

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL LEGISLATES FOR COUNTY

Warden Morgan Says County Shows Development of a Gratifying Character—Officials Appointed—Letter From Teacher Tells of Stringency of the Pension Act—Council Votes Down Resolution to Send Delegates to Good Roads Convention—Scott Act Inspector Reports Best Year for Suppression of Liquor and Driving Men Out of the Country—Eighty One Cases and Thirty One Convictions—Deficit \$1183.50

County Council met in semi-annual session at the Court House, Woodstock, on Tuesday the 21st of January, at 10 o'clock in the morning, Coun Morgan presiding. Referring to the events of the past year, he referred to the death of Col Vince, who not alone was prominent in the county, but in the province as well, and the loss of whom was a blow to the county. He referred to the optimism that was prevailing throughout the province, and trusted that the coming year would be one of happiness and prosperity for the citizens of the province and county. The Council would be called upon to select a successor to the late auditor.

Aberdeen—D H Lamont, S Hempill.
Brighton—E A Britton, E C Morgan.
Northampton—Henry Phillip, Arthur Gibson.

Peel—Ed Melville, Wm Tompkins.
Kent—W J Gallagher, N Thompson.
Wicklow—Reney Tracey, Carey Estey.
Wilmot—J F Williams, Burns King.
Wakefield—Frank R Shaw, Albert Bell.

Simonds—Oduhr Shaw.
Richmond—Alec Bell, Ezra Flemming.
Woodstock (parish)—R Moxon, Jas T Montgomery.

Woodstock (town)—H D Stevens, H E Gallagher.
Couns H E Burt of the town and John Perry of Simonds, were absent.

The following resolution was moved by Coun Stevens, seconded by Coun Melville:

Whereas, death has moved from our midst our highly esteemed citizen, Col D McLeod Vince, K C, auditor of the county accounts, and one who occupied a large place in the public affairs of the county and province, and by his sterling worth had attained the entire confidence of every member of this board. His exacting and painstaking methods always made his audit very thorough and satisfactory.

Therefore Resolved, that this board place itself on record of its deep sense of the loss sustained, and further, of its high appreciation of his valuable services rendered for a number of years, and

Further Resolved, that this resolution be spread on the minutes.

The report of the County Auditor was then submitted by Mr A N Vince.

The Sec-Treas said that after a consultation with Mr A N Vince and certain councillors, he reported to Mr Vince that he thought it would be satisfactory if he completed the report that was in the hands of his father when he died.

On motion of Coun Shaw seconded by Coun Williams, the council expressed their approval of the work undertaken by Mr Vince.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he has examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the secretary-treasurer for the year A D 1912, and finds that the secretary-treasurer has received—

Aberdeen	\$ 1085 02
Brighton	1021 00
Kent	2311 79
Northampton	725 32
Peel	810 36
Richmond	2005 80
Simonds	600 00
Wakefield	2540 71
Wicklow	1298 78
Wilmot	1085 37
Woodstock Parish	1387 23
Woodstock Town	3009 94
Registry of deeds	257 00
Rent	100 00
A Fine, license	30 00
Woodstock Electric R L & P Co paid in error	34 02
P Isaacson, old junk	22 50
Balance on hand January 1912	5972 78
Total	\$24974 31

That the Secretary-treasurer has paid out—

Debitures	\$ 2000 00
Int on debentures	\$102 00
Int on overdraft	1800 07
School fund Mch 1912	3243 15
" " Sep 1912	3216 80
Repairs on gaol	6150 95
Ordinary expenditures	1079 52
Which leaves a balance on hand 17th January 1912	2857 03
Total	\$24974 31

This balance on hand (106,52) is made up as follows:—

Cash in hands of Sec-Treas	\$2022 12
Balance debit bank	\$1402 12
Cheques drawn but not paid	453 55
Total	\$ 106 35

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. VINCE.

Woodstock, N.B., 21st January, 1913.

Mr Hartley explained that he paid no bill except by cheque, except jury fees, witness fees, for which he took receipts and filed with the jury receipts. These lists would be cash in hand. If you go through the reports of the auditor you will see that I have adopted these methods. Some money has been received that will be shown in a supplementary report. Some \$1200 has been received since that report was made.

Coun W J Gallagher moved that the report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

The following officers were elected: J O Hartley, sec-treas. For auditor A N Vince was nominated by Coun Lamont, seconded by Coun Melville.

J S Leighton was nominated by Coun Shaw, seconded by Coun King.

The voting was by ballot. Coun Melville and F R Shaw were appointed tellers. The result was: A N Vince, 14 votes, J S Leighton, jr, 8 votes.

