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### COUNTY COUNCIL.

Coun Tracy agreed with Coun Balmain—I think we are taking a hold of the matter a little too soon. There was a lot of good done in the part of the county I come from. Before this liquor was sold, but now it is dry. Mr Colpitts is getting too old, but we want to be sure of our man.

Coun Williams said three years ago I voted for the resolution asking Mr Colpitts to resign. I think he had done good work, but my constant says, now, he is too old a man for the work. I believe it would be better if we had a younger man; I would like to see the rum driven out; I am going to vote for another Inspector.

Coun Lamont—I don't want this council to think I am against the O T Act for I am not, but I do not think the work done is in proportion to the money spent.

Coun Shaw—It is regrettable we cannot always agree, and I think we could often agree better if we tried. There are other qualifications for a man besides youth. It is a most important thing to have a man who works not only from the view of money, but from the view of principle. I cannot but think if Mr Colpitts had shown a money balance sheet would have been well. I don't think there has been a drop of liquor sold in the parish of Wakefield for the past 40 years, unless an occasional drink by a pocket peddler, and if so we have not heard of him. Get your new Inspector and he will soon be known. If we want a revenue, make a change. The Inspector pointed out last year that if the offenders were imprisoned there would be a lack of money.

Coun Barnes King asked Coun Lamont if he knew of a man.

Coun Lamont believed a man named McLean of Richmond would take the work.

Coun Melville—I would take that John McLean will take the job if he can make satisfactory arrangements. I won't go for spending so much money for so little work and poor results. We have a right to consider the money aspect of the case.

Coun King—There is always results from expenses—who knows there is no result.

Coun Melville—We have more men selling than ever.

Coun Phillips—Can you prove this?

Coun Melville—Some years ago we had 54 cases; this year we had some 37 cases. It was Mr De Groot who drove, or said, any way he drove the rum out of Florenceville.

Coun Phillips—If there was any good temperance man in sight I wouldn't object.

Coun Melville—I am willing to say for a week to get a man.

Coun Shaw—Directly or indirectly I have been told each year a man would accept, but it is the character of the man to which I would object.

Inspector—If I have ever carried out the wishes of the council it was this year; you have said "jail them, jail them" and I have done so.

The motion was declared lost, twelve councilors voting aye.

The councillor now went into the matter of bills and accounts laid over.

John R Tompkins \$193.56 (for prisoners board); moved that this be paid.

Coun Phillips—I am opposed to that. I think we are paying too much, \$2.50 with rent free is as good as \$4 a week. The jailer has not to find anything but the food. I believe \$2.00 would be enough. In my opinion the prisoners are too well fed. The jailer gets \$2.50 and with what is found that pays well. He moved an amendment that it be paid at \$2 a week.

Coun Tracy seconded the amendment.

Coun Scott—Does that mean this bill is from now on. I does not look fair to deduct for what he has paid.

Coun Brown—The jailer charges at the rate of 12c a meal, and the prisoners must have decent fare.

Coun Phillips—We are getting paupers taken care of for \$2 a week. The more I look into it, the more I am convinced that \$2 is enough.

Coun Tompkins—The cost of living has advanced a lot. I don't believe in putting a man in prison and punishing him twice.

Coun Smith—I would not want to cut down this bill, but in the future I think \$2 would be enough.

Coun Lamont—I do not favor putting a man in and starving him to death. I would favor a chain gang or some way. Let the town use the men on their streets.

Coun Bell (Richmond)—I would not vote or anything more than \$2 a week in the future, but not to cut down this bill.

The amendment was lost.

The original motion to pay the bill passed.

Owen Kelly, \$29.20, ordered paid.

W. P. Jones, \$375, ordered paid.

Dr Grant, \$12.50.

Sheriff Tompkins said with regard to this bill that the services were rendered.

Ordered paid.

The Dispatch, \$11.75 ordered paid.

Coun Williams reported on behalf of the delegates to N. B. Municipalities convention which met in Woodstock last October.

The Union of Municipalities met in this building on Oct 19th. The Mayor Riley of Moncton, president, was in the chair. A large number of municipalities, cities and towns were represented by an intelligent and capable body of men. The town of Woodstock was represented by Mayor Jones and Aldermen McManus and P A Watson, and the county by Councillors Williams, Tompkins, Alex Bell and Scott.

At the opening of the convention, Mayor Jones gave an address of welcome which was responded to by President Riley, Mayor Thomas of Fredericton, Mayor Armstrong of St Andrews, Ald McGoldrick and Potts of St John, and others, after which the convention took up the regular order of business. The principal part of the business came from the hands of the executive after they had passed judgment on the various resolutions introduced.

Some warm and interesting discussions took place, one of the most interesting being that of changing the present assessment law introduced by Ald Potts of St John; another that of changing the road law and putting the roads in a more permanent condition by borrowing a large sum of money by the issuing of bonds. This was introduced by Coun Siddall of Westmorland and furnished a long heated debate. We do not think it necessary to mention all the different matters that came before the Union as no doubt you all read in the Woodstock papers a full report of the proceedings which we do not feel that we could improve upon.

