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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

(Official Report)

JANUARY SESSION

TUESDAY MORNING

The semi-annual meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Carleton, commenced in the Court House at Woodstock at 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, January 19, 1926.

The board for the next two years is made up of the following Councillors:—

Aberdeen—Arthur E. McIntosh, Hugh J .Flemming.

Brighton—Fred Brown, Harry Smith.

Kent—G. W Perry, Louis Boyd,

Northampton—H. A. Phillips, C. Arthur Gibson.

Peel—Elward Saunders, Harry Campbell.

Richmond—K. F. Dalling, Alex Carson.

Simonds—W. N. Raymond, Jas. W Peters.

Wakefield—Robert Bell, J. Allan Good.

Wicklow—R. Beecher Tracey, J. E. J. Patterson.

Wilmot—W. F. Anderson, Bert E. Cliff.

Woodstock—Chas. W. Clark, J. W. Marsten.

Woodstock Town—William Balmain, H. T. Stevens, H M. Dewitt.

Hartland Town—E. C. Morgan.

The session was opened by the Councillors singing the National Anthem, led by Coun. Robert Bell of Wakefield.

Rev. H. S. Young, the Methodist minister at Jacksonville, made the customary prayer.

Warden Anderson opened his remarks by stating that he was pleased to meet them again. It was a surprise to many that he was here. There was a spirited contest in Wilmot, but fortunately he and his colleague Coun. Cliff were elected. There were also an election in Woodstock Parish. There were three good Councillors at the board who were not here last year. One of our Councillors, E. W. Melville, has been elected to the Legislature, and Coun. McDougall has been promoted in his position and has removed to St. John. This speaks well for the graduates of this Council. There were no deaths among the Councillors last year. We did lose Ex-Warden J. F. Williams of Lakeville who sat at the board over 20 years, and was one of the foremost men in County affairs. During the last two years we talked and practised economy, and last year we cut the warrant down. The county now has the best standing of any county in the Province. He spent a very pleasant two years and he thanked the councillors for their hearty co-operation.

Rev. H. S. Young addressed the Conucil briefly. He was born in Charlotte conuty and heard a lot about Carleton county being the garden of the province, and now after a residence in the county of several years he thoroughly believed in the old saying. He approved of the actions of former Councils in supporting the Vocational School, the Hospital and such like institutions. He was pleased that the Council was in such a good financial condition and believed that 1926 would be a good year for all the people in the county.

Moved by Coun. McIntosh, seconded by Coun. Bell of Wakefield, that Chas. W. Clark of the Parish of Woodstock, be the warden of the County for the next two years. This was carried unanimously amid great applause.

Warden Clarke said that he was pleased and highly honored to be elected unanimously. He had been at the Council board 11 years. During that time the county had passed through sad and serious conditions There was the great war wherein many of our boys had lost their lives and left mothers and wives broken hearted. During his time at the board two of the Councillors of his parish, Messrs Moxon and Bull had passed away, deeply regretted by all. They were two of his best friends and very able Councillors. He referred fully to the potato market, in which the people of this County are [illegible] concerned and gave some good advice to the farmers when and how to sell their potatoes to the best advantage. He believed he was not so well qualified to be warden as was the retiring warden but, with their co-operation, he would do his very best in the interests of the county.

Moved by Coun Flemming, seconded by Coun. Anderson, that a delegation from the Fisher Memorial Hospital be heard this afternoon. Carried.

Council adjourned till 2 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2 o'clock, Warden Clark in the chair.

Dr .W. D. Rankin, W. S. Sutton and E. R. Teed were heard before the board in regard to an increased grant to the Fisher Hospital.

Dr .Rankin said that last year the Hospital had the promise from the American College of Surgeons that it would be standardized. This has now been accomplished. We are one of five in the Province to be standardized. Our graduates are recommended as being in the first class. He fully explained the benefits of a standard Hospital to a community. It also brings up the standard of the physicians practising in the Hospital. We are now training 16 nurses. We have to give them a certain amount of instruction—some 28 hours a week. They are exceptionally bright girls and are a credit to the Hospital.

W. S. Sutton gave full details of the work of the Hospital during the year, which is fully set out in the published report. The Hospital is an institution that the Councillors are proud of, as much so as are the trustees of the Hospital. It must, however, have more money from some source to keep up the standard. The Hospital would ask for an increased grant this year. We are going behind at least $1000 a year owing to the admission of free patients. The training school is a splendid branch of the Hospital, and the girl graduates will have as high a standard as any girls from any other Hospital in the province. He would suggest that a commttee be appointed to meet the trustee board of the Hospital and talk things over.

