

with the Councillors for each Parish formed the Revisors thereof.

2. Was an alphabetical list of the electors, as required by the 7th Section, transmitted to you on or before the 10th of November last or at any time since, and when?

Ans. Alphabetical lists were received from five of the Parishes, viz.: Woodstock, Wakefield, Richmond, Brighton, and Northampton, in accordance with the Law, and a list was received from Wicklow on the 1st December, from Simonds on the 9th December, and from Kent on the 10th of December.

3. Did the Sheriff of the County on or before the 10th of December last, or at any time since, attend at your office for the purposes mentioned in the 10th Section of the Act, and did you, under his direction, make the lists required by the said Section?

Ans. The Warden of the Municipality attended at my office on the 10th day of December, and I made the lists required under his direction.

4. Was the list made up and signed by the Sheriff, deposited with you on or before the 24th December last, or at any time since?

Ans. The list, made up and signed by the Warden was deposited with me on the 24th December.

5. Did you send a copy of the list for each Polling District to the Town Clerk of the Parish on or before the 30th day of December last, or at any time since?

Ans. A copy of the list for each Polling District was forwarded to each Parish Clerk on the 26th of December last.

6. What expense has been incurred by the several Parishes in carrying out the directions of the said Act, and what charges are now claimed, and what have been allowed by the Sessions, Municipality, or City thereof?

Ans. I cannot answer this question, as the charges, whatever they may be, have not yet been submitted to the Municipality.

The Council proceeded to investigation of Parish Returns.

Resolved, That after this evening the Council continue its Sessions until 9 o'clock at night.

WEDNESDAY, January 14.

Old scale of Tavern Licences adopted.

James McAllister, Guisguist, granted Tavern Licence for 6 months.

John Wilson, River de Chute, granted Tavern Licence for six months.

On motion—The Council proceeded to consideration of the Petition of certain Ratepayers of the Parish of Wakefield, with reference to election of officers for that Parish.

Joseph Kearney, (sworn.) Was Chairman at the election for Parish Officers for Wakefield. 17 ballots in the box more than names of voters checked upon the list. No knowledge of who put in the extra ballots; did not know it was my duty to examine the ballots to see if there was more than one. I think I checked the name of every one who put in a ballot; possible that I might omit one or two, but quite certain I did not. I kept the box carefully in my custody; think the extra ballots must have been put in by some of the voters with design of affecting the election. There were 15 very small ballots. [Ballots were laid upon the table for the inspection of Councillors.]

W. D. Hartt, Collector, (sworn.) Testified to his signature, and to date of the list. Mr. Harding made a copy of the list for me in my store at my request. Copy made from original list. I omitted some names; they were inserted by consent of all the parties interested. Don't know anything about the extra ballots.

L. R. Harding, sworn. I made a copy of list; true copy of the original. It was reported that I left out the name of Scott Emery and others; but they were not in the original. I saw two men at the box, wanting to vote. While Chairman was looking for their names, another person came up and slipped in a ballot; his name was not checked. He afterwards came up, had his name checked, and deposited another ballot. As to bribery and corruption, I never saw an election carried on more peaceably. Elections in that Parish were always peaceably conducted. I think the last two elections were as correctly conducted as any former ones. I can't conceive why those charges should be made, unless because Mr. Harper was a candidate and proved unsuccessful.

Mr. Hartt, recalled. I gave the list to the Parish Clerk, the day before the election. I only returned those who had paid their rates. In '55, being Chairman, I found names added to the list after I had handed it to the Parish Clerk. I brought the matter before the meeting, and the people concluded that these parties were entitled to vote as well as any other who should, at any time previous to the election, pay their rates. In this decision the Parish Clerk agreed, and money was paid up to the last moment, in some instances, I suspect, coming from persons interested in the election.

Mr. Harper, being called upon, said he had no occasion to say anything, as the extra ballots proved more conclusively than words that corruption and improper influences had obtained at the election, & sustained the allegations of the petition.