We may be pardoned for intimating that two resolutions were introduced by your delegates, namely a resolution to amend the board of health law introduced by Coun Tompkins the other a resolution to change the juror law so that grand jurors be paid or their attendance at court, introduced by Coun Scott. Coun Williams was elected member of the executive.

We as your delegates are of the opinion that the Union of Municipalities is a good and useful body in many ways in creating and fostering much valuable legislation, yet we find much matter comes before the Union that would not be to the advantage of the proverb, Union is strength, and any county that wishes to promote any legislation will find valued assistance in the Union.

The meeting in Woodstock had the advantage of bringing our country to the notice of a large representative body of men and we heard on every hand very flattering remarks concerning our country, especially our court house.

Respectfully submitted,

J F WILLIAMS,  
ALEX BELL  
WILL TOMPKINS,  
HARRIET B SCOTT.

The report of the committee was received.

Coun Shaw spoke with reference to the condition of the goal. The sheriff was treated to a good deal of free advertising lately, whether justly or not it was not for him to say. He and Coun Balmain had visited the goal and there were only one or two locks in shape. The Sheriff showed us how Leo Ryan effected his escape It was a very easy matter for him to do He effected his escape by springing the piece and unlocking the door. There is nothing to prevent a man escaping if he has a chair and can break a rug out of it. He referred particularly to the locks leading into the corridor. Many prisoners were allowed in the corridor Of the locks leading from the last corridor not one will unlock; one will unlock in the west corridor. He moved that the building committee be authorized to repair the locks or put new ones in.

Coun Williams seconded the motion.

Coun Perry thought they should make any necessary repairs to the goal.

The motion carried.

Coun Brown spoke of the lightning of the building. The Light and Power Company are now getting \$2.06 a month for lighting the Record Office. They ask \$75 for lighting the whole building a year. The committee did not see their way to recommend that.

Coun Balmain moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to make an overdraft of \$5000 at the bank if necessary Carried.

Coun Perry said he was informed that a fence was needed around the goal grounds and moved that the building committee be

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### TOWN COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held on Friday evening. Present, Mayor Ketchum, and Couns Dibblee, Gibson, Jones, Gallagher and Mair.

Coun Gallagher reported that the committee was unable as yet to secure a suitable horse for town purposes, but it hoped to get a good horse in the near future.

Several bills were reported from the finance committee and ordered paid.

Coun Dibblee advocated that the Tungsten lamps be installed on all the town services in an effort to lower the cost of lighting which seemed to be excessive.

The clerk explained the contract with the Power Company and the items making up the monthly bill just presented.

Moved by Coun Dibblee, seconded by Coun Mair, and passed, that a room in the residence of Magistrate Dibblee be made a magistrate's office in addition to the present office of the police magistrate in Queen street. This was necessary owing to the illness of Magistrate Dibblee.

Moved by Couns Mair and Gibson and passed that H D Stevens be reappointed auditor of the treasurer's books at the same salary as last year, \$30.00.

Moved by Couns Gallagher and Jones and passed that the town clerk prepare a bill to go before the Legislature asking authority to issue bonds up to \$10 000, to be expended on permanent streets after a vote of the rate payers had been taken.

Coun Dibblee strongly advocated the holding of a public meeting to discuss this all important subject of permanent streets.

Coun Jones was strongly in favor of permanent streets and hoped something should be done along that line during the coming summer.

Coun Gallagher, as chairman of a street committee, said his idea was to get a steam roller and crusher to do such permanent work.

Coun Dibblee introduced the question of a government by commission. He was strongly in favor of the scheme; town government was costing more and more every year; he thought that a commission of three men could give better government at less cost.

Coun Jones was hardly in favor of the movement. It might work satisfactorily in large cities, but for towns the size of Woodstock, paying nothing for the services of the mayor and council board, and not too much to the officials, the old way seemed the best. Small towns can hardly afford to pay three men \$2000 each as is being done in other towns under commission.

Mayor Ketchum briefly spoke on the subject. From information in his possession he thought Woodstock was free from graft, which could not be said of some towns under commission government.

Coun Mair thought that we should have more light on the subject before we commit our selves to the commission scheme.

H E Gallagher and James Carr on behalf of the Agriculture Society addressed the board. They asked for the exhibition to be held here Sept 24-27 next The exhibition will be of great benefit to the town, They do not expect a very large grant from the local government this year, as they got a large grant last year. The council did not give a grant last year as it was stated that the estimates had been made up. The committee would be pleased if the grant was made about \$500.

Coun Jones brought up the old, old question of excessive freight rates. This could be remedied by an appeal to the Railway commission. Such appeal would be made as soon as the necessary data could be secured.

Moved by Couns Jones and Dibblee and passed that a committee to secure the necessary data be named.

His Worship appointed Couns Jones, Dibblee and Gallagher.

The superintendent was instructed to report on the existing water contract with the C P R at the present board session. It was determined to make the C P R contract legitimate due for water.

Adjourned.

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