E. R. Teed said that it was a wise suggestion to appoint a committee, and if you have a man inclined to be critical appoint him as a member of the committee. We have extraordinary cases coming up all the time, and in the interests of humanity the Hospital must take care of such cases. He was personally familiar with the Chipman Hospital in St. Stephen and in that Hospital some one must guarantee the pay for the patients admitted. That method cannot be adopted in the Fisher Hospital owing to the terms of the will of the late L. P. Fisher. If we were running a hotel or a business we could conduct them on business lines. The question is: "Where are we going to send our poor when taken sick, if not to the Hospital?"

Moved by Coun. Perry seconded by Coun. Anderson that the warden appoint a committee of five to meet the Hospital Board and consider the matter more fully. Carried.

The following committee was appointed: Couns. Flemming, Dalling, Smith, Bell and Cliff.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented to each Councillor a copy of the Auditor's report which reached him from Fredericton yesterday.

Coun. Bell—The report of the Auidtor is very gratifying.

Coun. Dalling—The surplus is the gratifying part of it.

Moved by Coun. Flemming, seconded by Coun. Cliff, that the books of the County be closed on the 14th January of each year

Coun. Balmain—We meet on the third Tuesday in January of each year. That Tuesday might be the 15th of January and if the books closed on the 14th the auditor would not have time to examine them. He would suggest that the collectors have their returns in by the 15th December and have the books closed on December 31st. He wished to remark that he had been at this Council board away back to the time of the African war, and he would say that our present showing was unequalled by any county in the Province to-day, with a bonded debt of only $11,000, nothing outstanding, and a cash balance in the Bank of $14,000.

Coun. Raymond agreed with the sugestions of Coun. Balmain to close the books on Dec. 31st.

Warden Clark—I would like to hear a few words from the Secretary Treasurer on the subject.

Mr Hartley—I will close the books whenever you say There will not be as good a financial showing if you close the books on Dec. 31st. A lot of money comes in the first week in January Put it off as long as possible—just enough time for the auditor to examine them. I have now got all the returns in from the collectors but one.

Moved by Coun.. Bell, seconded by Coun. Marsten ,in amendment, that the books be closed on the Thursday preceding the meeting of the County Council in January.

Moved by Coun. Raymond, seconded by Coun. McIntosh ,in amendment to amendment, that the books be closed on the 31st December.

The amendment to amendment was lost, and the amendment carried.

Moved by Coun. Stevens, seconded by Coun. Dewitt, that all delegations, wishing to appear before the Council, be heard at 2 o'clock to-morrow. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Morgan, seconded by Coun. Dailing, that the report of the Auditor be adopted. Carried.

Moved b yCoun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Dewitt, that the warden appoint a committee on bills and accounts and said committee report after hearing the delegations to-morrow.

Coun. Flemming—If Coun. Anderson means that we will not meet until to-morrow afternoon, I am opposed to the motion. I wish to transact our business as speedily as possible.

Coun. Anderson—That was not in my motion, but I had it in mind. It is impossible to get the committee on bills and accounts here at 8 o'clock and have it complete its work in time for a morning session of Council. We are here to carefully examine the bills and we cannot do it in an hour.

The motion carried, and the warden appointed Couns. McIntosh, Perry and Balmain as a committee on bills and acounts.

The Council then adjourned until 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Wednesday morning was spent by the Councillors in different ways. Some of the Councillors worked on the bills and accounts, others visited the Fisher Hospital and Couns. Saunders, Patterson and Campbell, the two latter new Councillors, visited the Vocational School where the different courses were explained by the staff.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2 p. m. Warden Clarke in the chair.

On motion of Coun. Bell, seconded by Coun. Phillips, the delegation from the Vocational School was heard before the board.

E. W. Mair, chairman of the local Vocational committee, congratulated Mr. Clark upon being elected warden of the noble county of Carleton, a county which conducts its affairs in such a unique manner that it can pay off all its bonded indebtedness and still have a surplus. He presented the report of the auditor of the Vocational School reports, T. F. Blanchet, showing that the school was being conducted very economically. We are living within our income but unfortunately at the commencement of the school ,we acquired a bank overdraft, and have not been able to cut it down. The committee appreciated the grant of $2500 from the county received in former years, but hoped that the county as well as the town would look favorably on an increased grant.

Fred C .Squires, M. L .A., supported the request made by the chairman, told of the benefits to the community in having such a school, and thanked the members for their co-operation in the past. It is a very important thing to keep up our educational institutions.

Moved by Coun. Stevens, seconded by Coun. Dewitt, that the delegation from Agricultural Society No. 41, be heard before the board.

