

LOCAL MATTERS.

Nice Literature.
A nice little poem for the Grit Councilors would be Wordsworth's little gem. "We are seven."

That "Seven."
Is the number so small because the little Corporals guard represent the "seven deadly sins" of Gritism?

Held over till next.
Local news; Ratepayer Douglasfield and matter enough besides to fill the New York Herald twice. Verily it never rains but it pours.

Lumbering.
Mr. D Sullivan has 4 teams and 30 men on the North branch of Renous. He intends getting out less than 2,000,000 for Morrison this winter.

Obituary.
Mother Raymond, formerly of the Hotel Dieu, died last week at her residence in Montreal. Deceased was universally esteemed by all who knew her.

Strange Catch, and Quaker Company.
Mr William McLaughlin who fishes below Middle Island caught in his smelt net last week a bass and a salmon. He says the salmon weighed over ten pounds. It is something novel to catch a salmon and a bass, in the same net at this time of the season.

Accidents.
Mr. James McCarty of Chatham, who had been working in the woods in Pennsylvania was so badly hurt in the breast felling a tree there lately that he had to come home last week.
Mr. David Kilpatrick also of Chatham is laid up in Pennsylvania, with a bad cut on the knee received also in the woods of that place some time ago.

An Outrage.
Four gunners of the Chatham Battery, correct, and respectable men too, left here on the 20th inst to attend a three months course at the school of gunnery in Quebec. They took the up freight train at Chatham junction, but got off at Bathurst to await the arrival of the express. The same evening, and perhaps about the same time that they were in Bathurst, a burglary took place there; but the four poor fellows dreaming neither of evil, nor of the suspicion which was so cruelly following them, they got on board the train for Quebec. The next day two St John papers the Sun and Globe published information that the burglars had been caught at Rimouski, the stolen goods in their possession; that the burglars were the four men from Chatham, to wit, Wm Barnett, Wm D Loban, George Crosbie, Patrick Clarkins. The statements were cruel libels; and the poor fellows so charged, are now in Quebec; while the burglar, a Frenchman named Hache, has been arrested by Sheriff Vail. We understand that steps are being taken by friends of the slandered parties to have an action for defamation brought against the papers so recklessly publishing the damaging statements. We are not surprised at this. Thousands have read the unjust charge against these men who yet believe them guilty; and it is meet and proper that the reckless newspapers be called to an account, and made to make a full reparation for the wrong done so far as lies within their power.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COURT.

Judge Williston being ill, Judge Botsford presided.
The following is the presentation made by the Grand Jury.

We the Grand Jury of the County of Northumberland assembled to make enquiry into the affairs of this county generally, beg to make the following presentation.

1st We are glad to meet you for the first time presiding over our County court causes during the session and take this opportunity of showing our appreciation of the remarks in your address relative to the state of Northumberland in particular and the northern counties in general.
2nd We in the name of the inhabitants of the county thank you most cordially for having so readily responded to the request of our esteemed Judge. His Honor Judge Williston, and will never cease to remember your kindness in consenting to come to us at a great personal inconvenience, which will entail upon you a vast amount of labor at some time to come.

3rd We wish also to express our regret at the indisposition of His Honor Judge Williston and trust that he may in the course of a few days be sufficiently restored to enable him to attend his duties with his usual judgment and impartiality.

Trusting that you may be long spared to continue the course of integrity and honor that you have always pursued.
We beg to remain
Most respectfully yours,
THE GRAND JURY.
John O'Brien, Foreman

STAR BRIEFS.

—The Catholic Choir practice every night for the coming concert.
—Smelts it is said are larger now than they have been before this season.
—Four members of the Chatham battery have gone to Quebec to the Training School.

NORTHUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

THURSDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION. — CONTINUED.

On Mr. Lawlor taking the chair the following accounts were read and passed. —without a committee being appointed to deal with each.

