

York County Council Away to a Good Start

An Interesting Address by the Chaplain, Rev. M. H. Mason Featured the Opening Session—Valuable Historical Data Presented—The Municipality Was Organized in 1855—Members of the Original Council—Many Members Achieved Higher Political Honors.

With Warden Morrison in the chair and all of the members in their places the York Municipal Council made a good start yesterday afternoon with the business of the semi-annual session. The meeting was featured by an interesting address by the Chaplain, Rev. M. H. Mason, who reviewed local events since the last meeting paid tribute to the late Coun. Sanford Pond, and concluded with a historic review of the Municipality. Mention was made of a number of people who had graduated from the council board to the larger arena of politics. He gave a list of the members of the original council then smaller than the present board, three new parishes having since been added. One of the first councillors for the parish of Southamton was the late Thomas Temple who later was elected to the House of Commons for York and afterwards became a senator.

The report of the County Auditor H. G. Hoben was read by Secretary treasurer John S. Scott and was referred to the committee on the secretary treasurer's accounts. It showed a substantial improvement in the municipal finances since the January meeting.

The warden appointed the following a committee on the secretary treasurer's accounts: C. E. Gould, chairman; Ester, Dunphy, Ebbett, Cameron, M. Briggs, Gaynor, W. E. Nason, Wetmore, Graham, Whitehead, Malone, Young, Dobie, Fisher.

CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

Refers Briefly to Outstanding Events of the Past Six Months—An Interesting Historical Sketch of the Municipality of York.

Rev. M. H. Mason, chaplain of the council, on being called upon for an address spoke as follows:

Mr. Warden, and members of the York County Council, permit me to convey my good wishes to the Council for a happy and successful session. We regret that during the course of the year one member of the Council, Mr. Sanford Pond, passed away. A man of fine character, of genial disposition, and of clear constituency, he will be greatly missed by the Council and by the constituency. We are glad to note the addition of a new member. This session is the first summer gathering for the new Council elevated for last January's annual meeting. You have come together from various parts of the County in a time when the country is looking at its best. An abundant supply of sunshine and rain has given a touch of beauty and splendour to fields, forests, rivers, that nature has bestowed upon this country.

Distinguished Visitor

We have been glad to note that during the month of June the County of York was honored by the official visit of Sir William and Lady Clark to the city of Fredericton. As High Commissioner from Great Britain to Canada, Sir William Clark was making his first visit to New Brunswick's capital, and his final tour before departing to take up his duties in South Africa in similar capacity after having filled this office in Canada for a term of six years. He was the first to occupy this position and has filled it with dignity and success. He was officially entertained by the city of Fredericton at the Fredericton Golf Club at luncheon hour, and from there was taken to various parts of the county in that vicinity. After having passed through a portion of the county and having seen something of the splendours of the river valley and the county's far-reaching farm-lands, Sir William Clark expressed himself as being delighted with this portion of the province and as feeling that no province of the whole dominion excelled this in the grandeur of its scenery and beauty of its landscape.

The Dust Menace

We are glad for the happy effect that our province has upon visitors who come into its territories. We deeply regret that the dust menace has offset some of the splendours of our natural scenery in the minds of tourists. We are glad to note that much consideration has been given to the matter by our governments, and that schemes have been advanced for the making of hard-surfaced roads in various parts of the province. We are also glad to note that the towns of Devon and Marysville are very seriously considering falling in line with such a scheme to replace the worn gravel surfaces of the much-travelled portions of their road with permanent paving. We trust that the bodies concerned will be able to attain to practical results in this regard. In the meantime, it is to be hoped that something will be done as in Quebec, province for the laying of dust on its main thoroughfares.

Better Times Coming.

