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Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

MANLINESS :—Rev. D. Henderson preached on "Manliness" last Sunday evening to an unusually large congregation—a very large proportion of young people, is is said, being present.

PULP MILL :—It is probable that a large pulp mill will soon be established at Bathurst, the head of the undertaking being Mr. T. D. Adams of Messrs. Adams, Burns & Co. the well known Bathurst lumber manufacturers.

DEANERY MEETING :—The clergy of Chatham Deanery will hold its next meeting at Campbellton, on February 2nd. The Sunday School teachers' meeting will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7.30.

A PLUMBER FOR CHATHAM :—Mr. L. E. Dryden, plumber and tinsmith, of Sussex, is now in the employ of Mr. G. R. Marquis, and will attend to plumbing work in any part of the county. He comes highly recommended. Mr. Marquis is the only man in the county who has a plumber in his employ. 3.30.99.

THE DRAMA :—The Campbellton Enterprise says :—"Mr. H. Price Webber and company closed a very prosperous engagement on Saturday night. His plays were clean and interesting and drew good houses every night."

The company is to appear for one night only in Chatham on Monday next, 30th. Reserved seats may be secured at Mackenzie's.

HE DON'T KNOW :—Auditor Williston appears to have peculiar ideas of what constitutes a police magistrate's return. Somebody at the council should interest himself in having a lawyer employed to correct the auditor's erroneous notions of law on the subject. He doesn't yet seem to grasp the idea that Chatham is separated from the County of Northumberland for municipal purposes.

UNRIVALLED TOURIST SLEEPING cars for the accommodation of passengers holding second class tickets, are run by the Canadian Pacific Railway on Trans-continental Express train, leaving Windsor Station, Montreal, at 11 a.m. every Thursday and running through to Seattle. Passengers for Canadian Northwest and Pacific Coast points will be accommodated in these cars, on payment of a small additional berth charge. Each berth will accommodate two passengers.

MIRAMICHI MARBLE WORKS :—Now is the time to place your orders for cemetery work and avoid the spring rush. We have now on hand and coming one of the largest stocks of marble and granite monuments, headstones and tablets ever shown on the north shore, all from the latest designs and worked from the best material the market can produce. Call and get our prices. They are right.

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Recent Deaths.

The death of Miss Mary Leahy, eldest daughter of Thomas Leahy, Bathurst Village, occurred at her father's residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, 17th, after a long and painful illness. The deceased was highly respected and her many friends sincerely regret to hear of her death.

Last Thursday evening as Mrs. Fred. Robichaud was going home towards the east end of Chatham she was attacked by a pain in the heart and could barely go into Mr. Beott's house on Water St. near the ferry, where she died in a few minutes, before a doctor could reach her. Her husband is a poor man who is ill and out of work and has nine motherless children left to him, the youngest being only about three months old. It is a very sad case.

WELL DONE!—Messrs. M. T. Monahan, who learned the printers' trade in the ADVANCE office, and H. F. Morrison, a graduate of the Newcastle Advocate office, are leading men in the newly organized Boston Co-operative Press Company, Mr. Monohan being the originator of the company and now one of its directors, while Mr. Morrison is Treasurer. They print the Nickel Magazine and the National Magazine and do a very large job business, their plant being valued at $18,000. Mr. Monahan is only about 30 years old and a native of Nelson, while Mr. Morrison who is a son of the late William Morrison of upper Chatham is about the same age.

Curling.

Play continues to go on briskly at the Chatham Curling rink. In the third stage of the match for the Hutchison Rink Medal, Skip James Johnston's rink defeated that of Skip Lawlor by a score of 23 to 5. This brings the finish between the rinks of Skips Johnston and Chesman, the latter having drawn a bye. The final contest between these two rinks will be an exciting one.

Play for the Lawlor medal is now going on between the regular rinks and the first stage results are as follows :

Alex. Brown's, 16,	vs.	D. G. Smith's, 4.
Angus Ullock's, 24,	vs.	Geo. Dean's, 6.
J. Sargeant's, 13,	vs.	A. Burr's, 10.
Wm. Wilson's, 19,	vs	Jas. Johnston's 8.
M. S. Hocken's, 16.	vs.	Wm. Loggie's, 8
Edwd. Jonnson's, 15,	vs.	D. Chesman's 12.
Geo. Hildebraud's, 14,	vs.	R. A. Lawlor's 11.

The united bank officials played a return match on Saturday with the lawyers. The bankers were, however, short of a man and Mr. Theo. DesBrisay played with them, the rinks opposed making the following scores:—

Bankers.	*Lawyers.*
R. H. Anderson,	Arch. Haviland,
Theo. DesBrisay,	W. C. Winslow,
H. S. MacGachan,	R. A. Lawlor,
Geo. Dean, *Skip.* 14.	R. Murray, *Skip.* 8.