Wm. A. Fish, Commissioner of roads upper district, parish of Nelson, 11 de faulters declared. Alex. Hutchison, Com by roads upper district, parish of Nelson, balance on hand 28 cents, ordered to be paid to successor in office. John McManm Co. of roads Lower Newcastle. John Murray, collector of rates, Parish of Newcastle. James Coltar bye road commissioner, Parish of Newcastle. A. Campbell bye road commissioner Parish of Newcastle. Robert McCosh, commissioner bye roads, Parish of Newcastle, seven cents due him, ordered to be paid to him by his successor in office. James Hay, Com. of roads, lower district Newcastle, balance on hand \$14.62. John Sullivan, collector of rates, Middle district Newcastle. Public wharf and lands account passed. John Sullivan, collector of rates Lower district, Parish of Newcastle. Newcastle firewards report passed — balance on hand \$477.76. John Nevins, Police Magistrate Parish of Newcastle, J. P. collecting justice. W. & J. Anslow, \$1. printing for J. P.

Coun. R. B. Adams said he had a right to pay for his own blanks. Adams' suggestion acted upon.
Wm. Park \$6.40 against public wharf passed.
John Buckley, Town Clerk, Parish of Newcastle brought a bill of \$4 against County for himself and horse, posting up notices during Councilors election. It was decided that matter lie over till July.

Chas Marshall, collector of rates Upper district Parish of Newcastle.
Secretary Treasurers account with Newcastle Police Magistrate showed a balance on hand of \$308.90
R. R. Call, repairs on public wharf \$47.19, received and paid.

Thus, Gill, bye road, commissioner Parish of Nelson. —Balance on hand \$13.73. to be paid over to his successor in office.

Thomas Gill highway commissioner Parish of Nelson.
Peter Gorman, bye road commissioner Parish of Nelson. —balance on hand \$6.15.

Wm. Hughes, bye road commissioner Parish of Nelson had on hand 20 cents.
Peter Gorman, collector of rates Nelson —balance on hand \$9.50.

A. A. Richards, collector of Justice Nelson. —balance on hand 20 cents.
Stephen Duthie, collector of rates district No. 5 Parish of Nelson.

James Hornett, collector of rates district No. 3 Nelson.
Thomas Doolan, collector of rates Nelson.

J. C. Miller, district clerk, No. 3 Nelson, \$4. for rental bill during election of Councilor — bill to stand over till July.

Coun. Lawlor then left Chair as accounts of his parish were in consideration.

Secretary Treasurers account with Chatham. —balance on hand \$497.29.
Patrick Connors, bye road commissioner, Chatham, had on hand \$18.07.

Timothy McDermott, Com. of roads Lower district Chatham.
Thomas Gaynor, collector of rates Upper district Chatham.

Chatham firewards report read asking for an assessment of \$1,200. On motion \$800 was granted.

Alfred Peterson Com. of roads Upper district Chatham, [one surveyor did not report]. —balance on hand \$4.50.

Wm. McRae, Com. of bye road Parish of Chatham, passed.
John Kielly, Com. of roads, Upper district Chatham. —balance on hand \$2.

J. T. Griffin, J. P. Parish of Chatham. —13.50 to be paid to the Sec. Treasurer, for 10 cents overcharge on 135 executions.

FRIDAYS PROCEEDINGS.

The petition of Anthony Gratton was read praying for \$6 for conveying lunatic from Tracadie to Newcastle. Petition referred to committee on public accounts.

On motion it was resolved that of two members of the Council be appointed to interview A A Davidson and acquaint him with the action of the Council Thursday, with regard to the plot of County land and report on his reply to the Council at 2 o'clock, p. m. Coun. Burchill and Swim were the delegate committee.

The Council received the report of the surveyor of dams of the Parish of Nelson and accepted the same.

Coun. Lawlor asked if Council had power to fix the rate of wages for the boom master for Barnaby River \$1.

Secretary Treasurer said they had.
Coun. Saunders said it was the custom of the boom masters to pocket all they collected from the logs. Boom master collected 3 cents on every thousand feet and made no report of the amount collected.

Burchill said the object of Saunders motion was to pay Boom master for his services and make him give an account of the money collected.

Sec-Treas. read an application from the Chatham parties asking for an assessment of \$300 in said Parish to build a road through the Mrs. Townley property in said Parish, road to run from Foundry Lane to St. John's Street.

