

hittee be David Ritchie, Robt. Moffat and H. A. Johnson, Esqrs.

A very complimentary resolution was passed in reference to the services rendered to the County by the retiring Auditor W. S. Smith, Esq. Members spoke warmly in praise of Mr. Smith's services, not only in connection with this Municipality but in public affairs generally for very many years.

Council adjourned sine die.

Municipality of Gloucester.

JULY SESSION.

The semi-annual meeting of the Municipal Council of Gloucester was commenced at Court House, Bathurst, on Tuesday, 2nd July, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present: The Warden, Councillors Young, Ferguson, Walsh, Degrae, Blanchard, Foley, Poirier and Roy.

The Warden brings to notice of Council the insolvency of John E. O'Brien, Councilor, whose seat thereby becomes vacant.

Moved by Coun. Young, seconded by Coun. Walsh,

That whereas, John E. O'Brien, elected as one of the Councillors for the Parish of Bathurst, has become insolvent within the meaning of the Insolvent Act.

Therefore Resolved: That his seat at the Council be hereby declared vacant and that a new election be ordered. Carried.

The Warden thereupon issued his warrant to the town Clerk, for the election of a Councillor to fill the vacancy thus created.

The Warden informs the Council that it will be necessary, in accordance with the Assessment Act of 1875, to appoint three Valuers during the present session of the Council.

The Warden reads the following standing Committee:—

County Accounts—Messrs. Young, Poirier, Walsh, Blanchard and Roy.

Returns of Collectors and Collecting Justices—Messrs. Young, Walsh, Ferguson, Degrae and Roy.

Petitions for abatement of Taxes—Messrs. Walsh, Poirier and Ferguson.

The Secy. Treas. submits return of Auditor and himself on accounts of Collectors and Collecting Justices.

Council adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd July.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Warden, Coun. H. Roy, Foley, Poirier, Blanchard, Walsh, Ferguson, Young and Degrae.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the petitions of those asking for abatement of taxes report that in accordance with Consolidated Statutes, chap. 100, sec. 51, they find that it is beyond their jurisdiction to take any action in the matter.

Committee on returns of Collectors and Collecting Justices, submit report. Adopted.

Committee on County Accounts submit their report, which is adopted.

It is moved by Coun. Young, seconded by Coun. Poirier, that the following be added to the Bye-Laws of the Municipality of Gloucester:—

That any Councillor who may absent himself from any meeting of the Council without assigning some good reason to be approved of by the Council, shall pay a fine of two dollars per diem for every day that he may be absent. Passed.

It is moved by Coun. Poirier, seconded by Coun. Foley, that in accordance with chap. 100, sec. 35, of the Consolidated Statutes, Mederic Bourgeois, Wm. Theriault and John E. Baldwin, be appointed County Valuers.

Moved in amendment by Coun. Walsh, seconded by Coun. Degrae, that a Committee of five be appointed to recommend to the Council fit persons to be chosen as Valuers.

The amendment was lost on the following division:—Yess, Councillors Walsh, Degrae and Young; Nays, Foley, Poirier, Blanchard, Roy, Melanson and Ferguson.

The original motion was then put and carried. Council adjourned sine die.

JANUARY SESSION.

The Council of the Municipality of Gloucester met at the Court House, Bathurst, on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, 1879, at 10 a. m.

The Secretary Treasurer laid on the table the following Roll of the Councillors elect with their certificate that they had subscribed the necessary oaths of office.

Bathurst, John Chalmers, John Auble, Bathurst, John E. O'Brien, Samuel Melanson.

New Bandon, John W. Lowe, Uiald Landry.

Carquet, Joseph Sewell, Prosper E. Paulin.

Inkerman, William Walsh, James Barry, Jr.

Sauzarez, John Young, Justinian Savoy, Shippegan, William Taylor, Adolph Achie.

