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THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION IS DOWN TO BUSINESS

A Lot of Routine Work Put Through at Friday's Session---Parish Assessments Ordered---Some Interesting Discussions

The Municipal Council Friday afternoon decided to raise the apportionment of \$35,000 for the Patriotic Fund in 1917 by general assessment. The Council also decided to promote legislation to empower the County of York to raise a loan from any chartered bank to meet an overdraft up to the amount of \$30,000. The amount of the bond of the secretary-treasurer was increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

After much discussion it was decided to give a discount of 2½ per cent. on taxes paid within ten days of demand, the discount to be deducted from the percentage allowed collectors, which is to be 5 per cent. in all parishes.

Administration of Justice.

When the Council resumed business Friday afternoon the Administration of Justice Committee was appointed as follows:

Coun. H. A. Smith, Coun. Pickard, Coun. Everett, Coun. Haining, Coun. Sloat, Coun. Douglass.

The matter of the issuing of cheques was again taken up and it was decided that county cheques need be signed by Mrs. W. J. Glenn, county secretary-treasurer, only.

The Patriotic Fund.

Discussion re the Patriotic Fund apportionment was resumed.

Coun. Everett, seconded by Coun. Manuel, moved that the 1917 apportionment amounting to \$35,000, be raised by general assessment.

In amendment Coun. H. A. Smith, seconded by Coun. Robert Graham, moved that part of it be raised by a \$2 poll tax.

The amendment was defeated and the motion carried.

Coun. Pickard presented the report of the Public Accounts Committee, which was received and adopted.

The expenditure in the public accounts amounted to \$357.36 and in the county record office to \$4,650.45.

To Seek Legislation.

Coun. T. M. Brewer moved the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the County Solicitor prepare a bill to procure legislation to empower the Municipality of York to make an overdraft from any chartered bank to the extent of \$30,000, the said amount to be drawn monthly subject to the written order of the Finance Committee to the manager of the said bank when overdraft is made, as to amount required each month, that is, the Finance Committee of the York County Council shall hand to the manager of the said bank a written order for the amount they

will allow the Secretary-Treasurer to disburse the following month.

Coun. Young seconded the resolution, which was carried.

Coun. Robt. Graham suggested that the 5 per cent. allowed tax collectors might be cut in two.

Coun. Pat Graham stated that the percentage was fixed by law and could not be altered.

County Solicitor Feeney differed from this opinion and said the percentage could be altered at the will of the Council as long as 10 per cent. for assessing and collecting was not exceeded.

Bond Increased.

On the motion of Coun. Grant, seconded by Coun. Young, the secretary-treasurer's bond was increased in amount from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

On the motion of Coun. Robert Graham the matter was reconsidered, but no different action was taken.

After discussion on the question of engaging the services of an auditor, on the motion of Coun. Robert Graham, decision was deferred.

Collectors' Percentage.

Coun. Robert Graham again brought up the matter of collectors' percentage.

Coun. Manuel was of the opinion that each parish could set the percentage to be allowed collectors and assessors.

County Solicitor Feeney quoted from the act and gave the opinion that the councillors could make the percentage anything they liked if 10 per cent. was not exceeded.

Coun. Sloat, seconded by Coun. Everett, moved to give a discount of 2½ per cent. on taxes paid within ten days of demand, the same to be deducted from the collectors' percentage. The motion was carried.

Coun. Thompson said that it should lie with the councillors of each parish to fix the percentage.

After discussion the motion was passed and the percentage for collectors made 5 per cent. for all parishes. Parish assessments were passed as follows:

Kingsclear.
Support of poor \$500.00
Provincial Hospital 104.00
Parish clerk 4.00
District clerk 3.00
Assessors to be paid 3 p.c.

Prince William.
Support of poor \$60.00
Provincial Hospital 52.00
Parish clerk 3.00

Assessors to be paid 5 p.c.
Bright.

Support of poor \$250.00
Parish clerk 5.00
Parish clerk 9.00
Assessors to be paid 2½ p.c.
Queensbury.

Support of poor \$500.00
Provincial Hospital 104.00
Parish clerk 5.00
District clerk 3.00
Assessors to be paid 4 p.c.
Southampton.

Support of poor \$400.00
Provincial Hospital 165.00
Assessors to be paid 3 p.c.
North Lake.