Coun. Lawlor said the matter was not of a public nature enough to impose additional tax on the people of said Parish, and moved that a committee be appointed to report thereon tomorrow at

10 a. m. Lowlor, McNaughton, and Loggie were appointed a committee.

Coun. Tozer brought down a resolution saying:

Whereas Secretary Treasurer in proposing the assessment for the Parish of Southesk and Northesk, County Contingencies and School fund for 1880, assessed the parish of Southesk in excess the sum of \$50. Therefore

Resolved, that the Secretary Treasurer rectify the said in making up assessment for current year, by placing the said amount to the credit of Southesk. (Signed) by Coun. Tozer.

Coun. Swim brought in a resolution that the chairman of each Parish, when electing Councilors receive the sum of \$2 for services.

Coun. Sullivan thought \$2 too much. Coun. Bamford thought chairman of municipal elections should be paid like the public officers.

Coun. Loggie thought they should not be paid as Councilors are not.
Coun. Ryan concurred with Loggie.

Coun. A Adams thought it should be merely a parish matter if parishes were disposed to pay the chairman of elections well and good.

On vote being taken Swims resolution was lost.

Coun. Tozer moved that committee appointed last July to define duties of jailor make their report, but the Council knew nothing about committee. [It likely had got lost in a snow storm. — Ep.]

Coun. Goggin brought in a resolution asking that Sec. 4 of the Bye-Law relating to sheep and cows going at large in Chatham be repealed. He said that the cows were a great nuisance, and he had lost several ornamental trees by them being allowed to run loose and that the public square was truly a cow pasture. He said it was nothing now in Chatham to see a cow run through the streets chased by dogs, and children were in danger of being gored to death or walked over. He felt sure that it was the wish of a majority of his parishioners that the law should be repealed. [A sensible subject and well put. — Ep.]

Coun. Lawlor said if the law was repealed it would be oppressive to the poor people of Chatham, as it would compel them to sell the cattle as they could not drive the animals to or from the pasture without going through the town with them.

Coun. Burchill thought as there was a diversity of opinion between the Chatham Councilors on the matter they should go back to their parishioners on the cow question.

Coun. Goggin appeared to have suffered himself to be cowed too easily; and after some useless discussion on the matter Lawlor moved an amendment that the matter do not come up till July sittings when if a petition were produced by a majority of the people he would sustain it. Lawlor's amendment carried.

[The "poor man" is always a great hobby with politicians of every grade; but in this case it is hard to see how it can benefit the poor man to have his cows lithering through the streets. In every civilized community that we have heard of outside of Chatham, laws provide against cows occupying the streets, unless when a driver has them in charge. Why the same could not have been done here, and without at all oppressing the irrepressible "poor man," we are at a loss to know. Had Mr. Lawlor been really anxious to help along the "poor man" he should have tacked to his amendment another clause providing that the streets and ditches be planted with hay seed in the spring. Then the cows might get some benefit by running the streets, while as it stands, Mr. Goggin's motion to have them kept in their pastures was far the best, for the much hackneyed "poor man." — Ep.]

Coun. Goggin brought in a resolution that a tax of \$1 be imposed on the owner, harborer or keeper of every dog below the Parish of Chatham along river and read in support of his resolution a petition to him and Mr. Lawlor. It was carried.

Coun H Cameron made following report on Alms House, which after considerable discussion was adopted.

That your committee beg leave to call the attention of the collector to the protest of one of the committee as handed to them to take some action on it.

Your committee recommend that a memorial be prepared and carried before the Local Legislature at its next session, praying that some alteration be made in the present law, which will give the Council some power or right over actions of Alms House committee.

The committee ask for an assessment on the County for the ensuing year of \$2,500, which your committee in justice to the unfortunate paupers feel themselves bound though reluctantly to recommend H. Cameron Chairman, John McLaughlin, Ken. Cameron, J. Tozer, J. P. Burchill.