The third match between the above representatives of capital on the one hand and honest toil on the other is to be played next Saturday afternoon.

A party of Newcastle curlers was expected to play in Chatham last evening.

A Clergyman Drowned.

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—The piteous whining of a dog that could not be driven away from the spot out on the ice in the bay on the esplanade front late Monday night attracted attention, and investigation brought to notice a sealskin cap floating in the water where the ice had parted. Early yesterday morning the cap was identified as belonging to the Rev. Thos. Macadam, who was missing. The water was dragged and the body brought to the surface. There were no signs of violence, and the pockets contained his purse and money. It is supposed the dead man, who was a stranger in the city, wandered down on the water front and lost his way. Deceased was about 65 years of age and a very scholarly gentleman, having at one time been professor in Morin College, Quebec. He formerly was pastor in the Presbyterian church, North Bay, Ont., but had been in the city about ten weeks and had occupied various pulpits during his stay here with friends, accompanied by his wife. He was unacquainted with the city and rarely ventured out at night.

Deceased was quite well known in New Brunswick, where he married Miss Bessie Cameron, of St. John.

A Happy New Year Indeed

To those who believed there was no cure for catarrh and to whom the constant use of ointments, snuffs and washes was a weariness to the flesh. A delightful and sure cure has been found. No need for fetid breath and broken voice. Send for a *free sample* outfit and be convinced. The name of this sure cure is Catarrhozone. Catarrhozone penetrates to the diseased parts in the form of a pine-scented gas. Write at once to

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Christian Endeavor Meeting.

The Miramichi's Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor met in convention at Newcastle last Monday evening. The President, Rev. D. Henderson, B. A., St. Andrew's, Chatham, occupied the chair, and with him on the platform were the Rev. Messrs. Calder, Loggieville, and Baker, Newcastle. Reports were presented by the secretaries of societies in connection with St. John's and St. Andrew's, Chatham, Douglastown, Loggieville and Newcastle, also of junior society in St. Luke's, Chatham. The work of the organization seemed to be in a prosperous condition on the Miramichi. Addresses were given by Messrs. Baker and Calder and a collection taken to defray expenses of Union. The evening was beautiful and many took advantage of the good sleighing—some twelve or fifteen double seat sleighs having gone from Chatham with the young people of St. John's and St. Andrew's churches. Strong delegations were also present from Loggieville, Douglastown and other places.

The next meeting of the Union will be held in April, at Napan.

Miss Goggin's Funeral.

The funeral of Miss Helena C. Goggin took place on Friday last and was an unusually large one. Friends came from many outside places to manifest their sad interest in the obsequies, Newcastle, Nelson, Loggieville, Douglastown, etc. being numerously represented. The floral tributes were beautiful and included :

Cross of violets, carnations and heather, from Canon Forsyth.

Anchor of roses and carnations, with maidenhair fern and smilax, from V. A. Danville.

Wreath of primroses and lilies from Miss Snowball.

Wreath of calla lilies, hyacinths and smilax from Mr. and Mrs F. E. Neale.

Cut flowers from Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stuart.

Cut flowers from Miss Winslow.

Bouquet of white carnations, hyacinth and smilax from Mrs. F. A. McMullen of Truro.

Bouquet of carnations and smilax from Mrs. Robt. Loggie of Loggieville.

Rev. Canon Forsyth held a brief service at the house, after which the remains were borne to St. Mary's Church. Here they were preceded up the aisle by Rev. Canon Forsyth reading the opening sentences of the burial service, and placed in front of the Chancel steps, the bearers being: Messrs. H. A. Muirhead, V. A. Danville, E. Flett, W. H. Crocker, W. A. Loudoun and F. S. Blair. The hymn

"How bright these glorious spirits shine!" was then sung and the service continued by Canon Forsyth, assisted by Rev. P. G. Snow, rector of Newcastle, the choir chanting the 39th psalm and singing the hymn

"On the Resurrection Morning."

The Church was thronged with people, who evinced a mournful interest in the beautiful service. The organ at which the deceased had so often presided was draped for the occasion.

After the service at the Church the funeral procession formed under the direction of Mr. John McDonald and proceeded to St. Paul's churchyard where the interment took place, the concluding part of the burial service being conducted by Canon Forsyth.

On Sunday, Miss Goggin's death was the subject of touching reference in Canon Forsyth's morning sermon at St. Mary's.

Municipal Council.