We are glad to note the general feeling that better times are gradually coming about even though developments have been slow. The improvement in lumber markets has greatly helped the whole province including this county, by stimulating activity in woods work and providing increased opportunity for the employment of men. It is gratifying to see that the relief problem in the various parishes has become less serious. We regret that the difficulty of collecting delinquent taxes is still a serious problem with the Council, but we hope that real progress will be made during this session in repairing the Council's financial standing. The bond issue of \$75,000 which was sold at par to the Bank during the last year has no doubt materially aided the situation. The County has been remarkably free from bonded indebtedness for some time, and it is to be hoped that the present debentures will be retired with the same degree of promptness that has characterized the Council during the years of its history.

Harvey Creamery.

The building of the creamery in the Harvey District sounds a note of progress in County affairs. It will be a great asset to those farmers in that region who have been Dominion leaders in recent years in the raising of pure-bred Jersey Cattle. I presume that the matter has reached the stage of definite developments. Such a creamery will probably greatly increase the sale of cream as well as give employment to creamery workers.

Losses by Death

In connection with the life of the County, a distinct loss has been experienced during the year in the death of a number of men among whom outstanding names in addition to that of Mr. Sanford Pond whom we have already named are Geo. T. Pinder and John N. Murray. Mr. George T. Pinder was a son of James K. Pinder, long and faithful servant of the Council and member of the Provincial Legislature. He was an ardent sportsman and fisherman, had conducted a lumbering business and saw-mill for a number of years in the county at Pinder, and in more recent years had established tourist camps at Pokok Falls, one of Nature's beauty spots within the county. Mr. John N. Murray, widely known throughout the County, was a pioneer in the tourist business in the province, and by establishment of a Boy's Camp at Davidson Lake near the St. John River, had attracted many visitors from the United States to this vicinity. He held in later years a responsible position with the Fraser Companies at Cabano, P.Q.

Happy Contacts

Permit me at this time to express my personal pleasure in having been able to meet with the County Council as Chaplain during the last four or five years. Many happy contacts have

been established in that time. It has been a special privilege to become acquainted with the splendid men who have occupied the Chair as Warden. The annual banquet in the York Hotel provided by courtesy of the Warden has been one of the most interesting public functions that I have attended in the city. I have greatly appreciated the splendid type of men whom I have met during these years as members of the Council Council. I have been happy to note the splendid way in which business has been conducted with keen judgment and with a deep sense of obligation of the members both to the constituency which they represent and to the larger interests of the county and province as a whole.

Historic Review.

Having resigned my present position as Pastor of the George Street Baptist Church to take up pastoral work in Vancouver, B.C., I shall find it necessary to sever my relations with this Council as Chaplain. I deeply regret my inability to continue my fellowships with you in person. Anticipating my departure from your midst, I desired to catch a glimpse of some of the more outstanding factors in the history of the Council, and to remind you of them today. I presume that eighty years ago this very season of the year, agitation was under way within this County for the organization of the parishes into a municipality. At least one year later, in 1855, a charter was actually granted to this municipality of York. The charter, dated February 9, reads that the right of incorporation was granted "under the parishes of New Maryland, Kingsclear, Prince William, Dumfries, Stanley, St. Marys, Douglas, Queensbury, and Southamton, being the whole of the county of York except the city of Fredericton." The same charter authorized rate payers in the municipality to "hold real property within the limits of the said municipality, not exceeding at any one time the yearly value of £500."

Original Councillors

I thought that it would be of interest to name the original appointees for the parishes. They were: Hugh Mackay, Asa Dow for Canterbury; Charles Bartlett, Thomas Atherton for Southamton; Thomas Temple, Alfred Whitehead for Dumfries; Israel Atherton, Joseph Parent for Queensbury; James Henry, Charles McCormick for Prince William; Abraham Yerxa and George Nevers for Douglas; Thomas Murray, John W. Barter for Kingsclear; Bernard Elliott, Thomas Pringle for Stanley; Lewis Fisher, Putnam Nason for New Maryland; William Lewis, Calvin Goodspeed for St. Marys. It is stated that Manners-Sutton parish had no councillors elected, but the records show that at a later date the parish itself, lacking initiative, the Council appointed members to represent that area. Other parishes have been added since, McAdam being a part of Dumfries and Prince William, and Bright taking in portions of Queensbury and Douglas, North Lake taking in a portion probably of Canterbury; Marysville and Devon coming to have separate representation by reason of their incorporation as towns. It was originally intended in the petition presented to the Legislature, that the portion of Queensbury and Douglas should be called by the name of the parish of Nacnaquack, though it now carries the name of Bright.