The warden declared Mr Vince elected for the ensuing year, at the same salary as paid heretofore.

T C L Ketchum: reporter.

Coun Melville in the absence of Coun Burt, Chairman of the Building Committee submitted the report.

Coun Phillips said that Mr Green, the Inspector, would be here and make any necessary explanations.

Coun Estey was told that the Woodstock Electric Light and Power Co afforded light by metre.

Coun Stevens thought it would be more satisfactory if items were under different headings, such as Court House, Recording office, Jail, etc, so that we would know the cost of each building.

Coun Phillips said last year the bills were so recorded. This year they were made out by Miss Burt in the absence of the chairman of the committee.

Coun Williams moved that the committee make a supplementary report as soon as possible.

Council adjourned until 1.30 p.m.

Council resumed.

Coun Shaw moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Leighton in connection with some proposed changes in the record office.

Coun Montgomery seconded the motion.

The Warden appointed Couns R Shaw, Montgomery and Melville, to report tomorrow morning.

The Warden referred to a special committee which was to report on the matter of a bill of Mr A B Connell with reference to a suit started against the county, which committee he thought had been appointed the last January session.

(In reference to the minutes the Secretary said they showed that no committee was appointed in the matter.)

Coun Stevens moved that a committee be now appointed in the matter. Coun Phillips seconded the motion, Carried.

Couns Stevens, Phillips and Flemming were appointed a committee for the purpose.

The warden read the following communication—no signature to it.

To the County Council for Carleton in convention:

Gentlemen—Will you kindly consider and make provision for the needy poor of our teachers who have taught 30 years and upwards, and have failed to classify for pension under the stringency of the Pension Act. The time is coming when poor aid will be required for male teachers who have

paid taxes in three different parishes all their lives.

(Name withheld)

A Teacher.

The communication was ordered laid on the table.

The warden read the following:

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Carleton:

Gentlemen—The St John City and County Good Roads Association being impressed with the fact that there is a general demand throughout the province for highway improvement, has resolved to call a convention to meet in the city of St John on the 29th of next month (January) for the purpose of fully discussing the subject, and determining what measures may or should be recommended to the Provincial Government for the betterment of our highways in every county of New Brunswick.

The movement is an entirely non-political one, having for its sole object the obtaining of better roads. As to the importance of this object, the need for improvement, and the value of Good Roads to every community—the rural districts especially, you are doubtless fully convinced, and it is, therefore, unnecessary to adduce arguments here, but, recognizing the desirability of having an authoritative representation from every County, the Association urgently requests that your Honorable Body will appoint not less than three Delegates to attend the Good Roads Convention.

Full particulars with regard to Reduced Railway Fares, and other arrangements, will be mailed to each Delegate, on receipt of notification of their appointment, giving Name and Address.

Very respectfully yours,

On behalf of The St John City and County Good Roads Association,

W F BURDITT,

President.

Coun Flemming—No more important subject could engross the members of the Council than this subject of roads. He would favor a delegation being sent to the meeting.

Coun Melville did not feel like a delegation going at the expense of the county.

Coun Britton—I believe this is a move in the right direction. This county, one of the banner counties, wants good roads, and we are after information as to the making of more permanent roads. I would move that we as a council, send a delegation of three and pay their expenses.

Coun Moxon seconded the motion.

Coun Stevens suggested that the warden be one of the three and the warden name the other two.

The suggestion was adopted.

Coun Bell supported Coun Melville's view. The local government could help us out and there are men in the county who know how to make good roads.

Coun Lamont agreed with the former speakers. He did not favor the sending delegates to the Union of Municipalities. If we have the cash we can have the good roads.

Coun Melville—The making of the roads seemed to depend on the individual commissioners. Permanent roads cost an immense amount of money. I doubt if the people of St John can enlighten us much on the subject.

Coun Phillips—I can't see any benefit in sending a delegation to St John. The money could be better spent on the roads.

Coun F R Shaw—Any man who reads the papers knows the conditions in St John. The Good Roads Association was a good move, but I don't see where we would benefit by sending delegates to St John. We know how to build roads if we have the money. It would be so much money thrown away. Perhaps by agitation better roads will be brought about.

Coun Stevens—I is hardly fair to cast remarks at St John. The Convention will not be confined to St John people. It will be of all people interested in roads. Mr Campbell who has a Dominion reputation, will be there. He thought the Council should unite in this. The expense cannot be great. It would not bankrupt the county. We should get into the swim with other municipalities.

Coun Tompkins—I am not much in favor of this and think the money could be better expended on our roads. One commissioner might be a success in one parish and a failure in another.