The Municipal Council of Northumberland met in annual session at its chamber, Newcastle, on Tuesday 17th inst. The following members were present :—

Ludlow—J. S. Pond, Wm. A. Campbell.
Blissfield—Frank Swim, Daniel Fowler
Northesk—David Whitney, Wm. Jones.
Southesk—Thos. Johnston, D. McAllister.
Blackville—D. G. Scofield, Jas. Donovan.
Derby—John Betts.
Nelson—E Hayes, B. Reynolds.
Rogersville—H Bourque, P. Chaisson.
Newcastle—D. Morrison, L. Doyle.
Chatham—J. F. Connors, Wm. Kerr, W. B. Snowball.
Glenelg—R McNaughton, Jas Cameron.
Hardwicke—J Sullivan, P. Williston.
Alnwick—Wm. Anderson, W. L. Allain.

Warden Connors said wardens were formerly elected annually, but, under the law as consolidated, a warden held office for two years.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

Coun. Anderson nominated J. L. Stewart as official reporter.

Coun. Pond moved that Messrs. Stewart and Anslow be joint reporters.

The motion to appoint J. L. Stewart carried, with four nays.

On motion of Coun. Morrison, constables Irving and Cassady were appointed to wait on the Council.

Couns. Morrison, Kerr and Swim were appointed committees to nominate standing committees; reported the following :—

Co. Accounts—Betts, Morrison, Kerr, Swim Anderson.
Almshouse Accounts—Jones, Johnston, Cameron.
Petitions—Pond, Doyle, McNaughton, Allain, Whitney.
Co. Contingencies—Morrison, Betts, Snowball.
To visit Jail—Reynolds, Chiasson, Fowler.
Parish Accounts—Doyle, Kerr, Allain, Sullivan, Hayes, Cameron, Bourque, Betts, Scofield, Swim, Campbell, Whitney, McAlister.
To Visit Almshouse—Doyle, Swim, Cameron.
Printing—Warden, Morrison, Betts.
By-laws—Snowball, Campbell, Donovan.

The report was adopted.

The Warden read a communication from the Finance Committee of the Chatham Town Council, enclosing the following extract from the minutes :—

At the regular meeting of the Town Council, held on Monday, Sept. 12, 1898, the following clause, in the report of the Finance Committee, was adopted: The Finance Committee also report that the town is entitled, under the order-in-council, to all Scott Act fines enforced or collected from its citizens within the incorporated town, and recommend that this Council agree to indemnify the Municipality of the County of Northumberland for all costs which it may incur in connection with the enforcement of the act within the town limits, the fines collected being paid over to the town of Chatham.

Laid on the table.

The Warden presented a petition from E. Sinclair, Allan Ritchie and others, asking that the Scott Act fine imposed on Barbara Atkinson be refunded as the petitioners believe her entirely innocent of the charge. Referred.

Coun. Morrison presented a petition from Mary Jane Gjertz, widow, asking for a refund of taxes and a lower valuation. Referred.

Coun. Betts presented a petition from Peter Bannerman, who had been taxed both in Derby and Newcastle, asking for a refund. Referred.

Coun. Sullivan read the petition of John Nash, who had paid his taxes, $1 32, and had then been sued for them and forced to pay the $1.32 again, with $1 00 costs. He asked a refund of $2.62. Referred.

Coun. Kerr presented the petition of Jos. King for a refund of taxes. Referred.

Coun. Campbell presented a petition asking for an additional polling place in Boiestown. Referred.

Coun. Pond presented a petition from ratepayers of Blissfield asking that the action of Council in reducing Dr. Weir's valuation be reconsidered. Referred.

Coun. Betts complained that papers had been removed from the desks when the chamber was used for an election in September, including a petition which he required.

The Warden remarked that this was a just cause of complaint.

Coun. Betts said he'd wait on the Sheriff and try and discover where the papers had been taken to.

On motion of Coun. Doyle, adjourned till 1 o'clock for committee work.

Re-assembled at 1 and adjourned till 2.

All the afternoon was spent in committee work.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The Warden took the chair at 10 a.m.

Coun. Jones presented a petition from Northesk, asking for a ferry at the confluence of the Northwest and Sevogle rivers, at or near Michael Oldfield's. Referred.

Adjourned till 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON.

Warden took the chair at 2 o'clock.

Coun. Jones presented a petition for the amendment of the regulations of the Millstream Boom. Referred.

Coun. Betts presented the petition of Thos. Clancy, of Derby, for a refund of taxes collected from him in Nelson. Referred.

Coun. Kerr said two important committees, appointed last January, had not reported. One of these consisted of Coun. Betts, who had been sent to the meeting of the Good Roads Association at Fredericton. As the servant of this Council it was his duty to report the proceedings of that very important meeting and thereby diffuse the information he had gained there. The other committee consisted of Coun. Morrison, with the warden as alternate, and its duty was to go to Ottawa to strengthen the hands of the Minister of Railways in the matter of purchasing the Canada Eastern Railway. Coun. Morrison had pleaded earnestly for the appointment of that committee. The Council would have the right to feel slighted if no report were made.