The First Meeting.

You may be interested to know that the first meeting of the Council was held on Friday, December 7, 1855, at the New Market-house, Phoenix Square, used as temporary County Court House. Asa Dow was elected as Secretary-treasurer. The salary it is stated was £25 per annum. Mr. John A. Beckwith, who was the grandfather of the present Chief Justice of New Brunswick, Sir Douglas Hazen, and in later years was provincial secretary, was appointed Auditor at a salary of £15. The first meeting in the new County Court-house was held on the tenth of March, 1857. Up to June 16, 1866, all accounts were figured in English currency.

When Taxes Were Low.

The first assessment through several years seem to have been \$825 or in the neighborhood of \$4,000 a

year. Total assessments in 1866 were apparently just short of \$6,000. It is interesting to compare that with the following figures: The total assessment in 1908 was just over \$23,000, about six times as much as in the first year. It is of interest also to see the growth in assessments since then. For instance, in 1908 it being \$23,000, by 1918 it had become \$52,000, that is, ten years later. Fifteen years later, 1933, the assessment was \$74,500 and over. This year, 1934, the assessment seems to be over \$88,000. In the period since 1908, individual parishes have increased assessments three and four times. New Maryland, for instance, having an assessment of \$219.21 in 1908, in 1933, 25 years later, had an assessment of the amount, \$906.12, four times as great. We hope that the increase in assessments indicates a corresponding increase in the wealth of the parishes, as well as an increased sense of obligation for the needs of the parishes.

River Transportation

When the County Council came into being, river steamers to Woodstock and Florenceville were the chief means of communication, tow-boats having been necessary for use in the drier seasons of the year. The county was much interested in the establishment of railroads providing a subsidy in the form of a bond issue at one time for the New Brunswick Railway from Gibson to Edmundston, a narrow gauge road, opened in 1875. The council was very enterprising in the adventures of the early days, for which fact the County may well be very grateful in the present times, but they were careful in their ventures. The Council has always been characterized by very careful administration of its financial affairs so that it has always maintained a high standard of efficiency and a leading place amongst the counties of the province.

A Breeding Ground

The County Council has always been a breeding ground for the Legislature. Thomas H. Colter, Fred P. Thompson, who afterwards became a senator, and J. K. Pinder will be recalled as members playing a prominent part in provincial affairs. Names of other former councillors will readily come to mind who have been prominent in office in the life of the province, Judge VanWart, for instance, having once been auditor of this Council, ex-Premier and Mr. Justice Richards having been Solicitor for the county for a number of years, John Black, still living in Fredericton, having been for forty two years Secretary-Treasurer. Hon. H. F. McLeod, M. P. at one time County Auditor, later Provincial Secretary and for one term a member of the Legislature, and George F. Burden, who became a member of the Legislature and now resides in Fredericton. Other outstanding names are such as John C. Murray who died twenty seven years ago, and John Scott, father of the present Secretary-Treasurer and Alfred Rowley of Marysville, Spencer Inch, Alanson McNally, John McKeen and Luther Goodspeed will also be remembered as prominent members of the Council, George S. Inch, probably being the oldest living individual who has served on the Council, now living in Maine.

