

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

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JANUARY 14, 1899

Council called to order at 10 o'clock. Full Board present. Minutes read and approved.

The bonds of W. E. Forbes, Treasurer-elect, were submitted and approved.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to transfer the books and money of the Municipality from the retiring Treasurer to his successor. Couns. McKee, Wathen and F. M. Richard were appointed such committee.

Resolved that Treasurer's bonds be accepted and placed with the Recorder.

Resolved that \$4,500 be assessed on Kent County for contingent fund for 1899.

Coun. Pineau moved, seconded by Coun. Barrean that Treasurer pay John A. Richard \$3.00, money left in Treasury by Sheriff. Carried.

Coun. Murray moved, seconded by Coun. Atkinson that \$15.62 be paid Wm. Mundle, Road Commissioner, as commission for 1898 and the same be assessed on Parish of Weldford. Carried.

Coun. Babineau moved, seconded by Coun. Barrean, that the jail committee procure two dozen chairs for the Court House. Coun. Atkinson thought that a Council so economical as to vote only \$150 for the repairs of the public wharf, might do with benches instead of chairs. Mr. Warden and Coun. Leger (Dundas) both thought the chairs were required. Motion put and carried.

Coun. F. X. LeBlanc, from the committee appointed to confer with the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, reported that the committee had seen the agent of the Bank, who had agreed to furnish what moneys were needed at the same rate as last year, namely 6 per cent.

Coun. F. X. LeBlanc, from the committee appointed to ascertain the financial condition of the County, submitted the following report which was accepted:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ASCERTAIN THE FINANCIAL STATE OF THE COUNTY.

Your Committee appointed to ascertain the financial state of the County beg to report as follows:—

LIABILITIES.

Debentures bearing interest.....\$16,000.00
K. B. Forbes' note..... 760.00
Bills passed by the Finance Committee..... 332.57

\$17,142.57

ASSETS.

Cash on hand at the last Auditor's report.....\$3,412.43
Cash received from Collectors since last Auditors report..... 553.86

Total cash on hand.....\$3,966.29

Total indebtedness.....\$13,176.28

F. X. LeBlanc, R. SAULNIER, ABRAHAM PINEAU.

Resolved on motion of Coun. Leger, (Dundas) that Secretary be authorized to borrow from the Merchant's Bank of Halifax at 6 per cent. what money would be required to pay February school warrants Lunatic Asylum fees, and other necessary expenses, and a copy of this resolution be furnished the bank also the act of the legislature authorizing Council to borrow money for these purposes. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Leger, (Dundas) seconded by Coun. Robichaud that \$1.05 excess of taxes be refunded Rev. Paul Dufour, Dundas. Carried.

Resolved that Mr. Secretary memorialize the legislature to repeal the act relating to collectors of taxes so as to authorize the return of a delinquent list to the collector, instead of returning the assessment books is done at present. Carried.

Coun. McKee read a receipt from Treasurer elect for all books and money received from the Municipality. Accepted.

List of parish officers for Richibucto read and approved.

Moved by Coun. Mitchell seconded by Coun. J. F. Richard that Wm. Scott ex overseer of the poor, District No. 2, Richibucto, pay over to his successor in office, Jonathan Forster, \$17.12, amount now left over from 1898.

Coun. McKee, Chairman of the Finance Committee submitted report of that body. The bills passed by the Committee amounted in all to \$382.57, itemized as follows:—

Fred Sayre's bills for coal for Registry Office ordered to be paid \$6.94.

William Mooney's bill for \$3.10 for Constable's fees in the case of T. C. Wallace vs. T. Wood, ordered to be paid \$2.50.

Charles Foster's bill for \$5.00 Constables fees in the case of the Queen vs. J. Halpenny ordered to be paid \$5.00.

Gilbert Renard's and Cyrille Leger's bills for \$17.50 constables fees arresting T. McDonald in the case of the Queen, W. McDermott vs. T. McDonald, ordered to be paid \$15.00.

Dr. Bourque's bill coroners inquest in the case of Marie Rosalie Richard for \$16.45, ordered to be paid \$16.45.

Stip's Magistrate Bail's returns showing bal. for fines in his hand of \$2.00 be stopped from his salary.

Dr. D. V. Landry's bill for certificate of Insanity, Simon T. Melanson, Dundas ordered to be paid \$4.00.

Dr. D. V. Landry's bill, coroners' inquest on Peter Nowlan, St. Mary, ordered to be paid \$14.00.

Cyril Leger's bill for \$6.25 constable's fees in the matter of the Queen on Comp't of Wallace vs. T. Wood, ordered to be paid \$6.25.

