

WORK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

A Detailed Account of the Business Done at this Week's Session.

Coun. Cropley, of North Lake, Elected Warden.

(By our own Reporter.)

The January session of the York Municipal Council opened at 10.30 a. m. Tuesday, Warden McKean in the chair. All the councillors were present except Heron of St. Marys.

Sec. Treas. Black announced that since the last session the section in the council of McAdam had been held and councillors Baskin and Hoyt were present from that parish. The council was found to be constituted as follows:

Bright—John McKean, Spencer Inch, Paterbury—Geo. F. A. Jamieson, James Carr.

Douglas—Wm. Kinghorn, W. Harvey Lawrence.

Dumfries—John Scott, Thomas Simons, Kingslear—John C. Murray, A. E. Cliff, Manners Sutton—John Mowatt, Robert Thompson.

St. Marys—David M. Fisher, Abolom A. Nason.

North Lake—Geo. S. Inch, David Cropley, Prince William—W. W. Graham, Archie McMillan.

Queensbury—Alanson McMillan, John W. Slet.

St. Marys—Alex. Heron, Calvin L. Estabrooks.

Southampton—James K. Pinder, Patrick Peckard.

Stanley—Donald Fullerton, Thos. B. Boice.

McAdam—J. Wesley Hoyt, Geo. T. Baskin.

Coun. Cropley of North Lake was nominated for warden on motion of Coun. Scott, seconded by Coun. Inch, and there being no other nominations, Mr. Cropley was unanimously elected. The new warden on taking the chair, thanked his fellow councillors for the confidence reposed in him, and said he would do his best to carry on the proceedings of the board in a business like way, knowing that he would have the support of the members in that direction.

Coun. Graham moved that the present Secretary-Treasurer and auditor be re-elected at the same salary.

Coun. Cliff said Coun. Graham was going too fast. It was not usual for the Secretary-Treasurer to be elected until his accounts had been passed upon.

Coun. Nason agreed with this view, and the Secretary-Treasurer said it was the usual course to wait until the accounts were passed.

Coun. Graham then withdrew his motion. The Secretary-Treasurer read the minutes of the last July session and they were confirmed.

The Secretary-Treasurer submitted his accounts, which were referred to a committee composed of Couns. Fullerton, McNeilly, Mowatt, Cliff, Scott. In submitting his accounts Mr. Black said that the past year had been a very hard one. There was great difficulty in getting the collectors to respond to the demand he had frequently made upon them. On Nov. 30th, 1894, there was an overdraft in the bank of \$4,800; but yesterday when his accounts closed there was a balance of \$7,118. On Dec. 28th last there was \$92,000 of the \$18,000 assessed in 1894 had been collected. The income from other sources included \$917 received from the city on account of administration of justice, \$700 from debentures and two or three small sums for jury fees etc. In the meantime accounts came in that had to be paid, commencing with the overdraft at the bank upon which he had to make overdrafts at the bank upon which the county had to pay interest. He said that during the year there had been some exceptional expenditure, among which might be named \$500 paid to the Gibson fire sufferers, \$500 paid to the estate of the late Hon. R. Bellamy, an old loan, and \$480 balance due the York Agricultural Society. In addition to these accounts the county had to pay certain expenses of criminal prosecutions which had been ordered by recent legislation.

The Secretary-Treasurer read a communication from P. T. Cole of the P. L. Young calling the attention of the council to the fact that three pauper lunatics in that institution—from Canterbury, 1 from Marysville and 1 from Manners Sutton—from under the law chargeable to the county of York.

The standing committees were appointed as follows:

Public Accounts—Couns. McKean, Boice, Lawrence, Simms, Murray, Graham, Holte, Pinder, Nason, Thompson, Estabrooks, Carr, Baskin.

Assessment Appeal—Couns. Kinghorn, McNeilly, S. Inch, Cliff, Scott, Mowatt, Fullerton, Jamieson, Fisher, Lockhart, Spencer Inch, Hoyt, Heron.

The council then adjourned until 2 p. m. to allow the committee to meet.

Afternoon Session.

On the Council resuming after dinner, Coun. Fullerton submitted the report of the Secretary-Treasurer's accounts, which were found correct, with vouchers for all payments. Received and adopted.

Coun. Kinghorn submitted the report of the assessment committee recommending assessment for 1895 as follows: For Gibson fire sufferers, \$500; interest on railway debentures, \$810; contingencies, \$85,000; and that twenty per cent of the indebtedness of each parish as shown by the auditor's report for 1894 be assessed extra upon each parish showing indebtedness to the county. The report was taken up section by section, and when the last section was reached Coun. Fullerton moved in amendment that the extra assessment be fifteen per cent.

