

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL. (Continued from Page 1)

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Carleton, St. Mary, Dundas, Acadieville, Harcourt.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. E. Forbes, also submits the following report which is accepted:

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Kent County. I, W. E. Forbes, County Treasurer, beg leave to submit the following account of receipts and expenditures since the closing of the year's accounts on the 31st December, 1900.

Financial report table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes 'Received from Parish of Richibucto for taxes', 'Received from Secretary for Pedlars Licenses', etc.

Total amount of cash on hand \$4,249.91. W. E. FORBES, County Treasurer. Richibucto, N. B., Jan. 10, 1901.

Coun. McKee would like to have the opinion of the Clerk of the Peace on this point. There are some Justices of the Peace or Stipendiary Magistrates in this county who some times do not make the required returns to the proper authorities.

Coun. Beers and M. Barriault called the attention of the Council to serious complaints made by the merchants of Richibucto, St. Louis and other places concerning the trade carried on by pedlars, and they think measures ought to be taken to remedy this state of affairs.

Here, Coun. Miller says something, remaining seated. Coun. Atkinson rises to say that he has nothing very important to speak of, but that he would like to know why it is that Coun. Miller, when addressing the Board is allowed to keep his seat.

Coun. Miller then rises to say that unfortunately nature has not blessed him with Coun. Atkinson's good looks; other wise he would be inclined to rise often. Not having his friend's splendid appearance he could not when taking his seat have the satisfaction to feel that all eyes were turned on him in admiration.

Coun. McKee and Miller move and it is resolved that the council adjourn until 2 o'clock in the afternoon in order to allow the finance committee to go into session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Coun. McKee asks that the report of what committee be delayed until to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Granted.

Coun. M. Barriault moves that the salary of all officers and persons in the employ of the municipality, including councillors, be reduced 12 per cent, the reduction to go into force on the 14th of January, 1901 and, in regards the councillors, immediately. The motion was not seconded and the matter dropped.

Coun. Peters submits to the council the report of the jail committee concerning the repairs made on the Court house.

The report is accepted and handed over to the finance committee.

Coun. Atkinson speaking about further repairs to be made on the jail as requested by the grand jury, thinks these repairs are necessary. Yet he feels that this council has spent a considerable amount of money on the jail, court house and public wharf already and that it would be unwise for them to go into further expenditures in this matter just now; but the present council ought to attend to the public money.

Coun. Richard moves that the sum of

\$1.92 cents be paid to Hippolite Daigle of St. Louis. Seconded by Coun. McKee and carried.

Coun. Beers says he was requested this morning by road commissioner Irving for district No. 1, Richibucto to state to the council that he is at present sick in bed and unable to submit at the required time his report to the council and begs that more time be given him to do so.

Coun. Miller moves, seconded by Coun. Morton the following resolution.

Resolved, that there has been found on the Coal Branch River some valuable deposits of manganese, oil bearing shale, pyrites of iron and a fine seam of coal—and whereas there is now engaged sufficient capital to develop these deposits, and the development has now been begun—and whereas the success and importance of these efforts would be much aided by the construction of a railway from a point near Coal Branch Station to Mount Carlyle Coal Mine, and whereas the said railway will be of great benefit to the county of Kent and the adjoining counties by opening up the coal mines, and in a degree making our people independent of outside supplies for coal. Therefore this municipal council of Kent do resolve that we express our approbation of the efforts made by the prospector and owner of said mines to add to the available industries of our county. And request that the representatives of this county both in the Federal and Provincial Parliaments will press on these respective governments the necessity of aiding the construction of a railway at the earliest possible period.

Mr. Carlyle was heard in support of this motion which was unanimously carried.

On motion of Couns. Morton and Miller it was resolved that copies of the above resolutions be sent to the Federal and Provincial county representatives.

At the request of Coun. Landry, Dr. Bourque is heard in reference to the matter brought up yesterday by Coun. M. Barriault, concerning the existence of a contagious disease in the court house. The Dr. said that there had been one case of measles in the court house, but of a very mild type and there was no cause of alarm.

Coun. Atkinson calls the attention of the Board to the fact that there is smallpox to the north and south of us and he believes that steps should be taken to prevent the spreading of the disease in our own county.

Coun. Landry announced that Dr. Bourque would to-morrow submit the report of the county board of health, and that the matter could then be discussed more fully.

Coun. Landry says that the liquor licenses are one of the county's main sources of revenue. This Municipality ought therefore to have from the Provincial government a statement of accounts in reference to this matter. Couns. Wathen and Barriault believe there is nothing in the act to compel a license inspector to report to the Municipality.

On motion of Couns. M. Barriault and Richard, it is resolved that the Secretary of the Municipality memorialize the Provincial Government to obtain the enactment of a law, requiring the government to furnish the municipality with a statement of accounts between the government and municipality in reference to license moving.

The following amounts are assessed for the poor in the following parishes: Wellington \$590.00, St. Louis 525.00, Acadieville 80.00, St. Mary's 230.00, Dundas 450.00, St. Paul 75.00, Weldford 500.00, Richibucto 450.00, Harcourt 60.00.

