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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Tuesday was the time appointed by law for the annual meeting of Northumberland Municipal Council—the hour, twelve o'clock. A few minutes after that time, ten out of the twenty-six members had succeeded in reaching the Council chamber at Newcastle, and Coun. Tozer, being moved to the chair, it was decided to adjourn until two o'clock for dinner. The ten who had then succeeded in reaching Newcastle were Couns. Flanagan, Kerr, Wood, Tozer, Flett, Hays, Jones, McDonald, Swim, Fairley.

After dinner there was another re-assembling at the Council Chamber, when it was found, at about three o'clock, that Couns. Doyle, Chaisson and Thibedeau had also succeeded in reaching town. The Council could not, however, be called to order until, at least, a majority of its members were present. Besides that, thirteen is known to be an unlucky number. The temporary Chairman, Coun. Tozer, having again taken the chair, a further adjournment, until 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, was decided upon.

The councillors, having some time on their hands, visited the jail accompanied by Deputy-Sheriff Irving. There was only one prisoner in the institution, and he seemed to be about as contented and comfortable as a man deprived of his liberty could be. He exhibited a miniature double sleigh which he had made, and was apparently engaged in some other handiwork. The whole place was comfortably warmed by the hot water radiators, and the clean and tidy appearance of all the rooms, cells, basement and corridors, was creditable to the Sheriff and his deputy. The visitors expressed their regret that the efforts to improve the water supply, by boring, had failed, so far, not, apparently, because the water was not obtainable, but on account of mishaps to the appliances used in boring.

After the jail was examined the Councillors went down to the town and there met Warden Robinson and Couns. Betts, Underhill and Hayes. The warden said he had telegraphed that he would arrive and was surprised that the adjournment had taken place. He and the other three were, however "just in time to be too late" for that day.

It was learned later that Couns. Ullock and McNaughton, of Glenelg had reached Chatham during the forenoon, but although they had a horse and sled with them, they were obliged to make the greater part of the journey on snow shoes and that, to a man of Coun. McNaughton's weight, was rather a serious undertaking. Coun. Sullivan having the longest unbroken road to travel, there was much speculation as to whether he would succeed in reaching Newcastle at all before the session closed, but some of those who knew him best were ready to give odds on his being on hand and not very late at that, unless prevented by illness. His colleague, Conn. Williston was reported as having arrived at Chatham late in the day, but, apparently had not done so. Couns. Anderson and Savoy were expected to arrive late in the session and the appearance of Couns. Ryan, Sutherland and McAlleer was looked for the second day. This is the first time since the organization of the Municipality that there has been a snow-storm of sufficient magnitude to prevent a meeting of the Council on the day fixed by law.

The Municipal Council of Northumberland was called to order on Wednesday forenoon, 21st, at 10.30. On the roll being called the following answered—

Ludlow—J. S. Fairley, John McAleer.
Blissfield—J. A. McDonald, F. D. Swim.
Blackville—B. N. T. Underhill, Edwd. Hayes.
Derby—Jas. Robinson, John Betts.
Northesk—Wm. Jones.
Southesk—Jared Tozer.
Nelson—Thos. W. Flett, Ephriam Hayes.
Rogersville—Calixte C. Chaisson, Peter Thibedeau
Newcastle — Lawrence Doyle, Wm. Wood.
Chatham—Roger Flanagan, Wm. Kerr.
Glenelg—Robert McNaughton, Wm. V. Ullock.

Warden Robinson having been moved to the Chair, Coun. Betts, after referring to the practice of the Council in placing its most experienced members in the Chair and to the long and efficient services of Coun. Flanagan at the board, moved that that gentleman be Warden. This, being seconded by Couns. McNaughton and Kerr, was carried unanimously.

Warden Flanagan, on taking the chair, thanked the Council for the honor conferred upon him and the parish he represented and said he felt that he was not as well posted in the duties of the office as he might desire to be, but relied upon the assistance which he felt the Council would give him in the chair.

Messrs. John Cassidy and Wm. Irving were appointed constables to attend the Council during the session.

Coun. Kerr suggested that the Warden and two other members be entrusted with the duty of appointing the usual standing committees, in order that the work of the session might be more evenly apportioned amongst members than heretofore.

This was embodied in a resolution by Coun. Swim and passed, Couns. Tozer and Betts being appointed, with the Warden.

Council adjourned for half an hour to enable Messrs. Flanagan, Tozer and Betts to select the standing committees.