The Committee appointed to examine into condition of County jail made the following report:—

"To the Warden and Councilors of the Municipality of Northumberland County: The Committee appointed to investigate the condition of the County jail, beg leave to submit the following report:—

That your committee visited the jail on the 19th day of January inst. and found the cells etceteras, in a very satisfactory condition. That at present there is confined in the jail only two prisoners. Your Committee would recommend that the Jail Committee be authorized to furnish for the use of the prisoners three new stoves and fittings connected therewith.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES ROBINSON,
WM. MCNAUGHTON,
ROMAIN SAVOY,

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following licenses were granted:

BLISSFIELD.

Ann Kelly, retail, 12 mos

NELEXON.

Mrs. Timothy Diley, retail, 6

NEWCASTLE.

Alex. Stewart, retail, 6

Dennis Quigley, " 6

NELEXON AND NEWCASTLE.

Joseph Hays, wholesale and retail, 6

The accounts of the various parishes were then read and passed.

The report of the Chatham Firewards shows expenditures to be \$1,000.41 last year. Balance on hand \$451.29. The firewards ask an assessment of \$1,200 for current schemes. Coun. Lawlor objected and moved as an amendment the assessment be \$800 which was carried.

Council adjourned from 6 p. m. to 7 p. m.

CHATHAM PARISH OFFICERS

Constables: Isaac Jackson, Angus Bickley, David Baldwin, David Savoy, Peter L. Mansferson, Arthur Palmer, Robert Ferguson.

Fence Viewers: Dennis Sullivan, John Foley, John Blake, Robt. Murray, Samuel Widdleton.

Clerk of the Market: Alex. Loggie.
Hog Reeves: John B. Forrest, David Trevors, Geo. Burbridge, Joseph Steel, William Jackson, Alex. Dixon Jr.

Robert Heskit, John Bell, Wm. C. Synthe, Alex. McLean.

Commissioners of Roads: Alfred Peterson, (Upper District) Robert Murray Sr., (Middle do) Phinley McDonald (Lower do)

Pound Keepers: Robert Thompson, (Upper District) John Reid, (Middle do) John Forrest Sr., (Lower do)

Collectors of Rates: Thomas Gaynor, Upper District, Daniel Finn, Middle do, Wm. McRae, Lower do.

Boom Masters: Thomas Crumbly; Ben Flood, Patrick Keoghman.

Town Clerk: G. I. Wilson.
Surveyors of dams: Chas. Blakely, Robt. Jardine.

Inspectors of Butcher: James Egan, Geo. P. Searle.

Assessors of Rates: William Murray, Patrick Connors Jr., D. T. Johnstone.

Revisors of [Conservative] votes: J. R. Goggin, Wm. Lawlor, A. D. Shirreff.

Lumber Drivers: Michael Fitzpatrick, James Jardine.

Bye Road Commissioners: John Riley, Upper District, Thomas Kewling, Middle District, Wm. Kerr, Lower District.

Weights of Hay and Coal: F. J. Lison, H. A. Muirhead.

Surveyors of Lumber: John Coleman, Peter Wallace, James Williams, James Carter, John England Sr., Wm. Fenety, Arthur Sharp, Thos. Barlen, James McIntosh, F. E. Danville, James D. McKay, Peter McAdam, John O'Keefe Sr., Wm. McGraw, John Baldwin, Richard Williams, Andrew Morrison, Daniel C. Immen, Andrew McIntosh, Thos. McQuinn, Mathew Keenan, Wm. Keenan, Joseph Steel, James Dee, Ed. McQuinn, John McLaughlin, John Woods, John Connors, Timothy Harrington, John Sinclair, Patrick Coleman, Edward Gaynor.

Inspectors of fish: Henry Kelly, William Hay, Alex. Henderson, Asa Perley, Dudley Perley, Alexander Mansferson.

Firewards: John Johnstone, Geo. I. Wilson, T. F. Gillespie, Roger Flanagan, William Muirhead Jr., John Colman, Robt. Bain, Chas Gunn.

Wharfingers: J. T. Griffin, John O'Kwefe.

Public Square Commissioner: J. T. Griffin, G. A. Blair, J. B. Snowball.

Ferryman: Thos. Haviland.