Councillors present, Chalmers, Auble, O'Brien, Lowe, Landry, Sewell, Paulin, Walsh, Barry, Young, Savoy, Taylor and Achie.

It is moved by Coun. Walsh seconded by Coun. Paulin, that John Young, Esq., be Warden of the Municipality of Gloucester. Carried unanimously.

The Warden appointed the following standing Committee:—

County Accounts, Messrs. O'Brien, Taylor, Lowe, Walsh, Chalmers, and Paulin;

Parish Accounts, Messrs. Savoy, Barry, Sewell, Achie, Landry, Auble and Melanson.

Collecting Justices and Collectors returns, Messrs. Walsh, Sewell.

Committee on Road Accounts, Messrs. Auble, Landry, Achie, Melanson, and Savoy.

Committee on Petitions, Messrs. Taylor, O'Brien, Sewell, Lowe and Achie.

Petition in reference to cows going large in Town and Village of Bathurst read and referred to Committee on Returns of Collectors and Collecting Justices.

The Committee on Collectors and Collecting Justices' returns report that they find the account of Daniel Sisk unsatisfactory, and recommend that a warrant be issued to have him brought before the Council. It is ordered accordingly. Council adjourned until to-morrow at 9.30 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 22nd, '79.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Warden and all the Councillors. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Coun. O'Brien, seconded by Coun. Taylor, Messrs. Paulin and Auble are added to Committee on returns of Collectors and Collecting Justices.

The Committee on Collectors and Collecting Justices' returns report that they find the account of Daniel Sisk unsatisfactory, and recommend that a warrant be issued to have him brought before the Council. It is ordered accordingly.

Petitions of James Kaitt and George Sutherland asking for refund of taxes read, on Motion referred to the Committee on Petitions.

It is moved by Coun. O'Brien, seconded by Coun. Lowe, that the Clerk of the Peace be authorized to issue execution against John Foley for amount due by

him to Municipality of Gloucester. Carried.

Moved by Coun. O'Brien, seconded by Coun. Lowe, that the Secretary-Treasurer take the necessary steps to collect all amounts due the Municipality of Gloucester.

Retail liquor licenses granted to Orphise Dufour, Carquet, and William Theriault, New Bandon, for one year, adjourned until moved at 9.30 a. m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 23rd.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Warden and all the Councillors. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Moved by Coun. Lowe, seconded by Coun. Taylor, Messrs. Paulin and Auble are added to the Committee on returns of Collectors and Collecting Justices. At the request of the Council the Clerk of the Peace is heard in reference to whether the Council have power to change the County scale of valuation, and give his opinion that the law makes the scale binding for five years and that it will not be advisable to make any change.

Applications for retail licenses made by Henry White, James Melan, James H. Wilbur, Jacob White and Thomas Leaky, and granted. Coun. O'Brien draws attention to section 4, Chap. 105 of the Consolidated Statutes and moves that the Secy. Treasurer advise persons getting licenses of the existence of this Section. Carried.

The Parish lists of New Bandon, Shippegan, Beresford, Bathurst, Carquet and Sauzarez, for the year 1878, are read. Inkerman list being read Coun. Taylor moves, seconded by Coun. Achie, that the name of Michael Finn be substituted for Laurent Brabant as Ferryman on said list. Question taken. Yess—Councillors Taylor, Achie, Nays—Councillors Walsh, Barry, Lowe, Landry, O'Brien, Paulin, Melanson, Auble, Chalmers, and the Warden.

The adoption of the Inkerman list as submitted by the Councillors for that Parish is then moved and carried and the previous vote reversed. Coun. O'Brien moves, which was seconded, a resolution authorizing the Warden to bind the Parish of Bathurst in accordance with chapter 102 of the Acts of Assembly passed in 1878, said assent not to exceed the whole of the sum of three thousand dollars. Passed.