J. & A. McMillan, St. John, for book for Secty. of Municipality, ordered to be paid \$12.20.

Parish of Harcourt Commission report: Dist. No. 1—Andrew Dunn, bal. due him \$13.60; Dist. No. 2—John R. Smith, bal. in his hand 66c; Dist. No. 3—Patrick Swift, bal. du him 62c. Passed.

Parish Carleton Commissioners report, No. 1 and 2. Passed as correct.

Parish of Acadieville Commissioners report, No. 1, 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

Commissioner St. Paul's report, Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

Overseers of poor, Carleton's report Passed as correct.

Overseers of Poor Harcourt report Nos. 1 and 3. Passed as correct.

Overseers of Poor, St. Mary's report, Passed as correct.

Overseers of Poor, Weldford, report, Passed as correct.

Commissioner of roads, Weldford, report, Dist. Nos. 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

Cam. of roads, St. Mary's report, Passed.

Overseers of Poor, Richibucto, report, Dist. Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

Overseers of Poor, Wellington report, Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

Com's of roads, Wellington, report, No. 1, 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

Bott. Phinney's bill for \$2.25 for stove pipe for court house, ordered to be paid \$2.25.

Alex. Murray's bill, Wharf Committee, advertising, attending sale, Public Wharf, etc., \$7.80, ordered to be paid, \$7.80.

James Thurrett's bill, re Halfpenny fees as Constable, \$5.75, ordered to be paid, \$5.00.

Collectors of Rates, Wellington Report, 1 and 2, passed as correct.

Collectors Acadieville Report, passed as correct.

Collectors Richibucto, Report, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Passed as correct.

Collectors of St. Paul reports. Passed as correct.

Overseers of Poor, Acadieville, Dist. No. 1 and 2. Passed as correct.

Stip. Magistrate Davis's Report. Accepted.

Collectors of Weldford report, Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

Overseers of the Poor, St. Paul, report, Passed as correct.

Anthony Agnew's bill for \$4.25 fees in the assault cases of Bryant and Bulmer, be paid \$4.25.

Overseers of the Poor, St. Louis report, Passed as correct.

Com. of roads, St. Louis report. Passed as correct.

Overseer of Poor, Dundas report, Passed as correct.

Collectors of Rates, Dundas, report, Dist. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Passed as correct.

Collectors returns, St. Mary's, Dist. Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

Collectors returns, Carleton, Dis. 1, and 2. Passed as correct.

Collectors returns, Harcourt, Dist. 1, 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

REVIEW Pub'g Co., printing Blanks for Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, to be paid, \$8.00.

Andrew Ferguson's bills, Constables fees re Queen vs. Ed. Shirley, \$14.20, ordered to be paid \$14.20.

Andrew Ferguson, Constables fees, etc., re Queen vs. George Cail, \$6.70, ordered paid \$6.70.

Andrew Ferguson, Constables fees, etc., re Queen vs. William Shirley, \$11.70, ordered paid, \$11.70.

C. Atkinson's Wharf Committee, attending sale, etc., and looking after wharf after storm, be paid \$7.40.

Jas. L. Hutchinson Auctioneer and advertising, selling and rent Public Wharf, \$5.00, ordered to be paid, \$5.00.

Neil Sherwood, Constables fees, Queen vs. Ross Budd, \$2.05, ordered to be paid \$2.05.

Dominique Melanson, constables fees, Queen vs. Ross Budd, \$3.00, Ordered to be paid \$3.20.

F. X. LeBlanc, Justice fees, case Queen vs. Budd, \$3.10, ordered to be paid \$3.10.

F. X. LeBlanc, Jail Committee bill for \$6.10, ordered to be paid \$6.10.

John Irving Com. roads, No. 1, Dist., Richibucto. Passed as correct.

Fire Wardens report for Town Richibucto. Passed as correct.

F. M. Richard, Wharf Committee, bill for \$5.90. Ordered to be paid.

R. Hutchinson's bill, registry of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for \$167.00, ordered to be paid \$167.00.

Road Commissioners Dundas report, Dist. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Passed as correct.

Collectors rates St. Louis report, Dist. 1, 2 and 3. Passed as correct.

Rubin Babineau's bill gaol committee be paid \$3.20.

Thos. McNeil's bill securing lumber of damaged Public Wharf, be paid, \$9.00.

Auguste Leger's bill securing lumber of the Public Wharf, be paid, \$2.00.

John Hutchinson's bill the Queen on the complaint of Wallace vs. Wood stand for further information.

John Hutchinson's bill, the Queen on the complaint of Surette, viz James Halfpenny, be paid, \$2.05.