Overseers of Fisheries: John Murdoch, James Loggie, Dudley Perley.

Surveyors of Roads: Thomas Fernands, Thos. Brehaut, John Dunn, David Savoy, Patrick Connors, (Back Lots.) Jonathan Harper, William Dickson, Amos Perley, Wm. Gray, John Baldwin.

Collectors of Dog tax: Daniel Finn, (Middle District) David Savoy, (Lower District.)

Game Warden: Arthur Johnstone.

NEWCASTLE OFFICERS.

Overseers of Poor: Wm. L. Anslow, Robert Falconer, John Brown.

Field Drivers: Wm J Millar, James Coltart.

Timber Drivers: Thomas Herbert William Black, James Gulliver, Thomas Hickey, James Holland.

Boom Masters: Thomas Ramsay, John Troy.

Surveyors of Dams: John Maltby, John Whelan.

Scalers of Leather: Charles Elliott, John Barr.

Surveyors of Grindstones: John Williamson, Jr., Alex Stewart.

Assessors of Rates: William Masson, Wm Porter, Wm Minis, Sr.

Collector of Rates: Chas Marshall, John Sullivan.

Ferryman: Matthew Russell, James Russell, Thomas Haviland, Robt Wilson, John Grant.

Inspectors of Fish: Donald Morrison, T. W. Cocker, John Henderson, James Minis.

Surveyors of Lumber: William Luke, Robert Gitchell, Chas Donovan, William Reid John Sinclair, Chas Crany, James Crany, Thomas Maltby, Wm R Taylor, John Maltby, John Robinson Sr, John Robinson Jr, John Dalton, James B Russell, Dennis McKendry, John McKendry, C Rely, John Urnhaut Campbell, Thos. Barhett, Jas. Morrison, William Kelly, Jeremiah Mahoney, William Sullivan, Angus Campbell, Alex. Reid.

Collector of Dog Tax: John Murray, Wm. Fitzpatrick.

Firewards: Wm. McRae, R R Call, Allan Ritchie, John Hogan, James Anslow, Richard H Grimley, John Ferguson, Chas. E Fish, John Beander, Patrick Wheeler, Robt. Ritchie.

Inspector of Barrels: Henry Ashford, Patrick Farrel, John Anderson, Andrew Hay.

Game Warden: Dennis McEvoy.

Weights of Hay: Wm. Mett, John Creaghman, Donald Sutherland, Jas. McDonald, John Anderson.

Revisors of Votes: James Brown, R B Adams, William A Park.

Surveyors of Bark and Wood: Wm Maltby, Wm Jones, Sr., Geo Stohart, Wm. Murray, Roland Gitchell, John Dalton.

Commissioner of Bye-Roads: Alex Atchison, John Woods, James Connell.

Surveyors of Lumber: Hiram Maltby, Richard Maltby, Benjamin Reed, Patrick Sullivan.

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GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Pursuant to law, the semi-annual meeting of the Municipal Council of Municipality of Gloucester was held at the Court House, Bathurst, on Tuesday, 18 January, at the hour of 10 a. m.

The Secretary-Treasurer laid on the table a roll of the County Councilors elect with the certificate that they had all taken and subscribed the oath of office as required by law. The roll being called all the Councilors responded as follows:—

Bathurst.—John E. O'Brien, Samuel Melanson.

New Bandon.—John Hornbrook.

Abald Langley.

Carriquet.—Juste Hache, Joseph Sewell Jr.

Inkermann.—William Walsh, James Barry Jr.

Saumarez.—John Young, Peter LeBreton.

Shippagan.—T. W. Alexandre, John Degrau.

The Council proceeded to the election of a Warden, the Secretary Treasurer in the chair. On motion of Coun. Brown, seconded by Coun. Degrau, Wm. Walsh Esq. was nominated Warden. No other Nomination being made Coun. Walsh was declared unanimously elected.

R. A. Lawlor Esq., appears before the Council and states that he desires to submit petitions against the election of certain Councilors, and that he would like to be heard as soon as possible, on behalf of the petitioners for whom he appears.

