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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

JANUARY 9, 1900.

The regular annual meeting of the Kent County Council opened in the Court house here on Tuesday, the 9th, inst., at 2 o'clock, p. m. Councillors from the different parishes were returned as follows:

Carleton—Clifford Atkinson, Hugh M. Daigle Acadieville—Sylvain Barribeau, Joseph LeBlanc. St. Louis—Francois M. Richard, Urbain Babineau. Richibucto—Fred S. Peters, R. W. Beers. Weldford—John Morton, Joseph Miller. Harcourt—Leslie J. Wathen, Robert Saulnier. Wellington—John McKee, David V. Landry. St. Marys—Clement M. Cormier, George Coates. St. Paul—Premilite Johnson, Calixte D. Cormier. Dundas—Louis L. Leger, Richard Poirier.

Council called to order by the Secretary at 2 p. m. All the Councillors having taken the necessary oaths and all being present, it was moved by Councillor McKee, seconded by Councillor Barribeau, and resolved that Councillor Louis L. Leger be warden for the ensuing term. The warden took the chair and returns thanks for the honor done him. Councillor Louis L. Leger being a Frenchman was appointed Warden for the ensuing term, as it is the custom of the Council to appoint a French councillor for one term and an English councillor for the next term.

Moved by Coun. Beers, seconded by Coun. Poirier, that James Fitzpatrick be constable to attend the meeting of Council at \$1.00 per day.

Moved in amendment by Coun. Babineau, seconded by Coun. F. M. Richard, that Philip Woods be such constable. Carried.

Minutes of last meeting in January, 1899 and of the Committee in July read and approved.

Ordered that the constable procure the necessary stationary for the Council. Sheriff Leger at request of the Council on motion of F. M. Richard says the warrant in Michael Woods' case has been renewed and it would cost about \$16 more to bring land to sale.

Resolved that Warden appoint one Councillor from each parish as the Finance Committee.

The Warden appoints the following Finance Committee:—Couns. McKee, Poirier, Coates, Barribeau, Wathen, Morton, Johnson, Atkinson, Peters and Richard.

Moved by Coun. Peters, seconded by Coun. Atkinson, that THE REVIEW publish the minutes of the Council under an arrangement with the Committee of the Council, as far as the English minutes are concerned, and that the committee make further arrangement with some publisher for the publication of the minutes in French. Carried. Councillors Peters, Landry and Babineau appointed said committee.

The Secretary communicates to the Board the request addressed to Warden Murphy for a contribution to the contingent going to the Transvaal.

Resolved that the consideration of this matter be deferred until Thursday next at 10 a. m.

Resolved that Council adjourn until tomorrow at 10 a. m.

JANUARY 10, 1900.

Council called to order at ten o'clock. Full board present. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Coun. Poirier moved that the Sheriff be heard in the state of the court house. The Sheriff thought it his duty to make

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a statement as to the state of the Court house. He thought the building needed repairs. He desired nothing but what was necessary. He would like it to be comfortable and presentable to the public.

Coun. McKee said the explanation of the sheriff was satisfactory and he moved the matter stand over till Friday. Mr. Wathen suggests that the Council should deal with it at once and have a committee to report.

Coun. Landry reports the committee appointed to arrange for the printing of the minutes have arranged with THE REVIEW to report the minutes at \$15 and with the Moniteur Acadian to print 225 copies in French and also to publish the minutes in the paper for the sum of \$20. Moved by Coun. Beers, seconded by Coun. McKee that the report be adopted. Carried.

Coun. Landry moved, seconded by Coun. Babineau, that THE REVIEW be paid when the minutes are fully published and the Moniteur Acadian when the pamphlets are forwarded to the Secretary and that the Secretary be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the amount. Carried.

Moved by Coun. McKee, and seconded by Coun. Richard, that the wharf committee have till Thursday at 2 p. m. to report. Carried.

Coun. Atkinson gives notice that he will move a resolution to-morrow at ten o'clock to divide the parish of Carleton into three districts for the purpose of highways.

Coun. Richard moves, seconded by Coun. Babineau, that the Secretary, in the name of the Council memorialize the Board of Works at Fredericton to have a water passage under the Kouchibouguac bridge and the Saulnier bridge to enable the farmers in winter to haul their muzzie mud. Carried.

Coun. Peters moved, and was carried that Dosithe Richard's petition for reduction of taxes be referred to the Finance Committee.

Coun. Beers moved, seconded by Coun. LeBlanc, that a committee be appointed to report tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock in reference to the repairs on the Court house. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Richard and carried, that the Warden appoint the committee. The Warden appoints the following committee to report in the state of the Court house, namely, Beers, Wathen and Poirier.