Mr. Cowperthwaite. In '55 I was solicited to represent the Parish of Wakefield. I urged the objection that I was a stranger, but was told that the people wished my services, and that there would be no opposition. I agreed to serve them, and was handsomely elected. Last year the same parties wished me to offer again; I agreed to do so. I did not take any interest in the election; I was only at the table once during the voting. I know that those small ballots look suspicious, and at first sight would seem to point at unfair conduct on the part of myself or my friends; but my own opinion is that they were put in by some of the opposition in order to overthrow the election. I don't wish to have the Parish put to the trouble or expense of a new election, especially as I am fully satisfied that a new election would result in a return of the same Councillors, by a still larger majority. The parties are not wronged by the present members retaining their seats, because I can throw off the seventeen disputed votes, and still retain a handsome majority. I am not disposed to force myself upon the Parish. I have no relations or family connections in the Parish. I have been elected by men unbiassed by any such influences to serve the interests of the Parish.

Mr. Gallop. I have been returned six times as Councillor for Wakefield. I have only attended two of the elections. When I have attended everything seemed to move on quietly and agreeably. When my friends have asked me to serve them, my answer has been that I would do so until they could select a man to suit them better. I am desirous of having fair elections; if I thought a majority of the people did not wish it, I should be sorry to take the seat. I have taken no interest in the result of elections; have canvassed none; cared little; know little and can say little about them. We have before had three contested elections before us from other Parishes. Through me they were brought before the Board. We had no bye law by which to try them, and I think it is time we had such a law. I think had I tried I might have obtained fifty votes more than I did.

Mr. Dibbles felt it to be his duty to offer a few remarks as he had presented the petition. The facts elicited by the discussion would have a good effect. It proved how loosely business was done in the Parishes, and the necessity of providing for a strict conformity to the law, and providing proper ballot-boxes. He mentioned the way in which the elections were conducted in Woodstock as being worthy of imitation. To-morrow he would move a bye law on the subject. This was not merely a petition from a defeated candidate. With him or with the Councillors elect we have nothing to do, but a number of rate payers complain that the election was improperly conducted, and this was the question with which we had to do. If the allegations of the petitioners are correct, and borne out by facts the election should be set aside. I think the allegations have been clearly proved, and consequently the prayer of petition should be granted; if not I fear it will prove an unfortunate precedent. He explained the difference between the facts which led to the protest from Wicklow in '55. Then the list could not be found, and by agreement the check-book of previous year was taken. Mr. Dibbles moved—That the prayer of Petition be granted, and a Warrant issued for a new election.

Mr. Bubar thought as there was such a large majority in favour of the setting members, it was useless to take up any more time in discussing the question.

Mr. Giberson agreed with the last Speaker. While it was perfectly right to investigate the affair, yet he thought the spirit of the law had been carried out; and there was such a preponderance of votes against Mr. Harper, it was useless to occupy time with it any further. I know something of Parish elections, having been elected six times.

Mr. Craig had hoped that the matter would not be any trouble. He would not like to have the Parish put to the expense and trouble of a new election; still if we carry out the spirit and letter of the law we must upset the election. I don't see anything to avert it. There ought to be something done to prevent corruption. Creates bad feelings and bad friends; but we must be careful lest we create more corruption.

Mr. Hemphill. I shall go for sustaining this and every other similar election, until we have a bye law under which such cases may be properly tried.

Mr. Kilburn doubted whether, without a bye law to meet such exigencies as the present, our upsetting the election for Wakefield, would have the effect we desire, viz.: that of stopping and preventing bribery, corruption, and false voting. The circumstances are not very creditable to the Parish of Wakefield; they are unfortunate, but I do not conceive that we can do anything now to better them.

Mr. Hayward moved—That election be sustained and the petition laid over. He (Mr. H.) had been Chairman for the Parish of Brighton for four years, and he never observed any attempt at corruption there. I go as strongly as any man for putting down bribery and corruption, but I think that to upset this election would only promote further evils of the same nature; every election will be protested against.