Coun. Betts said he had been prepared to report to the July session, but no report had been asked for. It was a highly representative meeting, consisting of leading men from all over the province, and all its proceedings were carried on most systematically. One of the resolutions that passed was in favor of such a change in the highway act as would abolish statute labor and require the payment of the road tax in cash. He had submitted the resolution and hoped to see it approved by the Legislature, which would consider and pass upon all the recommendations of the Good Roads Association. Probably many of them would be adopted. Another resolution asked the Government to change the law regarding wide tires for draught vehicles so as to require the width of tire to correspond with the width of the axle. It was clear that it would be difficult to determine the weight of load on country wagons at sight. It was the opinion of the meeting that the best way to make good roads was to use roadmaking machines and wide rollers. The representatives of counties possessing four or five such machines were unanimously in favor of them, and he believed it to be the duty of our representatives to get as many machines as possible for use in this county and have them placed in charge of competent men. He had left orders with the Secretary to send a copy of the proceedings to every road commissioner in the county. He had not presented a bill for his services, as the Government had paid railway fare one way and allowed the representatives $1.50 a day.

Coun. Pond—Did this Council authorise the representative to ask for the cash road tax system?

Warden—No, the resolution in favor of the change did not pass.

Coun. Sullivan—My experience leads me to oppose the cash system. Many persons are not able to pay the tax but are willing to perform the required statute labor. The proposed change would increase the taxes and be burdensome to the poor man. Men were taxed two dollars who had nothing but a cow and two or three children, and the tax couldn't be collected from them in cash.

The Warden—This discussion is out of order.

Coun. Betts explained that the Legislature had merely been asked to authorize the County Council to make the change.

Coun. Kerr moved that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Coun. Betts for the able and efficient manner in which he had represented the Council at the meeting.

Coun. Morrison—I second it, especially as no charge was made for his services.

Warden Connors, in putting the resolution, said he was in Fredericton when the meeting was held and was proud of the prominent position Coun. Betts had taken. He was a general favorite in the Association, and was looked upon as one of the cleverest men in attendance.

The resolution passed unanimously, and Coun. Betts blushingly said he had simply tried to hold up Northumberland's end at the meeting.

Coun. Morrison, from the committee to strengthen the hands of the Minister of Railways in the Canada Eastern matter, said it was considered, for some reason, that it was not necessary to go to Ottawa, and the delegates were not notified to go.

Coun. Snowball said it was not yet too late to interview the Minister on the subject. He would be in Chatham next week, and might be interviewed without expense. It might be well for the committee to report progress now, and make a further report to the July session.

Coun. Morrison—I think it would be in the interests of the county for the Government to acquire the railway and I will be happy to co-operate with the Warden in this matter. I report progress.

Coun. Pond moved, seconded by Coun. Morrison for the appointment of a committee to revise the bye-laws.

Coun. Snowball—The best way would be to have the by-laws revised by the Sec.-Treasurer or some other competent person and submitted to the By-law Committee.

Sec.-Treasurer—That duty devolved on me in 1885.

Coun. Betts—There should be an order of business in the by-laws. Chatham's Town Council is ahead of us in that respect.

The motion was adopted and the following committee appointed—Sec. Treas. Thomson, Coun. Morrison, Warden Connors.

Coun. Betts moved for a committee to report on the duration and time of expiring of leases of county lands. Carried.

Committee—Sec. Treasurer, Snowball, Betts.

On motion of Coun. Kerr the following Chatham returns passed—

Alex. Dickson, Wm. R. Walsh, John D. Thompson, and Patrick Connors, highway commissioners; Wm. Johnstone, Thos. King and Albert J. Fraser, collectors of rates; S. U. McCulley, col justice (the justice being instructed to make a return in July of the default list.

On motion of Coun. Scofield the following Blackville returns passed—

Jer. Donovan, Bernard McCormack and David Morehouse, highway com'rs; W. T. Underhill and T. W. Underhill, col. justices; list of parish officers.

On motion of Coun. Sullivan the following Hardwicke returns passed—

Jos. Williston, Hugh McKay, Wm. Manuel, highway com'rs; Hugh McKay, by road com'r; Pat'k Carroll and Jos. Williston, col. justices; Pat'k Carroll and Alex. Jenkins, col. of rates.

Coun. Morrison—The Co. Accounts Committee want information in reference to the return of Police Magistrate Connors of Scott Act cases tried by him. The return is not accompanied by the money collected as fines, and the Auditor says the return is not a valid one unless accompanied by the money. The committee would like to have this disposed of before reporting on the Scott Act accounts. The amount collected by the Police Magistrate is $605.45.

