

Want Chairman of Board Of Health Dismissed

Members of County Council Say He is Incompetent and Should Be Removed---Salary of Scott Act Inspector Timmins Voted for a Period of Six Months-- Lively Discussion Over Secretary-Treasurer's Bonds---St. Mary's to be Made a Police District.

The Municipal Council of York held a lengthy session yesterday and transacted much business. A resolution was passed to petition the Provincial Legislature to erect the villages of Gibson and St. Marys into a police district. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to pay Scott Act Inspector Timmins \$250 as salary for the last six months of the present year. The inspector was not present and presented no report. For this he was strongly criticized.

Councillor Pat Graham was against paying the Inspector anything, but several councillors stated that the official had been doing good work. Coun. Douglass of Stanley spoke particularly well of him.

Discussion on the Secretary-Treasurer's bonds was continued. Coun. P. Graham moved that that official pay for his own bonds, but the motion was voted down.

The ferryage rate on each motor vehicle was fixed at thirty cents, the same as for a double team.

Board of Health matters loomed up largely. The report of the chairman, Mr. J. W. Smith, was received, and his bill passed after much opposition and discussion. It was thought at first that Mr. Smith was charging for placarding houses which already had been placarded by physicians who were paid by the County for the work. This was found to be incorrect, however, after a long discussion.

Dr. B. M. Mullin, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, was heard by the Council in this regard.

Although the report was adopted and the bill passed, the Council unanimously passed a resolution recommending to the Provincial Government the removal of Mr. Smith from the chairmanship of the Board of Health.

It also was decided to send no delegates to the meeting of the Union of Municipalities but to retain membership in the union.

The Council met at 2.30 p.m. Wednesday.

Ferry Rates.

Coun. Robert Graham asked that the Council fix the rates to be charged by ferries operated in the county. In some cases exorbitant rates had been

charged on motor vehicles. He moved a resolution, seconded by Coun. Reynolds, that ferryman charge thirty cents, the same as that charged for a double team, on each motor vehicle.

Coun. Thomas Brewer said that at some ferries the charge for a double team was twenty-five cents.

Coun. Alex. Brewer pointed out that passengers in motor vehicles should also be charged for ferryage.

Other councillors opposed the suggestion to charge passengers in motor vehicles.

The motion was carried.

Secretary-Treasurers' Accounts.

Coun. Reynolds submitted the report of the committee on the Secretary-Treasurers' Accounts as follows: To the Warden and County Council of the Municipality of York:

Your committee appointed to audit the books and accounts of the Municipality beg to report:

We find the balance to the credit of the Parish and County fund on 30th November, 1915, was \$4,891.51. Total receipts from Dec. 1st, 1913, to June 30th, 1916, \$12,091.54. Total payments for same period, \$23,024.29. Leaving a balance due the Royal Bank of Canada of \$6,113.24, which balance agrees with the bank book.

The Road Tax Fund shows a balance on hand November, 1914, \$2,385.55. Total receipts since that date, \$1,496.23. Total \$3,881.78. Total payments during the same period, \$2,324.71; leaving a balance on hand of \$1,557.07, which agrees with the bank book.

Allof which is respectfully submitted.

E. N. REYNOLDS
A. B. NEILL
ELWOOD ALLEN
ALEANDER BREWER
CHESLEY HALLETT.

Board of Health Report.

Mr. J. W. Smith, chairman of the Board of Health, submitted a report which mentioned an expenditure of \$158.60 during the first six months of the year.

Coun. Robert Graham stated that Coun. Pickard had a copy of the provincial statistics regarding the Board of Health, and asked that he give the Council some information concerning the matter.

Coun. Pickard was heard. In reply to him, Mr. J. W. Smith, chairman of the Board of Health, stated that it was generally the chairman's duty to placard houses containing cases of infectious diseases, but sometimes the physician in charge did the work.