On motion John Kerr, James Mehan and Marin D. Doucet are appointed Commissionaries for the purpose of this Act. Coun. O'Brien moves an amendment to the Bye Laws that no cow be allowed to go at large within the town or village of Bathurst, between the 1st of November and 1st May, and at no time in the year between sunrise and sunset. Passed.

Report of Committee on petitions, read and assented. The following is the list of licenses made by Richard Blackhall, Carquet. Granted.

Council adjourned until to-morrow at 9.30 a. m.

FRIDAY, Jan. 24.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—The Warden, Councillors O'Brien, Young, Ferguson, Walsh, Chalmers, Auble, Savoy, Melanson and Taylor. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Coun. Walsh, the Warden and the Secy. Treasurer are added to the Committee on County Accounts.

Coun. Lowe, seconded by Coun. Walsh moves the following resolution:—

Whereas, the Secy. Treasurer of this Municipality, Council, Mederic Bourgeois, William Theriault and John E. Baldwin were appointed County Valuers, and whereas the appointment was illegal inasmuch as the same had not arrived by law for such appointment.

Therefore Resolved: That the said appointment be now rescinded, and that Wm. Theriault, Juste Hache and John Hornbrook be County Valuers under provisions of chap. 100, sec. 35 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick. Passed.

The Committee on returns of Collectors and Collecting Justices submit their report. Adopted.

On motion it was ordered that a warrant be issued against Collector M'Mahon, on account of balance due by him to the County.

Committee on County Accounts submit their report. Adopted.

Committee on Parish Accounts and Road Accounts submit their reports which are adopted.

Moved by Coun. Landry seconded by Coun. Achie, that the salary of the Auditor be twenty dollars per annum. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Walsh seconded by Coun. Landry, that the salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate, Bathurst, be no longer a County charge. Carried.

On motion it was ordered that the sum of two thousand dollars be assessed on the County of Gloucester for County Contingencies, besides expenses of collecting and collecting, as follows:—

Bathurst, \$646; Beresford, \$320; New Bandon, \$280; Carquet, \$350; Inkerman, \$84; Sauzarez, \$170; Shippegan, \$150.

On motion it was ordered that the sum of one thousand dollars be assessed on the County of Gloucester towards redemption of loan and interest thereon besides expenses of collecting and collecting, to be apportioned on same scale as County Valuation.

It is ordered that the following sums be paid to the support of the poor:—

Beresford, \$533.18; Bathurst, \$1,466.36; New Bandon, \$208.94; Carquet, \$112.35; Shippegan, \$71.50; Inkerman, \$46.21; Sauzarez, \$20.75.

It is ordered that the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars be assessed on St. Peter's Village Water Company district for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Moved by Coun. Walsh seconded by Coun. Lowe, that the Secretary have the privilege of the session of Justice, and the present session published in the *Union Advocate and Montreal Advertiser*. Carried.

Council adjourned sine die.

JOHN STEVENSON, Secretary.

The Municipal Council of Kent.

We append a synopsis of the proceedings of the Kent Council held in the Court House at Richibucto, commencing on Tuesday, Jan. 28th and terminating on Saturday, Feb. 15th.

Pending the election of a Warden it was unanimously agreed that the Secretary-Treasurer act as Chairman; whereupon, after the reading of the election returns from the different Parishes, Messrs. John C. Ross, Charles Y. Walker, Daniel O'Leary and Uralin Johnson were nominated. Messrs. Johnson and O'Leary declined nomination, and the vote being taken it stood:—

WALKER, 11

The newly elected Warden on taking his seat thanked the Council for the honor conferred on him, and trusted with the assistance of the Councillors to carry on the business of the County in a manner satisfactory to all.

Thomas Frecker was appointed constable to attend in the Council Chamber and see the room was kept heated and in order.

The Warden appointed the following Committee:—

On Public Accounts—Councillors Walker, Dunn, Caie, Grady, Livingston, Landry, and Joseph L. Richards.