Sec-Treasurer—I think all Scott Act fines collected in Chatham from residents of the town should be paid to the town treasurer, and that the return is a proper one without the funds.

Coun. Snowball—I have received the following from the Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr. Newcombe, on this question:

"In reply to your letter of 4th inst., with reference to fines imposed in Scott Act cases in the incorporated town of Chatham, N. B., I am directed by the Minister of Justice to state that if the town is separated for municipal purposes from the county of Northumberland it was and is since the Order in-Council of Nov. 15, 1888, entitled to receive all fines, penalties and forfeitures recovered or enforced under the Canada Temperance Act within the town limits."

Coun. Snowball said it had been decided by our Supreme Court, in a St. Stephen case, that a town like Chatham is separated from the county for municipal purposes within the meaning of the Order-in-Council.

On motion of Coun. Kerr, M. S. Benson's bill, $12, as town clerk of Chatham parish, and the Chatham pauper lunatic fund, passed.

On motion of Coun. Morrison, Police Magistrate Connor's return on Scott Act fines passed.

On motion of Coun. Swim the following Blissfield returns passed—

Wm Swim, col. justice; Jared Betts, col. rates; Jared Betts, Hugh Murray, Cor. Weaver and John T. Bamford, highway com'rs.

On motion of Coun. Betts the following Derby returns passed—

John Russell, Dun'l Harrigan, John A. Parks, highway com'rs; John Clouston, col. rates; Chris. Crocker, col. justice.

On motion of Coun. McAllister the following Southesk returns passed—

John Dennis, Wm Johnston and Wm. Sauntry, highway com'rs; Jas. Lawlor and Jas. Sheasgreen, cols. rates.

Coun. Pond, chairman of the Committee on Petitions, reported.

(1) that the petition for a new polling place in Boiestown be granted. Adopted and referred to the By-law Committee.

(2) That the petition for a ferry at the junction of the Northwest and Sevogle be granted, the ferriage to be not more than seven cents. Adopted and referred to By-law committee.

(3) That the petition in reference to the valuation of Dr. Weir's property be over till July. Adopted.

(4) That the petition of John Nash be granted. Adopted.

(5) That Thos. Clancey be refunded $1.36 taxes paid by him in Nelson.

Coun. Reynolds—He earns his salary in Nelson, stays there and should pay his taxes there.

Coun. Betts—He is an operator at the Junction, and lives at his home in Derby. It is a small thing for Nelson to tax him when he is domiciled in Derby. I have conceded, in the case of Peter Bannerman, who was taxed in both Derby and Newcastle, that the tax should go to the parish in which a person is domiciled.

Coun. Pond—The committee considers that a man should pay his tax where he is domiciled.

Report adopted.

(6) That Jos. King be refunded $1.51 by Newcastle, as he is domiciled in Chatham. Adopted.

(7) That the committee do not feel justified in recommending the prayer of Mrs. Gjertz' petition, and ask that it be referred to the assessors. Adopted.

(8) That Derby refund Peter Bannerman $1.38 taxes. Adopted.

On motion of Coun. Cameron the following Glenelg returns were passed—

John C. Taylor, Arch'd Cameron, John Cook and James Moran, highway com'rs; Hugh McDonald, John Dunn and Thos. Lahey, cols. rates.

On motion of Coun. Campbell the following Ludlow returns passed—

Geo. Neagles, col. rates; Ludlow road fund; Arthur O'Donnell, col. justice (all vouchers not in); Warren Holt and W. R. McCluskey, highway com'rs; Jesse Stewart, highway com'r, who has made no returns, was ordered to make them in July.

Coun. Betts said he saw no mention in the accounts of the $110 Chatham had agreed to pay the county as expenses incurred in connection with the public wharf in Chatham This amount had been mutually agreed upon by a committee of this Council and the Town Council. He moved that the Sec.-Treasurer notify Chatham to pay this over. Carried.

Coun. Snowball—I think I noticed the item in the estimates passed by the Chatham Council, and perhaps it is witheld as a set-off against money due to Chatham by the County as rent of a lock-up. No doubt the town treasurer has allowed one to go against the other.

Sec.-Treasurer—I have paid the rent annually to Mr. Ferguson. There is nothing due now by the county.

Coun. Snowball—The Incorporation Act says this money is to be paid to the town of Chatham, not to Mr. Ferguson. It was not Mr. Ferguson who was incorporated, but the town of Chatham. Mr. Ferguson is entitled to receive money for the Dominion of Canada, but not for Chatham. Is there a lease of the old lock-up in the possession of the county?

Sec.-Treasurer—Yes, there is a lease in existence. It expired some time ago and is going on from year to year if no notice has been given to terminate it. There may be tenancy existing yet.