Coun. Pickard read an extract from the Provincial Health Act showing that the physician was supposed to do the placarding in all cases. Under that section he claimed that the chairman of the Board of Health had no right to placard houses, and the Council was thus paying both physician and chairman for the same work.

McAdam Pound District.

On the motion of Coun. Lawson, it was resolved that no cattle be allowed to run at large in the Parish of McAdam, between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. On his motion Harry Swan was appointed pound keeper and Harry McCollough field driver.

Secretary-Treasurer's Bonds.

Coun. Robert Graham moved, seconded by Coun. Pat Graham, that the Secretary-Treasurer furnish his own

Coun. H. A. Smith.

bonds to the amount of \$10,000.



Councillor H. A. Smith said he was surprised at such a resolution coming before the Council. All officials of any corporation were usually placed under a bond with some surety company, and the same was true of municipalities. He was opposed to asking the Secretary-Treasurer to furnish his own bonds.

Coun. Robt. Graham said that previous to 1914 no money had been charged the county for the Secretary-Treasurers' bonds. The amount previously had been \$20,000, the bondsmen being four citizens of Fredericton. Why had the practice not been continued?

Coun. H. A. Smith—"Because the other way is the more businesslike."

Coun. Pickard said all corporations bonded their own officials. As a member of the bonding committee he believed \$10,000 with a surety company was better than \$30,000 with four residents of the county. He did not think the Council would desire to press those people for \$20,000 if the Secretary-Treasurer should "skip out." The Council was paying for the Secretary-



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Treasurers' bond with a surety company, and that he considered the proper course.

Coun. Pat Graham said that bondsmen in the Parish of Southampton had been called upon to make good for an official in that parish, and the same could be done in the case of the Secretary-Treasurer. It was not reasonable to bond former Secretary-Treasurers for \$20,000 and the present official for \$10,000. He believed that Mr. Bliss was being favored. Following out the same course, the collectors should be allowed to keep one-half of what they secured.

Coun. Pickard pointed out that the Secretary-Treasurer never had as much money as the amount of his bond in his possession. There was no necessity of having a bond larger than \$10,000.

Coun. Douglass said that Coun. Pat Graham hardly could mean that the Secretary-Treasurer kept half of what he collected.

Coun. P. Graham explained that he had no intention of creating that impression.

Motion Voted Down.

The motion of Coun. Robert Graham was lost on the following vote:

Yea—Pat Graham, Hugh Smith, Gould, Manuel, Robert Graham, King, Sloat—7.

Nay—Thompson, Haining, Clarence Grant, Clarkson, Douglass, Lawson, Embleton, Nason, Jones, Hallett, Alex. Brewer, H. A. Smith, Neill, Young, Wetmore, Reynolds, Pickard—18.

Removal Recommended.

Coun. Clarence Grant moved, seconded by Coun. Hugh Smith, that the York County Council make a recommendation to the Provincial Government that a new chairman for the County Board of Health be appointed in the place of Mr. J. W. Smith, the present chairman, as he is getting old.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

On the motion of Coun. Thomas Brewer, Recorder T. H. Colter was heard in regard to having a new typewriter provided for the record office.

On motion it was decided to empower Recorder Colter to purchase a new typewriter.

Union of Municipalities.

Coun. Sloat brought up the matter of membership in the Union of Municipalities. He claimed the County was not getting sufficient return from its membership and, seconded by Coun. Hugh Smith, he moved that connection with the Union be severed.

Coun. Robt. Graham said he always had been opposed to membership in the Union of Municipalities and he would support the motion.

Coun. Hunter said he had attended two sessions of the Union of Municipalities and believed that adequate benefit had not been received by the County of York. The trouble was that the resolutions of the Union never had been followed up.

Coun. Alex. Brewer was of similar opinion, and believed that the withdrawal of York County from the Union might have a beneficial result.

Coun. Allen raised the point that in the matter of reducing telephone rates the Union of Municipalities had done

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