K. B. Forbes's bill for stationary, be paid, \$1.82.

Philip Woods' bill in the case, the Queen on the complaint of Fisher viz Steeves, be paid, \$5.50.

Philip Woods' bill in the case, the Queen viz John Jonas, be paid, \$5.80.

R. Mitchell's bill as gaol committee, be paid, \$2.50.

John T. Cail's bill Justice fee in the case of the Queen viz John Jonas, be paid \$1.00.

Moved and seconded that the Committee adjourn sine die. Carried.

LOUIS L. LEGER, Secretary, JOHN McKEE, President,

Rhenar Babineau, Abraham Pineau, R. W. Mitchell, Premilite Johnson, Alek. Murray, Sigefroi S. Leger, L. J. Wathen, Cliff. Atkinson,

Coun. F. M. Richard thought that Councillors should impress on the collectors the importance of diligence in their offices.

Coun. Atkinson thought some steps should be taken to force constables to do their duty when required. Clerk of the Peace explains the law in this matter.

Wm. D. Carter was appointed auditor with same salary as last year.

Coun. F. X. LeBlanc called attention to the fact that on account of the small salary allowed for a Stipendiary Magistrate at Buctouche, a good man could not be induced to act—that the village stood much in need of a police Magistrate and moved, seconded by Coun. McKee that the salary for a Stipendiary for Wellington be raised from \$25.00 as at present, to \$50.00. In support of his motion Coun. LeBlanc said, as Buctouche, being a Railway terminus and a seaport as well as an important summer resort, many rough characters visited the place during the summer season, and that the citizens often needed the protection of the law. Coun. Wathen thought that if the Stipendiary of Wellington got \$50.00 per annum, the Harcourt Stipendiary should receive a like salary.

Coun. Babineau moved as an amendment, seconded by Coun. F. M. Richard that the Stipendiary of Wellington receive \$25.00 salary. Amendment carried.

The name of Allan Haines, Sr., of Richibucto, was added to the list of lumber surveyors for Kent County.

Coun. Pineau desired to have some errors that appeared in last year's French pamphlets corrected. In the pamphlets of 1898 through an error in translation Coun. Pineau was shown to have supported the motion for Councillors to receive \$3.00 per day, when in reality he did his utmost to make the pay \$2.00 per day.

Coun. F. M. Richard moved, seconded by Coun. Babineau that revisors' fees be reduced to \$15.00 instead of \$20.00 as at present.

Coun. Wathen moved as an amendment, seconded by Coun. Atkinson that revisor's fees remain as at present (\$20.00). Amendment carried.

Coun. F. M. Richard moved a resolution that any Councillor having occasion to visit the Shiretown on Committee business received mileage only for the first day and a reasonable remuneration for each subsequent day.

Coun. McKee moved, seconded by Coun. Atkinson that the matter stand over till the next January session. On a division being taken the motion carried by a vote of 11 to 8.

Sheriff Leger explained the need of procuring some new furniture for the Court house. Mr. Hutchinson, Clerk of the Peace, also pointed out the necessity of some new articles in the Court room.

Coun. Mitchell moved seconded by Coun. Saulnier that the whole matter be left to the jail committee. Carried.

Coun. McKee moved, seconded by Coun. Babineau that Secretary be instructed to deal with leases of public property as soon as he can get time. Carried.

Resolved that Secretary read minutes of the session. Minutes read and approved.

Resolved that Warden leave the Chair and Coun. F. M. Richard preside. Coun. Richard on taking the Chair thanked the Council for the honor.

Coun. Leger, (Dundas) moved, seconded by Coun. Wathen that a vote of thanks be tendered the Warden for the worthy and efficient manner in which he had conducted the deliberations of the Board. In seconding the motion Coun. Wathen said the Chair had never been more worthily filled than it had been by Warden Murphy. On the motion being put it was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Upon resuming the Chair Warden Murphy thanked the Board for its kind expressions and hoped to see every man returned here next year. Coun. Wathen in a splendid speech eulogized the C. unity officers and the parish officers and congratulated the Councillors on their selection of men to fill the various parish officers. Secretary McInerney thanked Coun. Wathen on behalf of himself and the other County officers and said that during his 19 years of office he had never seen a more efficient Council board. Mr. Hutchinson also spoke eulogizing the Board and hoped to see them all returned next year. Mr. Hutchinson gave one of his usual eloquent speeches, and was highly applauded. Sheriff Leger thanked the Councillors collectively and individually for kindness shown him. On every occasion in which his business had brought him before them.

Adjourned Sine die.

The following is the Auditor's report: TO THE WARDEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNTY OF KENT.