Mr. Rutledge, Town Manager, went fully into the details connected with the building of the plant and its operation since that date. The town of Woodstock gives a grant yearly of $2100 to pay the interest on the bonds. He suggested that the Council give a generous grant this year and, in future, Woodstock pay the interest on the bonds and the county pay the insurance bills. The plant is a Carleton county fixture and should be suported.

F. O. Creighton said that several prominent farmers, like Messrs Rogers, Gray, Hay and Kearney, members of the Agricultural Society here, were in Fredericton attending the Jubilee meeting of the Farmers' & Dairymen's Association, and he was present to make an appeal on their behalf of the Agricultural Society for financial assistance. The Society was merely drifting along. The net operating loss last year was $1835.75. In carrying this annual exhibition along some of the indvidual members had to go into the banks on notes which hurt their personal financial standing. He reminded them that 92 per cent. of the prize money goes to the farmers of Carleton county. The benefits of a county fair is recognized by almost everybody. We cannot carry on unless we get the assistance of the County Council. He asked for a grant of $2500 this year and he wished that the Council would look after the insurance in coming years.

Coun. Anderson said that the Centreville Agricultural Society would have a delegation here asking for a grant for the Centreville Fair, and the question of both grants could be taken up later in the session.

Moved by Coun Perry, seconded by Coun. Brown, that Dr. Morehouse be heard before the board. Carried

Dr. Morehouse said that they were aware that he was the new District Health Officer in succession to Dr. Wade. After making a humorous reference to the part the Secretary Treasurer, Mr. J. C Hartley, took in one of his elections in York county, he said that this was the first visit in his official position that he was made to Carleton He had attended a meeting of the local health board and he was pleased with the management of the same in this conuty. At first the Health Act was not popular in this or any other county. That was true also of the Free School Act. We would not think of getting along without the latter now. In time the Health Act will be equally popular. It is proposed to make certain changes that will lessen the cost to the counties, and improve the Act. The medical school inspection is not altogether satisfactory. It is proposed to make a change so that local physicians will be employed fod their own districts. The sanitary inspectors are very useful and the number may be increased, rather than diminished as some people have suggested. Speaking of contagious diseases, he said that small pox had been demolished by vaccination; that diphtheria was now no more serious than a bad cold; but that scarlet fever was being watched very carefully by physicians. He asked for a slight increase over the grant of last year.

Coun. McIntosh, chairman of the committee on bills and accounts, reported that the committee had examined the bills and approved of them.

Moved by Coun. McIntosh, seconded by Coun Stevens, that we go into committee of the whole on bills and accounts with the warden in the chair. Carried.

During the discussion on the bills, Coun. Boyd pointed out that there were bills for board, in the account of H. V. Mooers ,the deputy sheriff, for men arrested under the game law, which bills he thought should be paid by the Province.

Mr. Hartley—We must pay the jailer the bills now. We can take the matter up with the department of lands and mines and the department may refund the money to us. They have done so in some Prohibition cases.

Later on a motion was made by Coun. Perry, seconded by Coun. Dalling, that the Secretary Treasurer take the matter up with Hon. C. D. Richards, minister of lands and mines.

On motion of Coun. Morgan, seconded by Coun. Phillips, the committee of the whole rose and reported as follows:—

Bills and Accounts	
A. R. Foster	$368.66
A. R. Foster	389.90
A. R. Foster	48.30
A. R .Foster	80.00
H. V. Mooers	399.50
Owen Kelly	57.50
B. L. Schriver	9.00
John Murdock	3.00
C. M. Augherton	5.00
Wm. Johnston	21.70
Murray Kelly	3.00
Dr. M. E. Commins	18.40
Press Printing Co.	2.50
John A . Lindsay	29.00
Carleton Sentinel	10.50
J. C. Hartley	130.00
Chas. Comben	136.25
Carleton Observer	25.00
Dr. T. W. Griffin	25.00
Hanford F. Craig	7.00
Dr. N. P. Grant	32.00

Moved by Coun. Dalling, seconded by Coun. Anderson, that we receive the report of the Municipa l Home Committee. Carried.

Coun. Bell said that this committee was composed of Couns. Melville, Dewitt and himself. The former has since been elected to the Legislature and was not now a member of the Council, although he was present at the meeting. Coun. Bell then read a very lengthy report of the committee. Continuing, he said, it will be seen that there were 35 inmates during the year from the town of Woodstock and the Parishes, each paying for their own inmates. The total cost for everything, food, clothing, medical attendance, etc., was $3149.50. This did not include interest on the plant. It costs 39 cents a day for each inmate, or $2.73 a week. He noticed by the newspaper that the York County Conucil was claiming that the cost for each inmate in the Municipal Home there was $1.48 a week. We looked into the matter and found that the County Council had made a grant to the Municipal Home of $4000. If this Council gave the committee a grant of $4000, we would come out with a surplus without any cost to the towns or parishes. We are giving our inmates good comfortable homes and good food.