Council reassembled and the committee reported the following as the standing committees for 1891.

Parish Accounts:—McAleer, McDonald, Underhill, Robinson, Flett, Doyle, Kerr, Ullock, Anderson, Williston, Thibedeau, Jones, Sutherland.

County Accounts:—Tozer, Swim, Kerr, Betts, Doyle.

Alms House Accounts:—Jones, Robinson, Fairley.

Petitions:—E. Hays, Wood, Kerr.

To visit Jail:—Fairley, Sutherland, Flett.

County Contingencies:—The Warden, Betts, Tozer.

Printing:—The Warden, Doyle, Robinson.

Mr. D. G. Smith, was elected official reporter.

Council adjourned until one o'clock for committee work.

Council re-assembled at 1 o'clock and adjourned for dinner.

On re-assembling after dinner—

Coun. Underhill from the Parish accounts committee, recommended that the following returns from Blackville officers pass—adopted:—

John A. Underhill, By-road commissioner.
W. M. Underhill, com. roads.
Jas. W. Weaver, by-road commissioner.
Maurice Hayes, collector rates.
Wm. M. Underhill, collector of rates.
Jas. W. Weaver, collector of rates.
Wm. T. Underhill, Collecting Justice, 3 returns and one list of defaulters.

On motion of Coun. Hays, ordered that Wm. Fitzpatrick, Surveyor of roads, dist. No. 1, Nelson, (having neglected to make returns to the Commissioner) be required to appear before the Council to be dealt with as the law directs.

Coun. Kerr moved that, in future the Deputy Sheriff, for the time being, be one of the constables to be in attendance upon Council.

The warden thought this Council had not power to appoint constables for future Councils.

Couns. Tozer and Doyle thought such a appointment might interfere with the Deputy Sheriff's other duties.

The motion was withdrawn.

Adjourned until 5 p. m. for committee work.

Council re-assembled at 5 p. m.

Petitions, of Catherine Hennessy, praying for renewal of lease, and of Donald McGruar for rebate of taxes presented, respectively, by Couns. Doyle and Kerr, were referred to committee on petitions.

Councillor Jones read report of committee on Alms House accounts which passed, as follows:—

The Committee found the accounts kept with system and order. They recommend that on death of any pauper the relatives of such pauper be notified as soon as possible; also that the Alms House assessment for the current year be as follows:—

Chatham,	$400	Hardwick,	$125
Newcastle,	550	Derby,	100
Nelson,	100	Blackville,	75
Northesk,	100	Blissfield,	75
Southesk,	—	Ludlow,	25
Glenelg,	75	Rogersville,	25
Alnwick, $200			

The above report was adopted.

Coun. Flett invited the members of Council to attend a railway meeting to take place at Nelson this evening.

Council adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Thursday's Sitting.

Council re-assembled at 10 o'clock.

Couns. Sutherland, Anderson, Savoy, Williston and Sullivan having arrived took their seats.

After routine, Coun. Underhill submitted returns and accounts from parish of Blackville which passed as recommended, as follows:—

David Dennet, col. rates, (2 returns)
Paul Kingston, do. do.
Allan Tozer, col. road tax; do. col. rates.
Leonard Smallwood, col. rates.
Geo. McLean, com. roads.
Jas. Johnston, com. highways.
John Hosford, do. do.
Neil Gordon, collecting justice.
Michael Ryan, collector road taxes; also return of convictions.
Wm. Curtis, parish clerk—ordered that his account be paid.

Coun. Fairley from the committee appointed to visit the jail reported that they found it in good order, clean and neatly kept—the wards clean and comfortable. It contained only one prisoner, The wards are flushed out by the gaoler every day, the service requiring 500 gallons of water daily. The pump is inadequate, and the committee recommend that a competent man be sent to examine and put same in good order. The committee also highly commend the gaoler for the diligence and efficiency with which he cares for the building.

Coun. Jones read the list of officers for the current year for parish of Northesk, which on motion passed.

Coun. Betts submitted returns and accounts from parish of Derby, which passed as recommended, as follows:—

John Clouston, col. rates.
John J. Miller, com. highways.
Malcolm Amos, do. do. ordered that he make more complete returns.
Wm. Cliff, com. highways, returns faulty and deficient—referred back to him to be completed.
Christopher Crocker, collecting justice.
do. do. return of convictions—ordered that he report disposition of last two cases to July session.
Levi Gerrish, by-road commissioner.
Hugh Parker, do. do. $40.48 in his hands.

