coun Bradley—Better fix up the hole and let the nigger go.

A bill of Dr N P Grant for professional evidence given at inquest, \$4.00, ordered paid.

Coun Carvell moved Constable Woolverton be paid \$2.00 for attendance at this session.

Council adjourned.

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