Excellent Wardens

The Council has been singularly fortunate in its choice of wardens. Outstanding amongst them have been Warden Robertson, commonly known as Canterbury Bob, a lumberman and business manager, capable and popular, and J. K. Pinder to whom we have already called attention as a member of the Provincial Legislature and benefactor of a great group of people dependent upon his activities in that part of the county where he lived. It was through his instrumental aid in large measure, that the Otis branch of the now C. P. R. was built. Lewis Fisher, of New Maryland was also an outstanding member in the Warden's chair, as was also Dr. O. E. Morehouse, who later came to serve in the Legislature and is now District Medical Officer.

Other Chaplains

As Chaplain of the County Council during these recent years, I have been privileged to stand in the position honored by the service of two other Chaplains both of whom are rendering outstanding service in other parts of Canada, the Rt. Rev. Charles D. Schofield, now Bishop of the Church of England in B. C., and Dr. G. C. Warren, now editor of the Maritime Baptist, a religious weekly having wide circulation through the provinces.

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NOTICE OF SALE

To CHARLES A. HALL, of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick, Builder, and MARY JANE HALL, his wife, and to all others whom it may in any wise concern:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the twenty-second day of April, A.D. 1919, made between the said CHARLES A. HALL, of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York and Province of New Brunswick, and MARY JANE HALL, his wife, of the first part, and ELWOOD BURTT, of the second part, and Lumberman, of the second part, and duly recorded in York County Records in Book 171, pages 142-144, under official number 6962, the seventh day of May, A.D. 1919, and which said Indenture of Mortgage was duly assigned by the said ELWOOD BURTT to the undersigned Weldon & Henderson, Limited, by Indenture of Assignment bearing date the twenty-first day of October, A.D. 1923, and duly recorded in York County Records in Book 189, pages 598-600, under official number 76814, the will, for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by the said Indenture, default having been made in the payment thereof, contrary to the provisions contained therein, by the said Public Auctioneer, in front of the Post Office in the CITY OF FREDERICTON, on SATURDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of JULY, 1934, at the Hour of TWELVE O'CLOCK, that portion of the said mortgaged lands and premises described as follows, to wit: "ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Fredericton aforesaid and bounded as follows: Commencing on the north west side of York Street at the southerly angle of lot No. 37 deeded to Robert Embleton at a distance along the said street southwesterly one hundred and ten feet (110) from the intersection of the southwest side of Aberdeen Street with the said north west side of York Street, thence along the said York Street southwesterly fifty-five feet (55), thence at right angles northwesterly one hundred and forty-eight feet (148), thence northeasterly parallel to York Street fifty-five feet (55) to the westerly side line of the said lot No. 37, thence along the said side line southeasterly one hundred and forty-eight feet (148) to the place of beginning, containing by the survey of Campbell lands made in the year 1898 and containing thirty poles, more or less." Being the same lands and premises conveyed by Henry Montgomery-Campbell et al to the said Charles A. Hall, by Deed bearing date the ninth day of July, A.D. 1923, and duly recorded in York County Records in Book D 6, pages 502 and 503, under official number 56434 the eighteenth day of July, A.D. 1907.

Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, and the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any manner appertaining. Dated the Tenth day of March, A. D. 1934. WELTON & HENDERSON, LIMITED, (Sgd.) HARVEY WELTON, President. (Sgd.) JOHN HENDERSON, Secretary. HANSON, DOUGHERTY & WEST, Solicitors, Fredericton, N. B.

NOTICE OF SALE

To ALEXANDER GOODINE of the Parish of Kingsclear, in the County of York, in the Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and CLARA GOODINE, his wife, and to all others whom it may in any wise concern:

Take Notice that there will be sold at Public Auction in front of the City Hall in the City of Fredericton, on the TWENTY-FIRST day of JULY, next, at the Hour of Twelve O'CLOCK Noon, all the right, title and interest of the said Alexander Goodine, of the County of York, his wife, in and to the lands and premises described as follows: "ALL that certain strip of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Parish of Kingsclear, and County of Kingsclear, and County aforesaid, and described as follows: Being a strip of land adjoining the lower or easterly side of said strip of land, and being bounded by the upper or westerly line of land formerly owned by the late John C. Hammond, the strip of land being between the mentioned boundary and containing by estimation ten acres, more or less."