AFTERNOON SESSION. JANUARY 10, 1900.

Council called to order at 2 p. m. Coun. McKee asks the opinion of the Clerk of the Peace if the Commissioner of Roads can order a rate payer to do his road work in the District appointed to him by the Commissioner. The Clerk of the Peace says the order of the Commissioner must be obeyed.

Coun. Landry asks the Clerk of the Peace if a Councillor could be a valuator. The Clerk of the Peace answers that he cannot.

Coun. C. M. Cormier gives notice that

he will move tomorrow to amend highway district No. 1 St. Mary's as to boundaries.

Coun. LeBlanc gives notice that he will tomorrow at ten o'clock move for municipal purposes, to change the polling districts in Acadieville, from Basil Barribeau's to, at or near Prosper Chivarie's.

Coun. Landry gives notice that he will tomorrow at ten o'clock a. m., move to change the boundaries of highway districts 1 and 3, Wellington.

Coun. McKee moves the Council adjourn till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock to allow the Finance Committee to go into session.

JANUARY 11, 1900.

Council called to order at ten o'clock. Full board present, except Coun. Johnson. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Coun. Atkinson and seconded by Coun. Daigle that the parish of Carleton be divided into highway districts as follows: That part of parish south of the Kouchibouguac River No. 2. All that part of the parish north of the Kouchibouguac River and east of Carrigan Creek.

Moved by Coun. Cormier, seconded by Coun. Coates that the western boundary of highway District No. 1, St. Marys, be amended by changing said boundary to the school house, at or near Louis L. Girouards.

Coun. Babineau submits report of goal committee showing expenditure of \$7.84 as follows:—
2 dozen chairs at.....\$1.10
Freight on them from Moncton to Richibucto..... 2.16
Making of new platform and repairing windows..... 4.63
\$7.84

Resolved that report be adopted.

Coun. LeBlanc moves, seconded by Coun. Babineau that the poll for municipal purposes at Acadieville be changed from Basil Barribeau's to, at or near Prosper Chivarie's.

Coun. Poirier gives notice that he will move tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m., to divide highway district No. 3, Dundas, into two districts.

Moved by Coun. Richard, seconded by Coun. Babineau that \$7.15 be paid to Road Commissioner Vital Richard, St. Louis, balance due him for Commission last year and be charged to St. Louis. Carried.

The auditor submits his annual report which is as follows:—
To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Kent.
I, William D. Carter, Auditor for said County beg leave to submit the following report:—

I have gone over the County accounts and find the total receipts of the Municipality for the past year to be Fifteen thousand two hundred and seventy-two dollars and sixty three cents made up as follows:—
Cash on hand from last year \$3412.43
Taxes of 1899.
St. Louis.....\$1185.09
Carleton..... 391.79
Richibucto..... 2893.23

Weldford.....	2002.99
Wellington.....	1311.89
St. Mary.....	704.93
St. Paul.....	325.18
Dundas.....	525.00
Harcourt.....
Acadieville.....

Taxes of 1898-97-96.....	9339.90
Harcourt.....	527.86
Carleton.....	154.60
Weldford.....	80.00
St. Louis.....	21.00
Dundas.....	7.00
St. Mary.....	67.00
Wellington.....	26.00

Jury Fees.....	883.46
License fund returns.....	137.80
Public wharf.....	1458.54
Refund Asylum charge.....	15.50
Auctioneer License.....	20.00
.....	5.00

Total.....\$15272.63

The Treasurer's accounts for the year were closed on the sixth day of January, instant, and since that time there have been the following amounts paid us from the different parishes, namely,

Richibucto.....	\$ 295.82
Wellington.....	504.00
Dundas.....	1339.67
Carleton.....	103.07
Acadieville.....	242.62
Harcourt.....	410.54
St. Mary.....	26.18

Total.....\$2921.90

The expenditure for the year was thirteen thousand one hundred and sixty dollars and fifty cents made up as follows:

Parish officers fees.....	\$ 68.00
Parish Clerks.....	694.53
Assessors.....	126.92
Road Commissioners.....	206.40
Revisors.....