Coun. Ullock submitted returns and accounts from the parish of Glenelg—which passed as recommended, as follows:—

Jas. Fitzpatrick, com. roads; do. do. com. highways.
Thos. Ullock, com. roads; also com. highways.
Henry Daly, do. do. also com. highways.
Martin Cook, col. rates.
Alex. Dick, do. do.
Alex. McLean, do. do. $3.06 due parish to be paid over to the Secy. Treas.
Donald McBeath, collecting justice—shows collection of $63.06 on default list of 1890.

Coun. Flett submitted returns and accounts from parish of Nelson, which passed as recommended as follows:—

Peter O'Neil, col. road tax; do. do. col. rates.
Thos. Lynch, do. do.—balance, $3.58 due to him.
Alex. Harper, com. of highways.
John Sullivan, by-road com.
A. A. M. Saunders, collecting justice, $8.64 due from last year's collections and $5.60 from this year's. Ordered that he pay same over to Secretary-Treasurer.
Wm. Dooley, by-road com.
John Ratican, town clerk, account for holding election—passed.
Dennis Kirk, district clerk, do. do.
Danl. Hurley, com. highways.

Coun. Doyle submitted returns and accounts from parish of Newcastle as follows:—

John Niven, police magistrate, return of convictions under Scott Act, showing $591, collected from fines, and expenses $25.05. The Inspector reports an overcharge of $2.70 for expenses, which amount is ordered to be paid over by Mr. Niven to the Secy-Treas.
Jas. Mahoney, by-road com.
Alex. Innis, do. do.
Alex. Atchinson, do. do.
Michael Kelly, com. roads.
Geo. Stothart, com. highways.
John Lyons, do. do. committee recommend that he furnish correct accounts and vouchers at July session—passed.
Arch Wright, collector dog tax.
John McCosh col. rates, $8.54 due, to be paid to Secy. Treas.
John R. Lawlor, col. rates.
Jonas Clark, do. do. also col. road taxes.
Newcastle Police fund account showing a credit balance of $101.73.
John Niven—returns of police court.
Wm. Mason, collecting justice. $16.76 collected on default list of 1888, and $85.21 on that of 1889.
John Buckley, town clerk, account for election, $4.
John Ferguson, account against police dept., $2.09.
J. H. Phinney, account for rent of lockup.
Robert Jessamin, district clerk, account for election, $5.
David Clark, do. do. $4.
Public wharf committee's account, $30.94.

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Mr. Meeson's Will.

Then the attorney-general rose to address the court for the defendants. He said there were two questions before the court, reserving, for the present, the question as to the admissibility of the evidence of Augusta Smithers; and those were—first, did the tattoo marks upon the lady's back constitute a will at all? and, secondly, supposing that they did, was it proved to the satisfaction of the court that these undated marks were duly executed by a sane and uninfluenced man, in the presence of the witnesses, as required by the statute. He maintained, in the first place, that these marks were no will within the meaning of the statute; but, feeling that he was not on very sound ground on this point, quickly passed on to the other aspects of the case. With much force and ability he dwelt upon the strangeness of the whole story. and how it rested solely upon the evidence of one witness, Augusta Smithers. It was only if the court accepted her evidence as it stood that it could come to the conclusion that the will was executed at all, or, indeed, that the two attesting witnesses were on the island at all. Considering the relations which existed between this witness and the plantiff, was the court prepared to accept her evidence in this unreserved way? Was it prepared to decide that this will, in favor of a man with whom the testator had violently quarreled, and had disinherited in consequence of that quarrel, was not, if indeed it was executed at all, extorted by this lady from a weak and dying, and possibly a deranged man? And with this question the learned gentleman sat down.

He was followed briefly by the solicitor-general and Mr. Fiddlestick; but though they talked fluently enough, addressing themselves to various minor points, they had nothing fresh of interest to adduce, and, finishing at half past three, James rose to reply on the whole case on behalf of the plantiff.

There was a moment's pause while he was arranging his notes, and then, just as he was about to begin, the judge said, quietly, "Thank you, Mr. Short, I do not think that I need trouble you,' and James sat down with a gasp, for he knew that the cause was won.