On Bye-Laws—Councillors Johnson, McDonald, Girouard, John B. Richard, O'Donnell, Babine, Belliveau and the Secretary.

On the Jail—Councillors O'Leary, Hutchison and Cormier.

A motion was passed that the fee for tavern license be \$12 for 6 months instead of \$10. The motion was rescinded the following day.

The Jail Committee submitted their report which was anything but creditable to the management of the institution.

The Bye-Law Committee submitted their report accompanied by a code of bye-laws, the further consideration of which was postponed until other business was disposed of.

The Committee on Public Accounts reported having had before them a large number of accounts, some of which they recommended to be paid and that other be deferred for consideration of the Council.

The Treasurer's accounts showed the balance in his hands of \$2,409.93, and the

Committee called attention to two supplementary statements furnished them by the Treasurer of omissions in his receipts, viz.:

From Collectors in Wellington, \$771.00

Collector Fowl-ell in Wolford, 193.03

Total, \$964.03

This would make the balance in Treasurer's hands \$3,463.98 and not \$2,409.93 as at first reported by that officer. The Committee's report was finally adopted by the Council.

The Assessors' commissions on several parishes were reduced from four per cent. to three and the collectors' rates were reduced in many of the Parishes.

Several persons were nominated for Valuers. The vote was taken by ballot and stood:—

Geo. Bileau, 9

W. A. Black, 8

George Raymond, 6

Ephraim Wheten, 5

James McDougall, 4

O. J. White, 2

P. L. Richard, 2

Messrs. Bileau, Black and Raymond, were declared elected.

Additional polling places for municipal elections were established as follows:—

Parish of Richibucto—(1) at or near Temperance Hall, Kingston, (2) at or near the school house, Lower Village.

Parish of St. Mary's—at or near John Johnson's mill.

Parish of Wolford—at or near James Carrthers'.

Parish of Carleton—at or near Peter Mazzella's.

It was ordered that the Secretary take legal proceedings against the lessee of the Public Wharf at Richibucto, to recover arrears for rent; and it was further ordered that the amount when collected be handed over to Mr. Richard English, on account of his claim for balance due on contract.

The Fire-Wards for the district of Richibucto furnished their report showing balance in hand of \$225.94. The report was referred to a Special Committee and the Fire-Wards were ordered to place the money in hand in the Savings Bank Agency at Richibucto.

A committee, consisting of the two Councillors for Richibucto and the Secretary-Treasurer, was appointed to report to the Public Ward for 1879.

It was ordered that all constables file two bonds of \$100 each with the Secy. Treasurer within fifteen days after the Parishes lists are posted, otherwise the appointment will be cancelled.

John T. Caie, Esq., J. P., was appointed Inspector of Taverns for the County.

The list of Parish Officers for the several Parishes were handed in and approved of.

It was ordered that the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Richibucto be guided by instructions from the Councilors that Parish regarding the purchase of supplies for the use of paupers.

LIQUOR LICENSES GRANTED.

Parish of Richibucto.—

Dan'l McAlmon, Kingston, Tm 12 mos.

W. T. McArthur, " " " "

Wm. Wheten, Richibucto, " " " "

W. F. Hannay, " " " "

Donnelly McDermott, " " " "

James Grogan, " " " "

Engine Viers, " " " "

Martin Flanagan, " " " "

Parish of Wellington.—

Thomas Roberts, Buctouche, Tm 6 mos.

John Hutchison, " " " "

Patrick Grattan, " " " "

Parish of Dundas.—

High Dysart, Coagne, Tavern, 6 mos.

Parish of Harcourt.—

Duncan McDonald, Tavern, 6 mos.

ASSESSMENTS FOR POOR RATES ORDERED.

Richibucto, \$800

Wellington, \$400

Wolford, \$400

St. Mary's, \$400

Dundas, \$220

St. Louis, \$200

Carleton, \$150

Harcourt, \$100

Acedville, \$70

The salary of the Clerk of the Peace was reduced from \$100 to \$80.