Total.....\$1095.85

Administration of Justice.....	614.00
Constables.....	121.65
Interpreters.....	3.10
Sheriff.....	50.40
Clerks County.....	92.00
Justices of the Peace.....	6.15
Witnesses.....	53.50
Jury fees.....	287.20

County officers.....	865.62
County Secretary.....	\$462.00
Court Crier.....	41.80
Stipendiary Richibucto.....	50.00
Stipendiary Harcourt.....	23.00
Auditor.....	30.00
Clerk of the Peace.....	130.00
Treasurer.....	128.82

Court house and jail.....	808.04
Insurance.....	\$ 60.00
New Chairs.....	28.56
General expenses.....	13.98
Jailer.....	705.50

Lunatic Asylum.....	284.50
Account for 3 quarters.....	264.50
Conveyance lunatic.....	20.00

Interest on debentures.....	\$640.00
Merchant's Bank.....	163.73

Registry Births, etc.....	803.73
Clergymen's fees.....	\$ 78.70
R. Hutchinsons Reg'r.....	249.56

Inquests.....	328.36
Dr. T. J. Bourque.....	\$ 16.45
Dr. D. V. Landry.....	14.00

Printing and stationary.....	30.45
Moncton Times.....	\$ 3.40
REVIEW.....	103.10
J. & A. McMillan.....	12.20
F. S. Sayre.....	22.54

Borrowed money from K. B. Forbes.....	141.24
Public wharf and repairs.....	760.00
Councillor Mileage, etc.....	213.30
School warrants and Commissions.....	359.30
Miscellaneous.....	6803.10
.....	53.01

Total.....\$13160.50

Showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 6th day of January, inst., of \$2112.13.

Add to this amount the collections paid the Treasurer since the closing of his accounts and the balance now on hand is \$5034.03.

The bonded indebtedness of the County is the same as last year, namely \$16,000 bearing interest at four per cent.

A debt due by the Municipality to K. B. Forbes, Esq., of \$760 bearing interest at 7 per cent has been paid during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wm. D. CARTER,
Auditor.

Resolved that the Auditor's report be adopted.
Moved by Coun. Landry seconded by Coun. McKee that for road purposes in Wellington the boundaries of District No. 1 be changed so as to read that it shall include all west of the post road from

Richibucto and a prolongation thereof along Main street and turning the west corner of Anthony Grattan's buildings, then the Big Buctouche River No 3, all the rest of the parish north of the Big Buctouche river.

Moved by Coun. Richard, seconded by Coun. Barribeau, that Coun. Calixte D. Cormier be appointed on the Finance Committee in place of Coun. Johnson, who is too ill to attend the Council.

Moved by Coun. Richard and carried that the Council adjourn till 2 p. m. to allow the Finance Committee to go into session. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

JANUARY 11, 1900.

Council called to order at 2 p. m., all present except Coun. Johnson.

Coun. McKee suggests that the Transvaal matter brought before the Council by Mr. McInerney be deferred till tomorrow at 2 o'clock on account of the illness of Coun. Johnson.

The County Treasurer submits his report for 1899 as follows:—
Statement of W. E. Forbes, Treasurer of Kent County for 1899.

From the beginning of the year 1899 until 11th January, 1900 I have received the following amounts from the different parishes:

Richibucto.....	\$3158.55
St. Louis.....	1191.71
Dundas.....	1864.81
St. Marys.....	716.11
St. Paul.....	325.18
Acadieville.....	242.62
Wellington.....	1815.69
Carleton.....	494.86
Weldford.....	2002.99
Harcourt.....	527.86
Harcourt.....	409.40

Amt. paid Bank of Halifax.....	4503.63
Amt. paid for interest.....	163.73
Amt. of cash on hand when accounts were closed for year.....	2112.13
Amt. of cash received since closing of accounts.....	2938.89

Cash disbursed since closing of accounts.....586.42

DELINQUENTS	\$4464.60
Richibucto—Taxes of 1899.....	\$24.23
St. Louis.....	21.00
Dundas.....	7.00
St. Marys.....	67.00
Wellington.....	26.00
Carleton.....	154.60
Weldford.....	80.00
Harcourt.....	1.14

It was moved and carried that the report be received.

Coun. Beers submits report of the Committee on repairs of the Court house. Coun. Atkinson thinks the drainage is a most important matter and suggests that the Sheriff be heard in the matter.

The sheriff states that the question of drainage is a very difficult one. The sewers are filled up and that the box should be removed or taken off and hauled away. He says that both doctors and Judges say it is ruinous to imprison a man in the goal the way it is. He suggests that a drain to the shore should be made so that the tide might enter and by overflowing cleanse it.

Coun. Richard moved, seconded by Coun. Babineau that the report be adopted and referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Coun. Clement M. Cormier gives notice that tomorrow at ten o'clock he will move that the Council regulation of 15th January, 1890 be rescinded and new divisions named and polling places stated be adopted in St. Mary's.

Coun. Peters gives notice that he will move to change highway districts 1 and 4 Richibucto.

Coun. Wathen gives notice that he will move at two o'clock to-morrow a by-law concerning animals running at large be amended by recinding part thereof concerning certificate of breed, etc.