On motion by Coun. McKee, seconded by Coun. S. Barriault, the council adjourns until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to allow them to attend the grand reception prepared for our heroes, Pter. Stevenson and Woods.

MORNING SESSION.

JANUARY 11, 1901.

The minutes of Thursday's meeting were read and approved of.

Coun. Morton says there is a section of road in the Parish of Weldford that the daily mail has to travel over every day—it is in a very poor condition. About half of it is not settled and therefore no byroad money to spend on it. Besides, there is a large traffic on this road. He therefore moves that the County Secretary memorialize the Local Government to have moneys voted for the repairing of the road, extending in the Parish of Weldford from the St. Nicholas River to Granble Road, a distance of 9 miles. Coun. Miller seconded the motion which is carried.

Moved by Coun. Poirier, seconded by Coun. Johnson and resolved, that the sum of \$4.32 be paid to Fideie Bourque, road commissioner district No. 3, Dundas; also the sum of \$6.24 to Louis P. Cormier of district No. 3, St. Louis, and that these amounts be added to the warrant of Dundas.

Moved by Coun. Borigades, seconded by Coun. S. Barriault and resolved that the \$2.06 be paid Commissioner Francois Richard, also 65 cents to George Gould, and \$4.80 to Sylvain Arsenau, and that these amounts be charged to the parish of Acadieville.

Moved by Coun. Richard Poirier and

resolved, that \$3.00 be refunded to Alex. McDougall, which amount was advanced by him to the road commissioner for laying out roads and charge to the parish of Dundas.

Moved by Coun. Richard, seconded by Coun. McKee that a committee of three be appointed to look into the finances of the Municipality and to report thereon, to this Board at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion, Couns. Landry, Atkinson and Saulnier are appointed members of said committee.

At the request of Coun. M. Barriault, Dr. Bourque is heard concerning the County Board of health.

Dr. Bourque says that he has a very short report to make on behalf of the local Board of Health. Just about a year ago this County was threatened with one of the most dreadful diseases that human flesh is heir to. Smallpox was reigning all about us at Campbellton, Newcastle, Bathurst and Moncton. People travelled in trains as usual and we were exposed to have the dreadful disease among us. Unfortunately the County of Kent was the only district not possessing an organized Board of Health. Dr. Bourque says he was requested by the provincial authorities to organize a local Board of Health and he appointed the following members of the Board: J. B. Gogain, Dundas; D. V. Landry, M. D., Wellington; M. F. Keith, M. D., Harcourt; T. J. Bourque, M. D., Richibucto. At a meeting held in February, it was decided to order compulsory vaccination for Kent County. The attention of the people is drawn to the necessity of notifying the Chairman of the Board of Health when a contagious disease breaks out in the County. The doctor recommends that the small sum of \$25.00 be voted and placed at the disposal of the Board of Health for necessary expenses. We are still threatened with smallpox and measures ought to be taken to protect ourselves against it.

Dr. Bourque's report is adopted. Coun. Atkinson moves that the small sum of \$25 asked for, be voted and placed at the disposal of the Board of Health and left in the Treasurer's hands for necessary expenses. This motion is seconded by Coun. M. Barriault and adopted.

Moved by Coun. Wathen, seconded by Coun. Richard and resolved that Dr. Bourque be appointed Chairman of the County Board of Health.

On motion, Drs. Landry and Keith and Mr. J. B. Gogain are members of the Board of Health.

Coun. Peters submits to the Board a petition from David G. Robichaud which the Secretary reads, and in which Mr. Robichaud prays that a reduction be made in the assessment of property held in common by himself and Celim Robichaud in the Parish of St. Louis, and that the excess of taxes lately paid by them on this property be refunded them. They have several times applied to the assessors to have their assessment reduced, but without effect. Moved by Coun. Richard and seconded by M. Barriault that petition be laid on the table.

Coun. Peters gives notice that to-morrow he will move that highway district No. 3 of Richibucto be divided into two districts.

Moved by Coun. Atkinson, seconded by Coun. Daigle and resolved that the sum of \$3.50 be paid to James J. Tweedie; also \$3.40 to James D. Murphy and \$3.00 to Thomas Hackett, overseer of the poor, and that these amounts be charged to the Parish of Carleton.

Moved by Coun. Richard, seconded by Coun. McKee and resolved that the Council adjourn until 2 o'clock this afternoon to allow the Finance Committee to go into session.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1900.

Large financial statement table with columns: Districts, Amount of Assessment, Delinquency, Amount Collected, Collector's Commission, Amt. Paid Road Com., Amt. Paid Overseer of Poor, Remarks. Includes sub-totals for Paid advg. delinquent taxes, etc.

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MONTREAL, Jan. 10.—E. M. J. Duchesnay, who for years has been superintendent of the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific Railways, has been appointed superintendent of the Cuban railway in succession to the late Frank P. Brothers. Mr. Duchesnay will leave in a few days to take up his new duties. Sir William Van Horne, the president of the Cuban Railway Company, is arranging to make another trip to that island early in March.

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