Coun. Jamieson seconded the amendment which was carried, 15 to 9.

On motion of Coun. Fisher it was ordered that \$90 be assessed on New Maryland for support of the poor.

Secy. Treas. Black said the matter should be left open so that the councillors for each parish could assess more than fifteen per cent if it was considered made the presentation to his honor. The address, which was read by the Secretary-Treasurer, was as follows: To His Honor the Honorable Mr. Justice Hanington:

MAY I please Your Honor—We, the County Council of the Municipality of York, being in session convened, take this, the first opportunity of offering to Your Honor our hearty congratulations upon your elevation to the high and honorable position of Judge of the Supreme Court of the province, and of conveying to you an expression of the satisfaction with which Your Honor's appointment was hailed by all classes in this community.

Your Honor's widely recognized ability and sterling integrity; your sound legal knowledge, and the experience gained in your long and successful practice at the bar, of this province, admirably qualify Your Honor to discharge with distinguished credit to yourself and entire satisfaction to the public the important duties pertaining to your high judicial position.

We recall with pleasure the eloquent words which you addressed to the legislators when you bid farewell to active politics to assume the duties of the honorable position which you now occupy, and we would remind Your Honor of one of the sound principles you then expressed. You said if the country was well living in it was worth governing well. We recognize the fact that during your long political career you carried out that principle, and were solely actuated by a desire to see that the affairs of our province were well administered, and that you served the country with an uprightness, integrity and an unwavering fidelity that will be a brilliant example to those who come after you in that sphere of public life.

As citizens of York county, we will always remember with gratitude the many and broad-minded course pursued by your Honor when the proposal was made in the legislature to remove the seat of government from the city of Fredericton.

We desire to express to Your Honor, and through you to Mrs. Hanington, our sincere hope that Your Honor may long continue to enjoy the health and happiness which have been most deservedly conferred upon you.

Signed on behalf of the council, DAVID CROPLEY, Warden.

Secretary-Treas. County Council Chamber, Fredericton, York county, January 16th, A. D. 1895.

Judge Hanington made a brief and fitting reply.

Coun. Cliff presented the report of the committee on the Phillips ferry petition, recommending that its prayer be not granted. Received.

Coun. Thompson submitted the list of parish officers for Manners-Sutton was confirmed.

On motion of Coun. Estabrooks, \$4 was added to be assessed on St. Marys for parish clerk.

On motion of Coun. Murray it was ordered that \$450 be assessed on Kingslear for support of poor.

On motion of Coun. Jamieson it was ordered that \$5 be assessed on Canterbury to pay Henry Carr, parish clerk. Adjourned till 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Second Day.

The Council met at 10 a. m. Thursday and after routine the lists of parish officers for North Lake and Queensbury were confirmed.

Motion of Coun. Mowatt seconded by Coun. Thompson, the following sums were ordered to be assessed on the parish of Manners Sutton: Support of poor, \$230; support of pauper lunatic, \$65; Peter Wood, parish clerk, \$4.

On motion of Coun. Graham, \$75 for support of poor and \$10 for parish contingencies, were ordered to be assessed, on Prince William.

On motion of Coun. Inch, the following amounts were ordered to be assessed on North Lake: \$50 for poor, \$5 for parish clerk; \$9 for assessing road tax; \$65 for pauper lunatic.

Coun. McNeilly, seconded by Coun. Hallet, moved that a committee be appointed to prepare an address for poor.

Coun. Pinder presented a petition from Chipman Phillips praying for permission to run a wire ferry from Nevers Phillips' landing, Southampton, to Red River, Canterbury.

Coun. McNeilly presented the petition of Harris Akery praying for the granting of such permission.

Coun. Jamieson, seconded by Coun. Lockhart moved that the prayer of Phillips' petition be granted.

Coun. Scott supported Phillips' petition. Coun. Jamieson presented a petition from 25 residents of Red River urging the council to grant the prayer of Phillips' petition.

Coun. Kinghorn moved that the matter lay over till the afternoon session, until such enquiries could be made and the councillors be in a position to cast an intelligent vote.

Couns. Cliff and Nason urged the same view, which prevailed, and on motion of Coun. Cliff a committee consisting of Couns. Cliff, Simons and Pinder were appointed to hear the parties to the petitions, and report this afternoon.

Secretary-Treasurer Black presented the annual report of the county board of health, signed by Dr. McPherson, chairman, and James Smith, secretary. The expenses in the year \$74.45. The report and accompanying account was referred to the public accounts committee, on motion of Coun. Kinghorn, seconded by Coun. Estabrooks.