Then his lordship began, and, after giving a masterly summary of the whole case, concluded as follows: 'Such are the details of the most remarkable probate cause that I ever remember to have had brought to my notice, either during my career at the bar or on the bench. It will be obvious, as the learned attorney-general has said, that the whole case really lies between two points. Is the document on the back of Augusta Smithers a sufficient will to carry the property, and, if so, is the unsupported story of that lady as to the execution of the document to be believed? Now, what does the law understand by the term 'Will'? Surely it understands some writing that expresses the wish or will of a person as to the disposition of his property after his decease? This writing must be executed with certain formalities but if it is so executed by a person not laboring under any mental or other disability, it is indefeasible, except by the subsequent execution of a fresh testamentary document or by its destruction or attempted destruction, *animo revocandi*, or by marriage. Subject to these formalities required by the law, the form of the document—provided that its meaning is clear—is immaterial. Now do the tattoo marks on the back of this lady constitute such a document, and do they convey the true last will or wish of the testator? This is the first point that I have to decide, and I decide it in the affirmative. It is true that it is not usual for testamentary documents to be tattooed upon the skin of a human being; but, because it is not usual, it does not follow that a tattooed document is not a valid one. The ninth section of the Statute of 1 Vic., cap. 26, specifies that no will shall be valid unless it shall be in writing, but can not this tattooing be considered as writing within the meaning of the act? I am clearly of opinion that it can, if only on the ground that the material used was ink—a natural ink, it is true, that of the cuttle fish, but still ink; for I may remark that the natural product of the cuttle-fish was at one time largely used in this country for that very purpose. Further, in reference, to this part of the case, it must be borne in mind that the testator was no eccentric being, who from whim or perversity chose this extraordinary method of signifying his wishes as to the disposal of his property. He was a man placed in about as terrible a position as it is possible to conceive. He was, if we are to believe the story of Miss Smithers, most sincerely anxious to revoke a disposition of his property which he now, standing face to face with the greatest issue of this life, recognized to be unjust, and which was certainly contrary to the promptings of nature as experienced by most men. And yet in this terrible strait in which he found himself, and notwithstanding the earnest desire which grew more intense as his vital forces ebbed, he could find absolutely no means of carrying out his wish. At length, however, this plan of tattooing his will upon the living flesh of a younger and stronger person is presented to him, and he eagerly avails himself of it; and the tattooing is duly carried out in his presence and at his desire, and as duly signed and witnessed. Can it be seriously argued that a document so executed does not fulfill the bare requirements of the law? I think that it can not, and am of opinion that such a document is as much a valid will as though it had been engrossed upon the skin of a sheep, and duly signed and witnessed in the Temple.

'And now I will come to the second point. Is the evidence of Miss Smithers to be believed? First, let us see where it is corroborated. It is clear, from the testimony of Lady Holmhurst, that when on board the ill-fated 'Kangaroo,' Miss Smithers had no tattoo marks upon her shoulders. It is equally clear from the unshaken testimony of Mrs. Thomas, that when she was rescued by the American whaler her back was marked with tattooing, then in the healing stage—with tattooing which could not possibly have been inflicted by herself or by the child, who was her sole living companion. It is also proved that there was seen upon the island by Mrs. Thomas the dead body of a man, which she was informed was that of Mr. Meeson, and which she here in court identified by means of a photograph. Also, this same witness produced a shell which she picked up in one of the huts, said to be the shell used by the sailors to drink the rum that led to their destruction; and she swore that she saw a sailor's hat lying on the shore. Now, all this is corroborative evidence, and of a sort not to be despised. Indeed, as to one point, that of the approximate date of the execution of the tattooing, it is to my mind final. Still, there does remain an enormous amount that must be accepted or not, according as to whether or not credence can be placed in the unsupported testimony of Miss Smithers, for we can not call on a child so young as the present Lord Holmhurst to bear witness in a court of justice. If Miss Smithers, for instance, is not speaking the truth when she declares that the signature of the testator was tattooed upon her back under his immediate direction, or that it was tattooed in the presence of the two sailors, Butt and Jones, whose signatures were also tattooed in the presence of the testator and of each other, no will at all was executed, and the plaintiff's case collapses utterly, since, from the very nature of the facts, evidence as to handwriting would, of course, be useless. Now, I approach the decision of this point after anxious thought and some hesitation. It is not a light thing to set aside a formally executed document such as the will of November 10th, upon which the defendants rely, and to entirely alter the devolution of a vast amount of property upon the unsupported testimony of a single witness. It seems to me, however, that there are two tests which the court can more or less set up as standards, wherewith to measure the truth of the matter. The first of these is the accepted probability of the action of an indi-

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