On motion of Coun. Bourque the following Rogersville returns passed—

Cassimere McGraw, Benj. Lavway and Eph. Leblanc, highway com'rs.

On motion of Coun. Allain the following Alnwick returns passed—

John Bowie, Belonie Russell, Jas. Stymiest, Wm. Loggie and R. Savoy, highway com'rs; Hubert B. Robichean, Wm. Bowie, P. Hierlihy and Henry Legere, cols rates.

On motion of Coun. Jones, adjourned till Thursday morning.

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

The Warden took the chair at 10 a.m.

Coun. Robinson took his seat.

On motion of Coun. Whitney the following Northesk returns passed—

Peter Russell, Allen Tozer, Geo. Easty, Jos. McKay, highway com'rs; Geo. McLean, Anthony Cain, Dan'l Cain, Chas. Smith, cols. rates; list of parish officers.

Coun. Pond reported on the petition for the refunding of Mrs. Atkinson's Scott Act fine, that the Council had no jurisdiction in the case. Adopted.

Coun. Johnston asked that the list of witnesses be read.

Coun. Snowball said the matter had been disposed of.

Coun. Doyle had read the evidence over carefully, and thought the Council should do justice in the matter. He had understood that counsel was to be heard.

Coun. Johnston moved to reconsider the adoption of the report. Carried.

Coun. Betts moved to defer the consideration of the report till 2 o'clock, so that both sides might be heard by counsel. Carried.

Coun. Betts submitted the report of the Co. Accounts Committee as follows :—

We beg leave to report that we have made a careful audit of the County Accounts.

We regret to notice that criminal prosecutions have not decreased, showing a large charge against the contingent fund, which shows a deficit of $1361, a decrease of $100 from the previous year, 1897.

The aggregate default list to the contingent fund amounts to $900 against $1000 for 1897, a slight improvement. We advise that collectors of rates be more prompt in their collections.

We recommend that the July session be abolished, which would effect a saving of $200.

Respectfully submitted, John Betts, Wm. Anderson, Wm. Kerr, D. Morrison, F. D. Swim.

Coun. Betts moved the adoption of the report.

Coun. Kerr called the attention of the Council to the clause in reference to abolishing the July session. He had signed it and was in favor of it, but wanted members to understand what they were voting on.

Coun. Sullivan spoke strongly against the abolition of the July session. He had opposed this before, and not one ratepayer had questioned the wisdom of his course. He would, if necessary, stand alone in support of the July session.

On motion of Coun. Pond the report was taken up section by section and passed to the last clause, which was lost by the following vote—Yeas: Swim, Scofield, Donovan Robinson, Doyle, Morrison, Kerr, Snowball, McNaughton, Anderson, Betts, Connors—12; nays—Whitney, Jones, Pond, Campbell, McAllister, Johnston, Fowler, Bourque, Chiasson, Reynolds, Hays, Cameron, Sullivan, Williston, Allain—15.

Report adopted as amended.

On motion of Coun. Betts the following County accounts were passed—

R. R. Call, Sheriff, $364; Wm. Irving, pris. board, $176.60; contingent fund with Sec-Treasurer.

Coun. Snowball took exception to the payment to D. Ferguson of $62 rent of Chatham lock-up, instead of Chatham. The Act provided for the maintenance of a lock-up, and this money has been paid to Mr. Ferguson instead of to the town. The Town Council, in February, 1898, chose the town hall as the lock-up, and has since then received nothing on this account. The county was one year in arrears. The money has been paid by the county to the wrong party.

Sec-Treasurer Thomson said he had paid the money to Mr. Ferguson in good faith. The lease had not terminated no notice having been given to do so. He had received no notice that Chatham had established a new lock-up, and had paid the account as usual in perfect good faith. It was true that the act provided that the county pay $62 annually towards the maintenance of a lock-up in Chatham, but it did not say that the payment was to be made to the town.

Coun. Morrison—Was the leased building used after the incorporation of the town?

Coun. Snowball—Yes, till Feb'y, '98. If the county has been negligent in informing the owners of the building that it is no longer required it may be liable to them for the rent, but that does not free it from liability to the town.

Mr. Thomson—I paid the money in accordance with the lease for the maintenance of a lock-up.

Coun. Snowball—There is no lock-up there.

Coun. Kerr said Mr. Ferguson was as honorable a man as lived in Chatham, and if he had received money that properly belonged to the town he would pay it over. He would do what was right.

Coun. Snowball said the town could not look to Mr. Ferguson or anybody else for what it should get from the county. It would look to the county and the county could look to Mr. Ferguson.

Sec.-Treasurer Thomson—I undertake this—if Mr. Ferguson will not refund the money to the proper person I'll be responsible for it.

Coun. Snowball—I'm satisfied. I'll take your word for it.