I, William D. Carter, Auditor for said County beg leave to submit the following report:—

I have carefully gone over the Secretary's, Treasurer's and Collectors' Books and I find the total receipts of the Municipality for the past year to be Sixteen thousand eight hundred and seventy two dollars and eighty six cents made up as follows:—

Cash on hand at last meeting \$968.65
Taxes for 1898.
Richibucto.....\$2953.86
St. Louis..... 1148.09
Carleton..... 552.90
Acadieville..... 262.36
Harcourt..... 2009.49
Weldford..... 1897.25
St. Mary..... 739.06
St. Paul..... 235.12
Dundas..... 1664.68

11478.81

Taxes of 1897, 1896
Richibucto..... 226.76
St. Louis..... 37.51
Carleton..... 182.52
Acadieville..... 105.59
Harcourt..... 528.60
Weldford..... 267.68
Wellington..... 904.03
St. Mary..... 622.17
St. Paul..... 72.74
Dundas..... 115.75

3089.24

Peddler and Auctioneer
Licenses..... 28.00
Public Wharf..... 45.00
Fines collected..... 14.00
Jury fees paid..... 246.10
Liquor License Fund..... 998.75

\$16872.43

The expenditure for the year was Thirteen thousand four hundred and sixty dollars and forty three cents, leaving a balance on hand of \$3412.43.

The items of expenditure are shown in detail in the Treasurer's Book.

The bonded indebtedness of the County is the same as last year, namely \$16,000 bearing interest at 4 per cent. There is also a debt of seven hundred and sixty dollars bearing interest at 7 per cent.

The assets of the Municipality are
Cash on hand.....\$3412.43
Delinquent List of 1898..... 2272.79
Assessment Harcourt '98 and the delinquent lists of '96 and '97 from which no doubt a small amount will be collected.

There is also due the County a balance of its share of the liquor license fund for the last two years and three months.

Respectfully Submitted,
WM. D. CARTER,
Auditor.

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTIONS, 1898.

District.	Assessment.	Delinquency.	Amount Collected.	Collector's Commission.	Amount paid County Treasurer.	Amount paid Road Com.	Amount paid Overseer of Poor.	Miscellaneous.
Richibucto No. 1	1902.67	217.21	1685.46	84.27	1234.19	317.00	\$29.00 fire tax paid.	
" " " "	1009.15	91.77	917.38	45.85	766.21	183.12		
" " " "	1088.45	46.28	1042.19	52.10	812.33	177.79		
" " " "	243.95	8.59	235.36	11.77	179.16	44.45		
Wellington	1913.51	210.22	1703.29	85.16	1235.16	4.00		
" " " "	1605.29	95.26	989.04	36.35	689.09	16.50		
" " " "	965.72	151.40	802.32	40.11	622.21	1.00		
St. Mary	246.36	28.36	217.80	18.89	166.85	4.00		
" " " "	578.09	146.38	431.71	17.26	238.12	15.70		
St. Paul	714.00	32.56	681.44	33.10	608.65	3.00		
Dundas	540.08	32.33	507.75	25.39	280.24	12		
" " " "	613.38	57.97	555.41	28.06	429.89	32.50		
" " " "	139.44	75.11	64.33	4.17	54.53	1.50		
Weldford	1385.97	288.62	1097.35	44.37	847.06	2.00		
" " " "	755.52	122.09	633.43	31.67	609.94	15.70		
" " " "	832.46	168.15	664.31	33.11	595.59	19.00		
Harcourt	49.72	7.75	41.97	2.14	38.76	3.00		
" " " "	114.25	20.37	93.88	4.69	82.81	3.50		
St. Louis	80.75	49.77	7.83	38.40	508.67	2.40		
" " " "	4.87	62	407.65	16.70	376.13	3.20		
" " " "	885.20	28.52	556.58	22.57	392.87	1.75		
Carleton	718.97	231.59	487.88	24.40	345.23	3.00		
" " " "	230.70	46.87	183.83	12.80	139.97	17.00		
Acadieville.	446.21	99.31	46.62	24.10	232.36	6.00		

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TO CLOSE BARS ON SUNDAY.
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Senator John Raines, the author of the present excise law, to-day announced that he was preparing an important amendment to meet the serious differences that have arisen in the cities of the state, and especially in New York city, with reference to Sunday selling in hotels. He proposed to strike out the section of the law which gives authority to hotels, clubs and restaurants to sell liquor with food on Sunday. If this section is stricken out, it will stop all Sunday selling and will prevent absolutely, because of the strict penalties provided, any sale of wine, liquor, beer or other intoxicant with meals.

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