Support of poor \$400.00
Parish clerk 5.00
Assessors to be paid 3 p.c.
Dumfries.

Support of poor \$250.00
Provincial Hospital 52.00
Parish clerk 10.00
Assessors to be paid 4 p.c.
Stanley.

Support of poor \$600.00
Provincial Hospital 156.00
Parish clerk 6.00
Assessors to be paid 2½ p.c.
Canterbury.

Support of poor \$450.00
Provincial Hospital 200.00
Parish clerk 10.00
District clerk 6.00
Assessors to be paid 3½ p.c.
McAdam.

Support of poor \$250.00
Parish indebtedness 550.00
Parish clerk 5.00
Miscellaneous purposes 500.00
Election expenses 12.00
Assessors to be paid 3½ p.c.
New Maryland.

Parish clerk \$4.00
Assessors to be paid 3 p.c.
Douglas.

Support of poor \$ 9.00
Provincial Hospital 208.00
Parish clerk 7.50
District clerk 16.00
Election expenses 20.00
Assessors to be paid 2½ p.c.
St. Marys.

Support of poor \$1,100.00
Provincial Hospital 208.00
Parish clerk 6.00
District clerk 2.00
Election expenses 36.00
Assessors to be paid 3 p.c.
Thursday Morning.

Thursday morning's proceedings were as follows:

The report of the committee on the Secretary-Treasurer's accounts was: To the Warden and County Council of the Municipality of York.

Your committee have examined the receipts and payments of the late Secretary-Treasurer, dating from December 1st, 1915, to December 29th, 1916, and compared same with the report of the special auditor, and find that they agree.

Owing to the very unsatisfactory state of affairs it is impossible to make the usual full report.

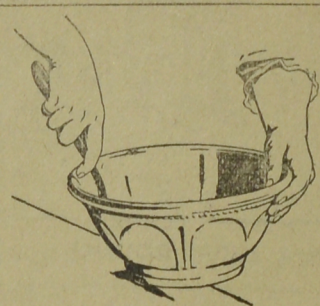
Several items of expenditure we wish to bring before the full board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ERNEST W. STAIRS,
Chairman.

CHESLEY HALLETT
HANFORD SLOAT.
GEORGE H. YOUNG
ROBT. H. GRAHAM.
Parish and County Account.

Receipts.
To No. 30, 1916 \$44,095.82
Amounts received but not credited, July 1st to Nov. 30th, 1916 427.18
Dec. 1st to 29th, 1916 2,762.00
Total \$47,285.00
Total payments Dec. 1st, 1915, to Dec. 29th, 1916 45,601.23
Balance \$1,683.77
Road Account.
Receipts to Dec. 29, 1916 \$10,186.48



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Balance \$4,148.32
Supervisors' and collectors' returns not all received for completion of this report.

Report on Gaol.

The report upon the county gaol was received and bills passed.

Coun. Pat Graham remarked that the place must be clean, judging from the quantity of soap used. Comment also was made concerning the quantity of molasses consumed.

Coun. Young reported that the special committee to inspect the gaol had obtained the following data concerning prisoners during the year 1916:

Total number of prisoners 129
Average per month 10.75
Total days served 1410
Average per sentence 118.5
Criminal prisoners 102
Total days served by them 1347
Debtor prisoners 27
Total days served by them 75

Coun. Young said that the committee had found things satisfactory at the gaol. It had been explained by Gaoler Timmins that the ration of molasses added to the bread and water had greatly reduced the bills for medical attendance.

Coun. Clarkson confirmed the report. The report was received and adopted.

Accounts of 1915.

Coun. Sloat asked if Thos. V. Williams had been authorized to audit the 1915 accounts.

Warden Neill said he had not. The deficiency was very slight in that year and he believed that the county would lose little if an audit of the 1915 accounts were made.

Coun. Hugh Smith, seconded by Coun. R. Graham, moved that Mr. Williams be asked to audit the 1915 accounts after they had been made up by Mrs. Glenn, secretary-treasurer.

Coun. H. A. Smith thought a committee should be appointed to interview Mrs. Glenn to have her get the accounts in shape, and then arrange with Mr. Williams for an audit. He moved to that effect in amendment. The amendment was carried.

The Council then adjourned.

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