Coun Thompson—I think this would be a help to the man who had an automobile, but I don't see how it will help the man in the back country.

Motion put and lost.

Council went into the question of bills and accounts and the following committee was appointed to look over the accounts and report tomorrow: Couns Lamont, Estey and Flemming.

Mr Colpitts, Scott Act Inspector, was then heard.

Woodstock, N.B., Jan 20, 1913.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Carleton:

Gentlemen—I have placed my account in connection with the Canada Temperance Act for the past year in the hands of the County Auditor.

The year has been one of the best we have ever had in this county, if we consider the suppression of the liquor traffic and the driving of the men selling liquor out of the business and out of the country.

I would recommend that some effort be made by the Municipality to have the Canada Temperance Act amended so that it would provide that liquor might be seized by the inspector any time without a search warrant. It is

impossible to get search warrants quickly enough to meet the circumstances of the case. Seizures should also be authorized at night, as well as in the day time. I have had to go to the expense this year of keeping men on the road all night in many instances, endeavoring to keep track of liquor that is brought into the county so as to be able to locate it and get a search warrant in the morning.

Upwards of forty searches have been made.

I think that the County of Carleton has been quieter in respect to the sale of liquor this year than ever before, notwithstanding the extra traffic and business that has been carried on in connection with the construction of the St John Valley Railway.

Eighty one cases have been entered and thirty-one convictions made through the year.

The cost of administering the Act during the year, apart from my salary is the sum of \$783.50.

Respectfully submitted,

B. COLPITTS.

The Inspector said that liquor was brought to Canterbury and then brought to Woodstock late at night. It was difficult to trace it. We have six cases pending in St John that we have convictions on. They will go before the court and if we do not lose we will have \$400 more than this account shows. The first of these cases was on Wm McIntyre and the last five on a company which was organized. He would like a committee appointed.

Coun Williams—Does that include everything by way of costs?

Inspector—Yes, outside of my salary.

Coun Melville—The cost of administering the act, then, would be some \$1700. I would like to have the accounts read.

The Inspector read the accounts in detail.

He said James Woolverton had done a large amount of work and by driving his own horse he had saved the county horse hire.

Coun Williams asked who was the constable "for attending special cases."

The Inspector—That was my own expense. I attended the cases as constable.

Coun Lamont asked as to the cases against Rachel Davenport and James Waugh.

Inspector—I will give details as to that.

Coun Melville asked how much Mr Woolverton was paid.

Inspector—\$4.00 a day.

Coun Stevens—Does that \$700 mean the deficit after the lawyer's and magistrate's fees are paid, as well as other expenses?

Inspector—Yes, that means the deficit, except my salary. There is \$155.00 in my hands, but that is of \$180 I drew from the county. It does not affect this report.

Coun Montgomery—If you pay the magistrate and lawyer it should be in the report.

The Inspector then read the expenses of the magistrate and attorney. The net deficit is \$785.50—Mr Woolverton did largely the constable work.

Coun Melville—Properly, the salary of the Inspector should be in the account.

Coun Gallagher (Bath)—Did Andrew Kenney pay anything?

Inspector—No. The matter is unsettled. He can be brought to jail at any time.

Coun Gallagher said he had written to the Inspector advising that he then accept \$30 in settlement.

Inspector—It was not paid in, but we would have agreed to the proposition.

Report submitted to committee composed of Couns Williams, Tracey and Tompkins, to report tomorrow.

Coun Shaw moved that a petition, prepared by the sec-treas, be presented to the governor general, in council, asking that the Canada Temperance Act be amended so that search warrants may be served at night time as well as in the day time.

Coun Estey seconded the motion.

Coun Melville—Is it usual for the County Council to recommend such matters as these to the Dominion Parliament. I think we are just wasting our time.

Coun Shaw—Nothing is accomplished without effort, and under our democratic government we can approach the powers that be. This has been the great bug-bear. They can't make a seizure after dark. There is nothing unreasonable in our presenting such a petition as this.

Coun Melville—Can you cite us a case where they have listened to us?

Coun Shaw—I don't know of the case having been brought up.

Coun Bell favored the motion of Coun Shaw. He believed that the act should be amended and we can do our part by passing this resolution.

Coun Phillips—I am in favor of the resolution. It is a move in the right direction.

Motion carried unanimously.

Coun Britton moved, seconded by Coun H-mphill that \$350 be assessed to Brighton and paid over to the Highway Board for land damages for road purposes. Carried.