Mr. Lindsay read from law, showing that the Council had power to set aside the election, but we have no precedent for doing so. It is not usual in Parochial or Provincial elections. If by throwing off the extra votes it would make a tie, or give the petitioning party a majority, there would be some grounds for it.

Warden stated that if all the bad votes were taken from the sitting members, and added to Mr. Harper's it would not give the latter a majority.—We should adopt the sealed ballot system, and do away with the chance of any such innovations or illegal voting.

Council divided—when Mr. Hayward's amendment was passed, Mr. Dibbles only voting against it. Messrs. Craig and Bubar a Committee to examine Gaol and Court House.

Audit Committee report, that having examined into the duties of the Auditor, they would recommend that his salary be fixed at £15.

On motion—The Report was accepted, and £15 ordered to stand as the Auditor's salary. Yeas 8; Nays 7.

Mr. T. E. Perley was elected Auditor there being no other application.

Goal Committee report, that there are no repairs needed on Gaol, but recommend that some little necessities be provided for Grand Jury room.

Report accepted, and the same Committee directed to provide the repairs recommended by them.

Mr. Cowperthwaite, from Committee appointed last Session to provide Wood, &c., for Court House and Gaol, reported that they had discharged the duty laid upon them, and have entered into a contract with Mr. Harding to furnish twenty-five cords at 8s. 6d.

On motion—£37 10s. is granted for support of Poor in Parish of Brighton.

Committee on Accounts presented Report. The Accounts were taken up in detail, and allowed as follows:—

Dr. Woodd, £1 7s 6d; F. W. Shaw, £1 0s 11d; Hugh Russell, £2 10s; John Donnelly, £1; R. Gilbert, 15s; F. A. Connell, £1 9s; W. Q. Shaw, 5s; Sheriff's Accounts, £11 13s 9d; A. Betts, £1; Major Hamilton, 5s; E. Loomer, £1 18s 9d; Assessor of Rates for Wakefield, 15s; John Hamilton, £5; Wm. Reed, £1 1s; J. McLaughlan, £1 2s 9d; T. G. Bourne, £1 7s 6s; John Bedell, £11 17s 6d.

Discussion on Account of Mr. Russell, Constable, elicited from Mr. R.—That he had been employed by the Deputy Sheriff and Mr. Constable Jacques, to watch for M'Glynn; that he paid out some moneys; has never received any thing for those services, or for the money disbursed.

The Council at first advised Mr. R. to prosecute the Deputy Sheriff, afterwards the Council allowed him £2 10s.

Mr. Craig referred to the fact that the clerk of Kent had not included the names of the two defeated candidates, with the votes received by each, in his return of Councillors, as he thought should be done.

Mr. Hayward asks whether he may, consistently and legally, being a Councillor, act as Trustee of Schools, to which office he was elected. He thought some difficulty might occur, if the principle was recognized as a correct one. I want everything done right and in good shape.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council a Councillor should not hold the office of Trustee, and therefore the name of Mr. Hayward be struck off the list of Trustees.

Wm. Mills, Simonds, granted Tavern Licence for six months.

On motion of Mr. Dibbles, a warrant was ordered to assess the Parish of Woodstock £12 5s., for support of poor in that Parish.

On motion of Mr. Long, it was ordered, that the sum of £30 be assessed on the Parish of Simonds; £25 for support of poor, and £5 to pay Abijah Shaw for fine imposed upon him by Mr. Justice Rideout, and paid to overseers of poor.

On motion of Mr. Cowperthwaite, ordered, that the Parish of Wakefield be assessed for £50 for support of poor.

Warden read Resolutions passed at a public meeting presided over by the Trustee of Schools for the Parish of Wakefield, at which it was agreed by the inhabitants of School District No. 1, of said Parish, to adopt the assessment principle.

On motion, ordered, that the sum of £32 be assessed on said District for the support of a Teach-

er; and a further sum of £4 4s. for fuel and other School purposes.

Mr. Hemphill presented a similar Resolution, passed by the inhabitants of Limestone District, Parish of Richmond.