Coun. Hoyt presented a petition from the residents of McAdam praying that the county accept a lease of the old European and North American Railway bed, now unused, to be used as a highway to connect McAdam with Vancouver and the highways leading to other parishes of York and Sunbury. The charge of such lease is only nominal, 20 cts. per year for 99 years. The prayer of the petition was granted.

On motion of Coun. Hoyt \$50 was ordered to be assessed on McAdam for support of poor.

The lists of parish officers for McAdam and New Maryland were confirmed.

On motion of Coun. Hoyt, McAdam was divided into three districts for road purposes.

The parish officers for Dumfries were confirmed.

Coun. Kinghorn found fault with the payment of \$7.50 to Peter Haining for assistance at market during the Christmas season of 1893, and moved that in future no such charges be recognized.

Coun. Nason seconded the resolution. Mr. Haining had his salary and he thought was well satisfied.

Coun. Fisher was opposed to these extra charges. The resolution was adopted.

Coun. Kinghorn also found fault with the custom of paying the county jailer for washing bedding at the jail, and for cleaning out the jail cesspools without going at it in a more regular way.

Coun. Pinder said these bills had been paid annually ever since he had been in the council, and they would have to be paid in the future. If the bedding needs washing or renewal and the cesspools need cleaning out the committee will have to do it as economically as possible. He could not see that the council could give the committee any further direction. He did not think the bills were unreasonable.

Councillor Fisher thought the committee should be consulted before the bills are incurred.

Coun. Pinder said when he was chairman he was always consulted.

Coun. Kinghorn did not complain that the bills were too high. He desired to say that the manner in which the jail was kept was a credit to the Hawthornes and to the county.

Coun. Spencer Inch concurred with Coun. Kinghorn regarding the excellent condition of the jail, and he thought it was cheaper to pay the present charges for cleaning the bedding and cesspools than to run the risk of having to pay for a visit from the board of health. The matter then dropped.

The parish officers for Bright and Southampton were confirmed.

On motion of Coun. Hoyt a resolution was adopted in respect to the new parish of McAdam, by which all the delinquent rates of the parishes of Prince William and Dumfries, not collected in the parts of the latter parishes, shall when paid be placed to the credit of the respective parishes for which they are collected, and that the parish of McAdam assume no part of the indebtedness which the parish of Prince William may now owe the county.

Council adjourned for dinner.

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On the council resuming Coun. McNeilly submitted the address prepared for presentation to Judge Hanington, which was approved, and the members headed by the Warden and Secretary-Treasurer proceeded to the court room to make the presentation to his honor. The address, which was read by the Secretary-Treasurer, was as follows: To His Honor the Honorable Mr. Justice Hanington:

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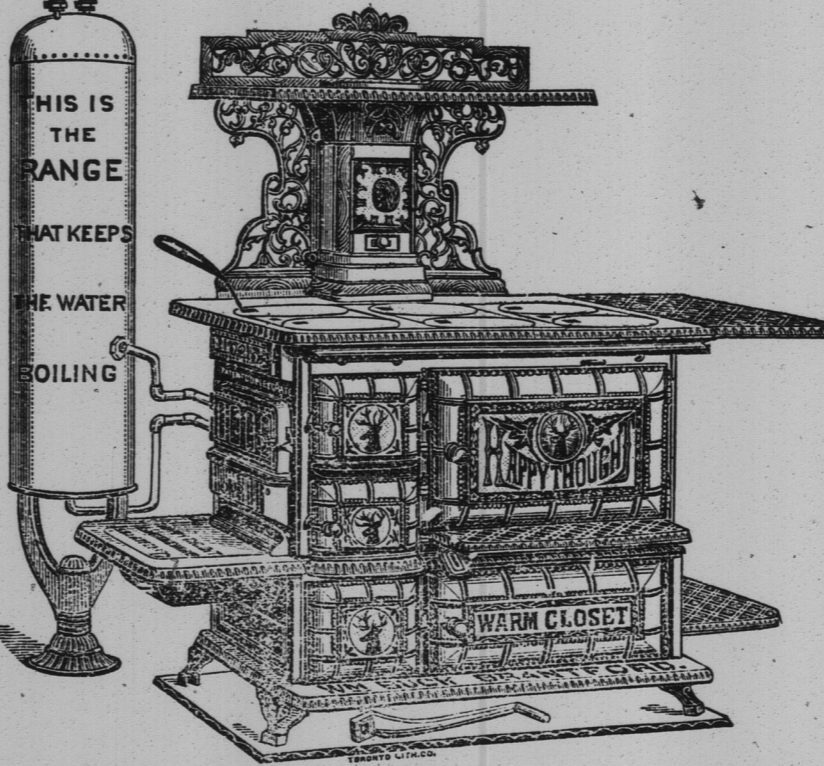
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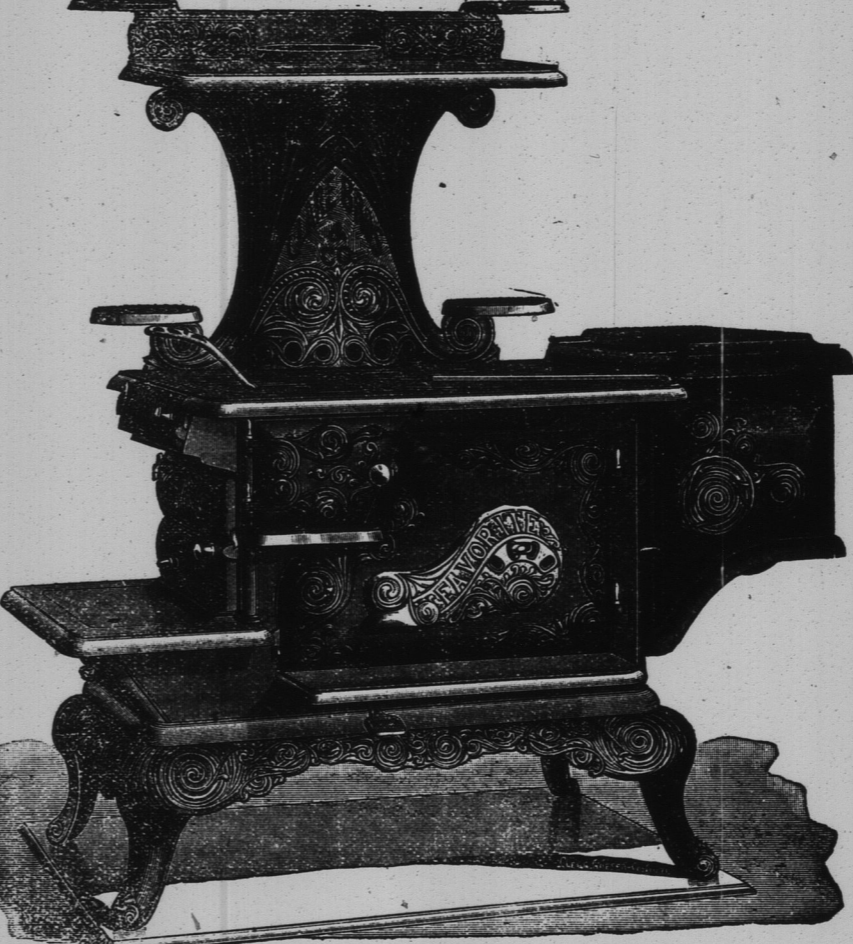


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Sheriff Sterling, preparing jury lists, 25 00

McMurray & Co., stationery, 516 50

H. H. Pitts, printing, 5 80

Hal. J. B. Hawthorn's account, 17 17

Jas. S. Nell, 4 98

C. W. Pond trip to asylum, 30 00

Dr. Moore and Owens, 15 00

A. A. Sterling revising election lists, 30 00

A. D. Yerra for wood, 20 00

Constable Roberts' bill, 25 00

J. W. McCready, stationery, postage, 4 60

Dr. Morehouse, 24 15

Board of health, 45 00

Mr. McNeilly valuator, 3 00

John Campbell, 3 00

Prof. Woodbridge, on Wharfedale, 35 00

The committee recomsider their decision cutting down the pay of constables in the court from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per day. Responsible and respectable men were not satisfied to accept that sum for their services.

Coun. Kinghorn agreed with the Sheriff to some extent with his complaint regarding the uncleanliness of the county building, but he did not agree with the necessity of increasing the constables' fees. He submitted the report of the public buildings committee. It recommended that in view of the salary paid the caretaker of the County Court building, some of the cleaning should be done by him. The committee also reported the acceptance of tenders for green wood, \$2.75 per cord; dry wood, \$3; bread, \$5.50 per hundred loaves, for use of the County Jail.

The report was adopted. Adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Third Day.

The council met at 11.30 a. m. After routine, on motion of Coun. Jamieson, the secretary-treasurer was ordered to pay E. A. Scott, overseer of the poor for Canterbury, \$80.

On motion of Coun. Inch, \$35 was ordered to be assessed on Bright for parish contingencies.

Dumfries, 416 22

Kingslear, 173 93

New Maryland, 81 57

North Lake, 5 00

Prince William, 358 57

Queensbury, 326 30

St. Marys, 998 80

Southampton, 909 27

Stanley, 1124 08

\$7,406 71 \$77 96

The following statements show the receipts and expenditures of the municipality of York for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

County rates, \$115,688 00