Coun Montgomery brought up the question of the sum of \$80 by Collector L B Bedell, which was paid to H R

Smith, for land damages for the building of a road near the oil tank below Woodstock. I have the receipt of Mr Bedell that he paid the money to Mr Smith. He would like the secretary's opinion in the matter. Mr Smith refused to repay the money.

Sec-treas—I have information that the road has never been laid out, nor the money expended therefore. He had advised that the chief commissioner be notified of the circumstances and his advice be sought.

Coun Montgomery—I want the money paid back to the parish.

Sec-treas—I think the facts should be brought before the chief commissioner of public works.

Coun Montgomery—I thought the money belonged to the parish and we should be in a better position to recover that the highway board.

Sec-treas—I think the money was paid out improperly, and the only redress of this council would be to sue the collector, L R Bedell. We have nothing to do with Smith in the matter. Bedell can sue Smith for the repayment to him.

Coun Montgomery moved, seconded by Coun Moxon that the sec-treas write to Mr Bedell in the matter. Carried.

Four hundred dollars was ordered assessed on the parish of Kent for road damages.

Coun Shaw moved, seconded by Coun King that the delinquent list for front Wakefield for 1905-06-07-08 be struck off. Carried.

Coun Melville moved that \$6.00 be ordered paid Richard Clark for laying out a road and charged to Peel. Carried.

The following report of the Board of Health was submitted.

Hartland, N.B., Jan 1st, 1913.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Carleton:

Gentlemen—I beg to submit the annual report of Board of Health District number ten, for the year ending Dec 31st, 1912. The Board has looked after the cases of contagious diseases, also the various nuisances that have been reported as carefully as possible with due regard to economy.

A case diagnosed as smallpox occurred in Knowlesville and a number of people in the lower end of the Parish of Woodstock were exposed to a case of the same disease that occurred in Medicine in the county of York, all of which were quarantined and held till all danger was past.

The expenditure for the year was \$156.05. The financial statement and bills accompanying this report show how and where the money was spent, there being vouchers for all bills except a few items.

The Board respectfully requests an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the year 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. CURTIS, M. D.

Chairman.

Local Board of Health, District No. ten, financial statement for the year ending Dec 31st 1912.

1912	
DR.	
Jan 1 To bal on hand	\$ 20 73
Dec 31 To cash from Sec-Treas	150 00
Total	\$170 73

1912	
CR.	
July 20 By pd George A Gibson	\$14 00
" By pd exchange	10
" 27 By pd Dr M E Commins	46 30
Dec 31 By pd Dr I B Curtis	57 30
" By pd Estey & Curtis Co, Ltd	11 55
" By pd Geo Ellis	12 00
" By pd N B Telephone Co Ltd	2 75
" By pd postage, stationery, exchange	1 65
" By pd expenses meetings of board	20 00
By bal on hand	23 08
Total	\$170 73

I. B. CURTIS, Chairman.

On motion report was accepted and recommendation was ordered be carried out.

A report was read, submitted by A D Holyoke, police magistrate, as to fines and cases before him during the year.

Council adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Council resumed session at 10 a.m.

The auditor submitted the following supplementary report showing the indebtedness as between the County and the parishes.

The following Parishes, owe the County the following amounts:

Aberdeen	\$187.56
Kent	387.82
Northampton	350.04
Simonds	211.73
Wakefield	230.24

The County owes the following Parishes the following amounts:

Brighton	\$183.67
Peel	243.49
Richmond	130.39
Wicklow	55.16
Wilmot	39.45
Woodstock	8.07

The following standing committees were appointed by the chairman:—

Finance—Couns, H. E. Gallagher, Tracey, Flemming.

Building Committee—Couns, Burt, Phillips and Melville.

Coun. Melville submitted the report of the Building Committee.

The report showed that the bill of repairs on the gaol, on what might be called capital account amounted

in all to \$5,302.83. Of this amount \$3172.00 was paid for the new steel cells, which replace the antiquated cells that were originally built.

Upon current account the amount paid on gaol was \$552.86.

Paid on Court House 449.23.

Paid on Record Office 139.33.

Total \$1169.51.

Coun. Phillips explained that they had tried to get satisfactory meter rates from the Electric Light Company, but it was found it would be quite as expensive as the present rate.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report read by Coun. H. E. Gallagher.

Statement of estimates for year A. D. 1913.

Health	\$ 300.00
Hospital	1000.00
Int. at Bank	300.00
Int. on Debentures	1480.00
To pay Debentures maturing	2000.00
To pay Salaries	1050.00
County Buildings, Light, Heat, etc.	1000.00
Councillors pay	400.00
Revisors pay	220.00
Stationery and postage	100.00
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