"ALSO all that certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate in the Parish of Kingsclear, and County of York, and Province of New Brunswick, bounded as follows: Commencing at a point 24 rods distant from a certain culvert on the Mazerall Road or at the northeast angle of land owned by W. F. Hammond, of the said Albion Goodine; thence extending in the same direction north 56 degrees 50 minutes east 33 rods to a spruce stake; thence in a direction south 33 degrees 10 minutes east to the reserved line; thence along the reserved line southwest to the line of M. F. Hammond; thence following that line to the place of beginning, containing by estimation 74 acres, more or less."

"ALSO all that certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate in the Parish of Kingsclear, and County of York, and Province of New Brunswick, bounded as follows: Commencing at a certain culvert on the Mazerall Road and running in a direction north 56 degrees 50 minutes east a distance of 24 rods; thence in a direction south 33 degrees 10 minutes east to the reserve line; thence follow the reserve line in a westerly direction to the line between the late E. F. Hammond and Burgoyne; thence following that line in a northerly direction to the place of beginning, containing by estimation 54 acres more or less."

Together with the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging. The sale hereinbefore stated will be made under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Twelfth day of July, A.D. 1927, registered in York County Records in Book 202, page 477, and duly assigned by the said ALEXANDER GOODINE and CLARA GOODINE, his wife, of the First Part, and FRANK GUNTER, of the Second Part, default having been made in the payment of principal and interest thereof. Dated this Sixteenth day of June, A.D. 1934. (Sgd.) FRANK GUNTER, Mortgagee.

F. H. PETERS, Solicitor, etc.

Force can keep a man from being bad, but being good must be his own idea.

A genius is so proud of his creative ability that he won't steal any of his stuff.

People who think they pay no taxes don't think a billion dollars is very much.



Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Breakwater Extension, Escuminac, N. B." will be received until 12 o'clock noon (daylight saving, Tuesday, July 17th, 1934, for the construction of a breakwater extension at Escuminac, Northumberland County, New Brunswick.

Plans and form of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of the District Engineer, Old Post Office Building, Saint John, N. B.; Canadian Construction Association (Saint John Branch) 111 Princess Street, Saint John, N. B.; also at the Post Offices at Chatham, Northumberland County, N. B.; Escuminac, Northumberland County, N. B.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with the conditions set forth therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified cheque on a chartered bank in Canada, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 per cent. of the amount of the tender, or Bearer Bonds of the Dominion of Canada or of the Canadian National Railway Company and its constituent companies, unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Dominion of Canada, or the aforementioned bonds and a certified cheque if required to make up an odd amount.

Note.—Blue prints can be obtained at the office of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order, N. DESJARDINS, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, June 22, 1934.



Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Public Building, Dalhousie, N. B." will be received until 12 o'clock noon (daylight saving), Thursday, July 19, 1934, for the construction of a Public Building at Dalhousie, N. B.

Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the offices of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, the Caretaker, Public Building, Fredericton, N. B. the Resident Architect, old Post Office Building, Saint John, N.B. and the Caretaker, Post Office Building, Moncton, N. B.

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NOTE.—Blue prints can be obtained at the office of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$20.00, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order, N. DESJARDINS, Secretary. Dept. of Public Works, Ottawa, June 26, 1934.



Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Public Building, Moncton, N.B." will be received until 12 o'clock noon (daylight saving), Thursday, July 26, 1934, for the construction of a Public Building at Moncton, N. B.

Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at the offices of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, the Caretaker, Public Building, Fredericton, N. B. the Resident Architect, old Post Office Building, Saint John, N.B. and the Caretaker, Post Office Building, Moncton, N. B.

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NOTE.—Blue prints can be obtained at the office of the Chief Architect, Department of Public Works, by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$50.00, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order, N. DESJARDINS, Secretary. Dept. of Public Works, Ottawa, June 22, 1934.