A Voice—The sale of the potatoes on the farm helped you to make such a good showing.

Coun. Bell—What potatoes we did not need, we sold and got $5.50 a barrel. We are asking the Council to give us a grant of $500 as we want to erect a machine shed, as we have none at present.

Coun. McIntosh—It will be noted that the Parish of Aberdeen does not send any inmates to the Municipal Home.

Coun. Bell—There are no poor in Aberdeen according to the records.

Coun. Perry—Is that so? Aberdeen sends its poor over to our Parish and Kent has to look after them.

Moved by Coun. Brown, seconded by Coun. Anderson ,that the report be received and adopted, that the committee be congratulated on its good showing, and that the request for $500 be voted. Carried.

Coun. Bell— Iwas chairman of another committtee in regard to the Soldiers Monument. We advertised through the local newspapers and found that four names had been omitted from inscription on the Soldiers Monument We had these names placed on the monument, at a cost of about $25. We had power to order the bill paid and the Secretary paid the bill.

Moved by Coun. Perry, seconded by Coun. Bell that we adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

THURSDAY MORNING

Many of the Councillors met at the Council Chamber at 9 o'clock and proceeded to the Fisher Hospital where they had a consultation with the trustee board of the Hospital to consider the question of a satisfactory grant.

Council met at 11 o'clock, Warden in the chair.

Secretary Hartley promised to bring down the supplementary reports for the parishes at the afternoon session.

Coun. Flemming said that the committee appointed to meet the Hospital Board had performed their duties and would report in the afternoon.

Moved by Coun. Bell ,seconded by Coun. Marsten, that the Public Health grant be $1500.

Coun Anderson said that the Council could make such a grant, but we should give just as little money as possible.

Coun Bell—It is nice to have a little credit balance, but we can easily vote $1500 this year.

Coun. Phillips—I am on the committee We got along with $1500 last year. The general opinion of the committee is that $1500 is little enough.

Coun. McIntosh—We were free from contagious diseases last year and he was in favor of the motion.

Coun. Cliff said he would vote for the motion.

Coun. Perry—Some $1122 is spent in salaries. Years apo when the late Dr. Curtis was chairman the county only voted $300 for health purposes and it got along all right. I don't believe we are getting value for the $1500.

Mr. Hartley read the report of the Secretary of the health board, showing that it could just get by with $1500.

Coun. Flemming—The secretary gets $400 and the remainder of the money goes to the sanitary inspectors.

Moved by Coun Perry, seconded by Coun. Boyd, that the Council appoint a new board of health. Carried.

Moved by Couns. Flemming and Anderson that Coun. Perry be one of the board.

Moved by Couns. Perry and Bell that Coun. Phillips be one of the board.

Moved by Couns. Flemming and Brown that Coun. McIntosh be another member of the board.

Moved by Couns .Anderson and Marsten that Coun. Cliff be the remaining member of the board.

Coun. Perry brought up the dog question and said that Hartland and Woodstock had never paid into that fund. The collection had been suspended for one year. Now something must be done.

Moved by Coun. Marsten, seconded by Coun. Boyd, that the dog tax be collected for 1926.

Moved in amendment by Coun. Bell, seconded by Coun. Good and Saunders, that if money is necessary for the sheep claims, the money should be taken from the contingent fund and the tax not collected this year.

Moved by Coun. Flemming, seconded by Coun Anderson, in amendment to amendment, that the matter be laid over until a report is received from the sheep claims committee.

Nearly all the Councillors spoke on the matter, bringing up the arguments presented on many former occasions.

Coun. Morgan said that the motions were out of order, as there is a law on the statute books covering the subject.

Warden ruled the motions out of order.

On motion of Coun. Bell, seconded by Coun Dewitt, the Council adjourned till 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2 p. m., Warden Clark in the chair.

Wm. McDonald of Centreville, addressed the board. Centreville had not had an agricultural fair for two or three years. Times were hard and they did not wish to appear before the Council for assistance. The times were pretty good now and they were coming to the board for help. Centreville has had in the past a purely agricultural show. He asked for a grant of $500. The prize list is from $1500 to $2000. They have nothing to depend on but the gate receipts.

Coun. Dewitt—What is the financial standing of the Centerville Agricultural Society now?

Mr. McDonald—We have about $1000 in the bank, but we must use some of that for the importation and improvement of live stock. Any Society putting on a show must give good prizes to get the entries.

Coun. Brown—Do you receive a grant from the Provincial Government?

Mr. McDonald—Yes, when we put on a show. The old government gave

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