Council proceeded to the further passage of County accounts, as follows :—

School fund with Sec.-Treasurer; Almshouse fund; M. S. Benson, coroner, Peter Murray inquest, $16; Dr. J. S. Benson, do. $4; Public Wharf fund; Interest account, showing $114 paid by the county; Dr Wilson, Astles case, witness fees, $5 50; Sec-Treas. filling school lists, $3; John Niven, criminal prosecutions, $40.55; S. Thomson, division registrar, $46.30; S. Craig, wood, $20; S Thomson, office expenses, $32 50; do., criminal business, $90; Wm. Irving, work about jail, $11 50; J. L. Stewart, printing, $18.60, Wm. Irving, $7 95; do, arresting criminals, $10.50; John Menzies, half year salary $250; Co'. Buildings fund; Richard Attridge, taking lunatic to asylum, $21; D. & J. Ritchie, lumber, $90.75.

Coun. Pond criticised some of the items of this bill as too high, but other councillors said they had paid the firm the same prices.

Chas. Park, $38.57; Isaac Jackson, burying a sheep, $2; J. S Benson, cert of lunacy, $4.67; E. P Williston, half year salary, $50; F. L. Pedolin, cert. of lunacy and viewing body, $8.67; Union Advocate, printing, $4.50; J. & A. McMillan, reg. books, $12 50; J. D Creaghan, materials for jail, $6; John Ferguson, sundries for do., $1.73; Peter Archer interpreter Murray inquest, $4; Joan Weir, viewing bodies and cert. of lunacy, $12 67; Dr. Baxter, Peter Murray inquest, $8, Peter Archer, interpreter, inquiry into P Murray case, $4; C. Craig, Chatham lock-up, $10; John Roy, $2; Lemuel Fletcher, taking lunatic to county jail, $2.50; Dr. Wilson, cert lunacy, $4.67; Jas. Hierlihy, constable, $3 25; R Nicholson, Sec. Bd. of Health, $50; Revisors of Votes, $471.

Coun. Morrison read the report of the County Accounts Committee on Scott Act accounts, and the report of Inspector Menzies, which were received; also the returns of John Niven, P. M., S. U. McCulley, P. M., and G. B. Fraser, parish court com'r, on Scott Act cases.

Coun. Snowball claimed that the fines collected by Mr. Fraser, $100, should be paid back to the town. He asked the Sec.-Treasurer's opinion.

Mr. Thomson said his opinion was that all fines collected in the town from residents in the town should be paid into the town treasury.

Coun. Morrison said it was held by some that when cases are carried on by the County Inspector the fines belong to the county. If the Chatham Town Council is to claim these funds it should assume the costs in the cases tried before Mr. McCulley.

Coun. Snowball said the town was willing to pay all the costs incurred in the cases tried by Messrs. Fraser and McCulley. He moved that the balance in the hands of the Sec.-Treasurer from these cases be returned to Chatham, but withdrew the motion and allowed the returns to pass on being assured that he could make his motion at a later stage.

Inspector Menzies' account of costs passed, also the return of the Chatham Police Magistrate.

Adjourned till 2.30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Millstream Boom Company's rate was increased from 5 to 10 cents and the report on Mrs. Atkinson's petition was passed.

Coun. Jones reported, from the committee on Almshouse Accounts, that the accounts were correct and neatly kept. There were 12 males in the institution, 9 females and 10 children. The report recommended the following assessment for the current year—

Chatham,	$800,	Northesk,	$100,
Newcastle,	400,	Ludlow,	50,
Nelson,	100,	Rogersville,	25,
Alnwick,	250,	Derby,	125,
Southesk,	50,	Glenelg,	100,
Hardwick,	100,	Blackville,	200,
		Blissfield,	$50.

The usual disscussion took place on this report, Coun. Sullivan leading off by objecting to Hardwick's share of the assessment, Coun. Doyle claiming that Newcastle's should be reduced, while Coun. Kerr put in a similar claim for Chatham in the event of other reductions being made. The report was laid on the table.

Coun. Sullivan moved that the boom-masters fees on the Bay du Vin river boom be reduced to 4 cents. Carried and referred to By-law Committee.

Coun. Sullivan moved the adoption of a list of parish officers for Hardwicke Carried.

On motion of Coun. Jones the bill of Neville P. Whitney, parish clerk, Northesk, passed—$6.

On motion of Coun. Anderson the Alnwick road divisions were readjusted.

On motion of Coun. Campbell, parish officers for Ludlow were appointed.

On motion of Coun. Johnston parish officers for Southesk were appointed.

Coun. Reynolds submitted the report of the Jail Visiting Committee, to the effect that everything in the jail was clean and orderly and that the prisoners were well satisfied with Jailor Irving's treatment of them.