A motion was made that the salary of the Secretary be \$200. An amendment was moved that it be \$300. The amendment was carried.

A motion to adjourn was decided by the Warden as carried without a division of votes, although some of the Councillors protested, on the ground that there was much business on hand not disposed of.

The Council adjourned without having elected a Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor. The reports of several committees were not disposed of, and some of the yearly assessments were not ordered to be made.

The affairs of the County are in a worse state than ever—thanks to the determination of a few obstructionists to burke an enquiry into the accounts and the doings of the more important of the County's officers.

It is claimed that Johnson's *Analogue* *Limnetis* is almost infallible in the cure of diphtheria, pneumonia, influenza, bronchitis, congestion of the lungs, and hard dry coughs. This may be all true. We know it will prevent diphtheria and that it will cure cough instantly.

We will waive a year's subscription that a 25-cent package of *Sheridan's Condition Powder* contains more pure ingredients and costs more money than a bushel of any kind put up in large packages. Sheridan's powders are absolutely pure.

CALL at the first Drug Store and procure a bottle of Gray's Syrup of Red Spruce Gum for coughs, colds, &c. We recommend its purchase at Drug Stores of respectability, as there is an attempt to place in the hands of the public an article under a similar name, put up in a similar style, but of a wholly inferior appearance—the genuine being of dark brownish color. It is a wretched imitation, and should be as once rejected.

The U. S. Signal Service.

Gradually, the wild unmanageable forces of nature are, through science, made of use to man. Following in the wake of the ingenious inventions for the use of steam and electricity, comes the organization of the U. S. Signal Service. Is it not wonderful that a system could be originated and perfected whereby an operator can accurately predict the weather of a distant locality? And yet experience proves our "storm signals" to be reliable. Equally great are the advances made in the science of medicine. Step by step uncertainties and doubts have yielded to absolute certainty. The discoveries of Harvey and Jenner have been succeeded by the Golden Medal Discovery of Dr. R. V. Pierce. No longer need people despair because some physician has pronounced the lungs unsound. Hundreds of testimonials are on file in the office of Dr. Pierce from those who had abandoned all hope, and had been given up to die by physicians and friends. Incipient consumption, bronchitis, and scrofulous tumors, speedily, surely, and permanently yield to the healing influence of the Discovery, if the lungs be contipated, use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. For full particulars see Pierce's Memorandum Book, given away by all druggists.

Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, FEBRUARY 13, 1879.

Railway Matters.

To those who are accustomed to see through their own spectacles the use that is being made of the different railways projected is laughable. There are several proposed lines which should be built and which ought to have been under contract long ago. One of these is the Richibucto line, running from that town to Wolford, but a certain agency set at work through the instigation of the Westmorland friends of the Government is agitating afresh the Southern line for the express purpose of giving the Government a pretext for deciding not to make a contract for either. It remains to be seen whether the representatives of Kent are going to allow the wool to be pulled over their eyes. They ought to test the Government's sincerity by requiring the contract so long deferred to be completed for the line already undertaken.

Dalhousie is entitled to his branch from the Intercolonial, but it seems the Carquet Railway is to be associated with that undertaking in such a way as to defeat it, while the Government will be relieved of any serious trouble in connection with our Miramichi Valley Line by the course pursued by our smart "Provincial Directors," who went over to Richibucto a month or two ago and were "mesmerized" by Mr. Gibson and his associates in the Central interest. Appearances indicate that the old game of using railway promises to catch and hold Legislative support, and then, working behind the scenes to play one interest off against another is to be one of the strong features of the policy of the coming session.

The Subsidies and Our Ferries.