Coun. Poirier moves and seconded by Coun. Barribeau that \$7.67 be paid Emiline Bourque, Road Commissioner, Dundas, and be charged to that parish.

Coun. McKee submits the report of the wharf committee, concerning the repairs of the wharf last summer. Repairs amounted to \$176.20

Coun. Peters moved that the report of the Committee be received. Carried.

Coun. McKee stated that the Committee had leased the public wharf to the Kent Northern Railway and read the agreement.

Coun. Peters moved and seconded by Coun. Atkinson that the public wharf be repaired.

Coun. Richard moved as an amendment, seconded by Coun. Babineau, that a committee of three be appointed to consult with Mr. Brown, manager of the Kent Northern Railway to see if the railway will repair the wharf and report to-morrow at ten o'clock a. m. Carried.

Coun. Richard moved that the Warden appoint the committee. Carried.

The Warden appointed the following as the committee: Couns. Wathen, Atkinson and Richard.

Coun. Richard suggests that some decision should be arrived at as to what commission Road Commissioners are entitled to, whether 2 1/2 per cent. on assessment and 2 1/2 per cent on collection even if work be done instead of money paid, or if only 2 1/2 per cent. on the assessment when the work is done and no money paid.

Moved by Coun. Atkinson, seconded by Coun. Daigle that \$2.92 be paid Maxim Daigle, \$3.75 to John Carter and \$4.00 to Jas. J. Tweedie, Road Commissioners, Carleton, and be charged to the parish.

Coun. Beers moved, seconded by Coun. Atkinson that the Council adjourn till ten o'clock tomorrow morning to allow the Finance Committee to go into session. Carried.

JANUARY 12, 1900.

Council called to order at 10 a. m. All present except Councillor Johnson. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Coun. Peters suggests that there seems to be a discrepancy in the balance on hand between the Auditor's report and Treasurer's report.

Coun. Wathen moved, seconded by Coun. Saulnier that a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the exact balance in the hands of the Treasurer and report at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and also to investigate the financial standing of the County and report at the same time. Couns. Miller, Landry and Peters were appointed on said Committee by the Warden.

Moved by Coun. Peters, seconded by Coun. Beers that district No. 1, Richibucto, for highway purposes comprise all that part of the Parish north of Richibucto River between Comeau's Creek, so called, and a prolongation thereof to the Back road, thence southerly to where said road intersects the Kent Northern Railway, thence following said Railway to McAlmon's Brook No. 4, all the Parish west of Kent Northern Railway and Back road and north of Comeau's Creek. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Poirier, seconded by Coun. C. D. Cormier that highway district No. 3, Dundas, be divided into two districts as follows: all that part of No. 3 down to Great road, so called, to be known as No. 3 and all remaining part of No. 3 known as No. 3 1/2, the inhabitants living in the said Great road to be included in District No. 3 1/2.

Moved by Coun. McKee, seconded by Coun. Barribeau that a Committee of three including the Warden be appointed to confer with the Merchants Bank of Halifax in financial matters. Coun. Beers and Saulnier with the Warden appointed said Committee.

Resolved that the report of the Wharf Committee appointed to interview Manager Brown, of the Kent Northern Railway, be deferred till 2 p. m. to-day.

Ordered that the following amounts be paid road commissioners, Weldford, and charged to that Parish: Wm. Mundle, \$18.50; Wm. Farrer, \$2.00; Wm. Marshall, \$10.54.

Ordered that the following amounts be paid road commissioners, St. Mary's, and charged to the Parish of St. Mary's: \$10.70 to Felix Girouard; \$7.95 to T. Langis; \$6.37 to Wesley Coates.

Ordered that \$600 be assessed on Wellington for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that \$500 be assessed on Weldford for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that \$24 be assessed on St. Louis for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that \$360 be assessed on Dundas for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that \$290 be assessed on St. Mary's for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that \$75 be assessed on St. Paul's for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that \$80 be assessed on Acadieville for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that \$60 be assessed on Harcourt for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that \$500 be assessed on Richibucto for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that \$60 be assessed on Carleton for poor purposes for 1900.

Ordered that 52c. Poll tax be refunded Mrs. J. W. Morton, of Harcourt.

Moved by Coun. Landry, seconded by Coun. McKee that Anthony McNairn, of Wellington, be appointed valuator for ensuing term. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Morton, seconded by Coun. Miller that Martin Lanigan be appointed a valuator. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Richard, seconded by Coun. Babineau that Peter L. Richard be appointed a valuator. Carried.

Coun. Atkinson asks if it be possible at all that the Carleton assessment this year could be based on the new valuation, as

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