On motion of Coun. Reynolds the bill of John E. Ratican, parish clerk, Nelson, passed—$6.

E. P. Williston was re-elected Auditor.

On motion of Coun. Allain parish officers were appointed for Alnwick.

On motion of Coun. Doyle the following Newcastle returns passed :—

Newcastle Police fund; John Cassidy, Timothy Connolly and John Sullivan, cols. rates; John Cassidy, John Lyons, and James Fox, highway com'rs; John Niven, Police Magistrate; John Cassidy, col. exhibition fees; J. R. Lawlor, do; John Clark, col. rates; John Niven, col. justice; John Clark, col. exhibition fees; Pauper lunatic fund.

Coun. Doyle submitted the Almshouse Visiting Committee's report as follows:

Your committee very carefully inspected every part of the building, and found cleanliness, order and system prevailing all through. The inmates being questioned, apart from the keeper had only words of praise for the kind, courteous and impartial way in which they were treated by Keeper and Matron alike.

Your committee would recommend that a telephone be placed in the building, whereby assistance could be speedily summoned in case of sudden illness of any of the inmates, danger from fire, or any other cause that would be injurious to life or property.

On motion of Coun. Betts permission was given to Col. Call to explain the proposed Almshouse assessment.

Col. Call said the Commissioners had carefully considered the whole matter and had asked for only what was required. Chatham had been assessed rather low, but it would be increased next year if the dog tax were not available. The whole assessment asked for was as low as possible. It was too low last year. The whole matter had been thoroughly discussed by those who don't care to pay more taxes than necessary, and he didn't think the Council could better it.

Coun. Sullivan asked for explanations in reference to Hardwicke.

Col. Call said Hardwicke's share of the expenses last year was $70, and it was expected that it would be greater this year. The cost of forty odd weeks' board for Margaret Patterson was in dispute between Hardwicke and Glenelg, and if it should be decided against Hardwicke her surplus would be wiped out.

Coun. Sullivan vigorously protested against the supposition that the person referred to could be charged to Hardwicke, as she had never lived there, no, nor anyone of the name. He was there to defend his parish, and there was no sense or fair play in imposing extra taxation on it for a reason like this.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Coun. Betts the following accounts passed—

A Ullock, $6; John McLean, $4.25; Dr. Desmond, $11.50; J. L. Stewart, reporting, $40

On motion of Coun. Bourque parish officers were appointed for Rogersville.

Ordered, that the Board of Trade committee be heard on the question of further restricting peddling.

Mr. R. A. Murdoch said it was well known that peddlers were growing more numerous and interfered with legitimate business. They were not desirable residents and they had a demoralizing effect on regular trade. They were migratory, here to-day and away to-morrow. Business men thought it a hardship that these people are not taxed on their goods, which are stowed away in hiding places, while business men are taxed heavily on their stocks. As peddlers' goods were not come-at-able for taxation the peddlers should be made pay high licenses for their privileges. One man had twenty-one peddlers out and paid no taxes on the goods they carried. A tax of $150 to $200 was thought by the Board of Trade to be about right.

Mr. H. McMillan, representing the Newcastle Board of Trade, said he had no remarks to make.

Mr. Alex Burr said Mr. Murdoch had covered the ground and he would leave it in the hands of the Council.

Coun. Morrison sympathized with Mr. Murdoch. This was not the first time that the matter had been brought before the Council. They had asked for power to make by-laws to license peddlers, but no good results had followed. Some of these peddlers had set up as traders in town after the assessment list had been made, and left before another assessment. They get police protection, etc., and pay nothing. Country people complain that they are forced to buy from peddlers to get them out of their houses. It was difficult to tell their names, but the Legislature did not take kindly to the proposal that they be required to wear numbers. He moved for a committee to act with the Board of Trade committee in framing a bill to be sent to the Legislature, the committee to report on Friday.

Coun. Anderson said there were more nuisances than dry goods peddlers—the agents for agricultural implements and wagons who went around and persuaded people to give notes which they were not able to pay, for things which they didn't need. Every other man in the country you spoke to had a note coming due and feared to be put to trouble about it. He would be glad if the committee would take this matter into consideration.

The Warden said the Council had the power now to deal with non-resident peddlers.

The motion passed, and the following committee was chosen—Morrison, Connors, Anderson.

On motion of Coun. Jones the Council adjourned till Friday morning.

[The remainder of this report will appear next week.]

Notice of Wharf-Extension.

TOWN OF CHATHAM, N.B. 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Chatham proposes extending the Town Wharf, so called, easterly into the Miramichi River, opposite land owned by the said Town, the same being in accordance with plan and description filed at the Record Office, Newcastle, and with the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa.

WARREN C. WINSLOW, Mayor.

Chatham, N. B. 23rd, January 1899.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Ch