It is said that the owners of the *Andover* are seeking employment for that steamer in Kent County, and we hope they will succeed. They realize that public opinion on the Miramichi would not justify a renewal of the subsidy for the up-river service and do well to seek a route where the boat can be made more useful than she has been to the trade of the Miramichi. The Government being relieved of the charge involved in that annual grant, on account of our river, will, we hope, show the consideration for our ferries which was withheld last year, by granting the subsidies suggested by the Municipal Council, and a continuation of the *New Era* subsidy, also. It unfortunately happened that the benefits which it was hoped the *Andover* would confer upon the people of the river could not be realized for several reasons, the principal of which were that the natural obstructions of the river rendered its navigation by so large a boat impracticable for the ordinary purpose of traffic, while the trips, on even the very short Southwest route, were interrupted during the part of the season when they were most required, by the blockades at the Southwest Boom. The reasons, however, for continuing and increasing the ferry subsidies are greater than be fore, because the ferry steamers are an absolute necessity for the accommodation of certain sections of the river, while the support formerly derived from the carriage of mails and wagon traffic, now diverted to or obviated by the Intercolonial and Chatham Railways, is lost. The owners of the boats which ply between Chatham and the opposite side of the river and between Newcastle and Chatham, have given citizens interested notice of their inability to maintain the ferries as heretofore unless they receive support beyond the direct traffic income, and it seems only reasonable that an effort should be made both in Chatham and Newcastle to induce the Government to do what is necessary and right in the matter.

Another Blunder.

The *Advocate* appears to have a left-handed way of assisting its political friends. Whether it is because, as we are told one of the proprietors alleges, they do not pay their printing bills, or from sheer stupidity and blundering, we do not know, but the fact is patent and the political friends, aforesaid, to be pitied. A few months ago, when the Dominion elections were pending our short-sighted cotemporary published a worthy article intended to show that Hon. Mr. Anglin should not be returned for Gloucester on the ground that he was a non-resident and that Mr. Burns was just the man who ought to be elected because he was a good business man and resident of the County. When the *Advocate* reproduced the article, substituting the names of the candidates for Northumberland for those proposed for Gloucester, it is said somebody told the *Advocate* people to go and drown themselves. They did not do so, however, but lived to assist in swamping their candidate. They have undertaken to carry the Surveyor-General through his political tergiversations and in last week's issue there was an article intended to have the effect of warding off the condemnation which awaits the Government for the inconsistency and chicanery which have characterized it since Mr. Adams entered its ranks. A part of the article is given below and we interpolate certain explanations in brackets, being omitted by the *Advocate*, tend by reason of their absence, to withhold from the public the source of the experience on which the borrowed article is founded.—

"There is no denying the fact that a good Opposition is actually necessary; but while admitting this, we cannot see how a local party can be served by a number of men arraying themselves against the Government before they know whether the measures to be brought forward are such as to merit their approval or opposition." [We admit that in 1871 the present Surveyor-General, then first elected a member of a New House of Assembly, arrayed himself at the famous "Brayley House Canvass," against the Government, before he knew whether the measures to be brought forward were such as to merit his approval or opposition.] "It is simply pronouncing the verdict before a fair and impartial trial has taken place—the said party constituting themselves both judge and jury. Men who are possessed of a desire to enjoy the 'fat things of Egypt,' their whole ambition being to displace the Government, no matter how, in order that

they may handle the reins and enjoy the legislative patrimony." [It is said that the remarks were originally made for word, from editorials of the *St. John Telegraph*, written at the time Mr. Adams arrayed himself, as aforesaid, at the Canvass aforesaid, but what says for the quibbler. He was, it is true, factions, he abandoned party to enjoy the "fat things of Egypt" and "the legislative patrimony" but all changes of administration, "fighting" of the political trapeze must be prepared to meet with the disappointment of Mr. Adams and the *Advocate*, notwithstanding the "Brayley House Canvass," aforesaid.]

Read "in the light of history" the *Advocate's* effort is a very awkward one—for Mr. Adams.

What the "Printed Reports" say.

The *Sun's* fishery-editor, referring to the Editor of the