On motion, ordered, that the sum of £14 1s. 8d. be assessed on said District for Teacher's Salary for six months; and a further sum of £2 16s. for fuel.

Mr. Hatfield presented Petition from sundry inhabitants of the Parish of Simonds, praying that a Bye Law be passed to prohibit the running at large of Horses, Oxen, &c.

Ordered, That the prayer of Petition be complied with, and a Bye Law prepared accordingly.

Lists of officers were presented from the following Parishes, and confirmed, viz.: Wakefield, Richmond, Northampton, Kent, Brighton, Wicklow, and Simonds.

Tavern Licence granted to Wm. Mills, Simonds. (To be continued)

On the authority of Mr. Glass we are glad to inform our readers that the erection of the Presbyterian Seminary at Woodstock so long talked about will be proceeded with early in the summer. A beautiful site for the building free of any charge has been granted by the Hon. Charles Connell, and a plan of it has been put into our hands. When completed it will be one of the finest in the Province and will prove no inconsiderable ornament to our Town. We understand the Revd. Chas. Glass, Moderator of the Synod of New Brunswick for the present year, is to be here and in the surrounding settlements for some time soliciting subscriptions from all denominations in aid of the above object, and we trust he will meet with that degree of success which it merits. Nothing, we believe, would tend more to raise the character of Woodstock, and advance its prosperity, or to diffuse more the blessings of a sound religious education among all classes of the community in the neighborhood, and elsewhere throughout the Province than the erection of such a Seminary as that contemplated by the Presbyterian body, and we wish it all success.

To make room for our correspondence, and the sayings and doings of the County Council, we are forced to exclude our usual editorial and news matter.

We insert the petition and letter sent us by Mr. Clowse, in justice to that gentleman. We feel bound, however, to say that we think Mr. Clowse is taking unnecessary trouble to make people think that he and his petition were what "M." aimed at in his communication last week. The petition of which Mr. Clowse has forwarded us a copy was not the one. The petition which "M." objected to, which was read before the Grand Jury, prayed to have the Act of Incorporation repealed; Mr. Clowse's petition only prays for an amendment.

The above likewise applies to the remarks and may mollify the feelings of a "True Orangeman."

The Journal may interpret our meaning when and as he pleases; we will note and comment upon his interpretations when we please,—we never intentionally obscure our meaning, and therefore do not fear correct interpretations. The Journal may allow the "importation of Romanism" without saying anything; he may insult the feelings of all Protestants by speaking in the same sentence of, and placing on a par, a Roman Catholic Convent and Protestant institutions; he may cherish and foster such emblems of a dark age, and those who choose may applaud him for it,—we will not, we cannot, we dare not—Protestants, with all their religious and political enlightenment of our time—look with indifference upon the establishment of such an institution in our midst. A Convent!—think of it!

A Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser, alluding to a paragraph in a letter from Toronto, stating as a rumour, that the reciprocity treaty was to be abrogated by Government, says: So far from this, every effort is to be made in our negotiations with Foreign Governments for the extension of the principles of that treaty. It is proposed to extend it to the trade with the British West India Islands, if that be practicable, and to obtain from the Spanish Government some relaxation of the restrictive policy in regard to trade with Cuba and Porto Rico, and, if possible, an entire new system of commercial reciprocity.

#### MARRIED:

At Houlton, Me., on Tuesday evening last, 12th ult. by the Rev. Mr. Melvor, Mr. John McLaughlan, merchant, of Woodstock, N. B., to Louisa eldest daughter of Mr. William Martin of the former place.

On Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. S. D. Lee Street, Rector, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. George Hunt, of the firm of Chaloner & Hunt, Fredericton, N. B., Ann Maria, eldest daughter of Charles Perley, Esq., M. P. P., of this Town.

#### DIED:

On Thursday morning, at the residence of her son, Ralph Ketchum, Esq., Charlottetown, of the late Richard Ketchum, in the 85th year of her age.

Funeral to-day at 1 o'clock.