Moved by Coun. Young seconded by Coun. Aube, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration County accounts.

points Couns. Aube, Melanson, Sewell, Hache, and Hornbrook such committee.

The Warden asks that the three petitions in reference to contest elections be read. Couns. Hornbrook, Young and O'Brien speak on the matter. The petitions are then read protesting against the return of the Councilors for Saumarez and Shippagan and against the return of Councilor Hache Carriquet.

Coun O'Brien refers to Coun Young being on Committee of Petitions and thinks that as the Saumarez election petition would be before the Committee that Coun Young should not act.

After some discussion Coun Young desires that his name be withdrawn from the committee on Petitions. The Warden thereupon substitutes the name of Coun Chalmers for Coun Young on said committee.

The Sec-Treas read a bill to amend Chapter 2 of the Cois 1 latest statutes of the Province into the Province into counties, towns and Parish's as far as the same relates to the boundary between Restigouche and Gloucester.

The councilors retire to their rooms until 1 o'clock when the Council adjourned till 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, P.M.

Council met at 2 p.m. The matter of the election petitions was in motion before the council. R. Lawlor, Esq., appearing for the petitioners, and Theo. DesBrisay appearing at the request of the Council. The matter of the petition from A. C. Paulin and others against the return of Coun Hache Carriquet, on the grounds that he did not possess property qualification, and that he was a county valuator and therefore ineligible as councillor. Mr Lawlor argued that as Mr Hache was not legally sized as of freehold as required by law as appears by certificates from the Registrar of Deeds and the Crown Land Office; that his election was illegal; and besides that being a valuator he was legally disqualified from sitting as the valuator received a pecuniary allowance from the county.

Mr DesBrisay, in reply contended that Mr Hache owned real estate which he inherited from his father and that he was possessed of certain lands through his wife; that he had never qualified or acted as valuator nor had he received any remuneration from the office as he had declined to do; that he had taken the oath of qualification and the petitioners must show that he did not possess the property qualification which they had failed to.

Coun Young after making a few remarks on the subject moved seconded by Coun Barry and Sewell that the petition of P E Paulin and others against the return of Coun Hache be dismissed.

The matter of the petition against the return of the Councilors for Shippagan is then heard. The petition alleges that the chairman did not take the oath prescribed by law until some hours after the voting had begun. After Messrs. Lawlor and DesBrisay had addressed the Council, Coun Young moved, seconded by Coun Hache that the Shippagan petition be dismissed.

Coun O'Brien seconded by Coun. O'Brien moves an amendment, that the Shippagan election be declared null and void.

Question being taken on the amendment there are

Nays. Hache, Chalmers, Aube, Young, Landry, Sewell, Hornbrook, Barry, LeBreton.

Yeas. O'Brien, Melanson.

The original motion being put is carried with vote reversed.

The matter of the petition against the Saumarez election is then heard. The petition alleges that the returns from District No. 2 is given by Charles F. Brisson clerk, (the check list having been lost) are not correct. Annexed to the petition is an affidavit from Mr. Andrew Carman of District No. 1, stating that he had declared no election. The Secretary-Treasurer being asked for the returns of Saumarez election read return of Mr. Archer chairman, declaring John Young and Peter LeBreton elected and giving the number of votes polled for each candidate.

Mr. Story one of the petitioners addressed the Council.

On motion the petition is dismissed. Council adjourns until Wednesday at 10 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, January 10.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted. All the Councilors are present.

The committee on Collectors and Collecting Justices returns report that Collecting Justice has sent in returns and ask that he be dealt with accordingly.

On motion of Coun Young it is ordered that a warrant be issued to have Collecting Justice Blanchard brought before the council. Council is ordered accordingly.

The committees sit till 1 when Council adjourns until 2 p. m.

Committees sit during the afternoon and at 6 p. m. adjourn until Thursday at 9.30 a. m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 21.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. All the Councilors present. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. The different Parish lists of officers are taken up at 2 p. m. and being read are adopted.

Moved by Coun Barry seconded by Coun. Chalmers that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the returns of collectors and collecting Justices. Carried. The Warden ap-

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