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York County Council Raise Peddlers' License Fee

York Municipal Council Yesterday Decided to
Take Steps to Protect Country Grocer — Fee
Raised From \$25 to \$50—Discussion on County
Debt, Deficit Greater.

The York Municipal council at its session yesterday afternoon discussed the matter of peddling throughout York county and its threat to the livelihood of the smaller country grocer, and took steps to raise the license fee from \$25 to \$50 for qualified resident ratepayers and a motion was put through to this effect.

The county council also discussed the debt of the county and pointed to the increased deficit during the past year.

A motion by Councillor John Doherty asking permission of the council for a recess of half an hour to visit the Victoria Public Hospital was defeated. Coun. Waugh said he thought it would be an imposition to visit the hospital in a body on such a hot day.

Coun. Norrad bought up the subject of peddlers in the county. He said that the general merchants are the heaviest ratepayers throughout the county. He moved that it be ordained by the York county council that the fee to be paid by peddlers in York county be \$35 for qualified resident ratepayers in York county; for other than qualified resident ratepayers that \$100 be the fee. He wished this to become a by-law. The motion was seconded by Coun. Barry.

Solicitor Arthur McF. Limerick pointed out that the matter would first have to be referred to the committee on by-laws. Councillor Barry said that the storekeepers who are high ratepayers have been carrying people for a long time and he thought that the council should do something to protect them.

Councillor Nason pointed out that the country stores had to keep the residents supplied with groceries seven months of the year. Coun. Malone moved that there be a recess of fifteen minutes to give the committee on by-laws an opportunity to meet. The recess was taken. Following recess the committee on by laws recommended the adoption of the resolution. Coun. Morrison believed that the peddlers were doing a good service to residents of the rural districts. He said that the country store should compete with them.

Peddlers Fees Raised

"Competition is the life of trade," said Coun. Graham. The only persons hurt by peddlers' competition are the storekeepers, and they are in the minority. Councillor Barry said that

storekeepers pay \$25 to \$30 taxes per year and he candidly believed that if it hadn't been for the storekeepers in York county a great many more people would be on direct relief. He moved an amendment to make the peddlers' license fee for qualified resident ratepayers \$50 rather than \$25 and it was carried. Coun. Wright said that the country people cannot come into Fredericton to do business, that is, outside the market. He realized we are living in change of time but he believed that the people from the city should be restricted. Solicitor Limerick pointed out that every resident of York county can do business in Fredericton upon payment of the proper fee.

Coun. Hiram Manuel said that the store men in the country are assessed heavily, and he wanted to know why the peddlers shouldn't pay something since they cannot be assessed.

Councillor Manzer said that credit, extended to rural residents used to be paid up when they had cash available, but with the peddlers taking all the available cash the people haven't any money left to pay up their credit.

Coun. Norrad said that the valuation books in his parish showed that storekeepers paid the highest tax in Stanley. Since Coun. Barry signed the original resolution calling for a \$25 fee he was out of order in moving an amendment calling for a \$50 fee. So Coun. Norrad made the motion and it was seconded by Coun. Briggs. The by-law was moved to be enacted with the amendment and was carried.

Coun. Malone moved that the delegates to the 1936 convention of the Union of the New Brunswick Municipalities be elected. The convention will be held at Newcastle but the date has not yet been set. The delegates elected were Councillors Clair McKnight, B. O. Waugh, and A. C. Wetmore. Councillor Grant said that the county was not in as good condition this year as last year, although the county received and spent more money than last year. The ordinary receipts from January to July were increased over twelve and a half per cent, while disbursements were increased fourteen and a half per cent, over the same period last year. The deficit last year was over \$3,000 while this year it is over \$9,000. He made a motion that some part of the January session be devoted to a conference of

THE HIGHLAND CLANS AND THEIR CUSTOMS

The Highlands include the whole of the counties of Bute, Argyll, Inverness, Cromarty, Ross, Sutherland, and Caithness and also part of the counties of Dumfries, Stirling, Perth, Aberdeen, Banff and Moray. The whole of the Hebrides which lie within these counties also belong to the Highlands.

The Celts of the Highlands are a section of the numerous Celtic people which once occupied Gaul and all the other parts of Western Europe, but in time were driven by Romans, Teutons and Goths into the mountainous parts of Spain, France and the British Isles. The Basques of Spain, the Anvergnese and Bretons of France and the inhabitants of Wales, Anglesea, the Isle of Man the Irish and the Highlanders are all really one people of common descent. Even until the present day they have a greater or less resemblance in language manners and physical features.

The use of the tartan had continued from earliest times among the Highland Clans. Originally the costume was little more than a loose piece of cloth wrapped about the body and loins with a piece hanging down to cover the upper part of the legs. In time a separate piece formed the kilt while another piece was thrown loosely over the shoulders as a mantle or plaid.

In England a mistake is often committed in respect to the meaning of the word plaid. The true meaning

councillors, one from each parish to report on plans and expectations of reducing their debt. He declared that the county debt is now between \$90,000 and \$100,000, and he said that last year the parish of Southampton was the only parish to pay anything on its debt. The parishes are not assessing enough.

Coun. Manuel considered the \$3,500 assessed by the county to be ample for indebtedness. Coun. Grant did not consider this amount enough. Coun. Grant's motion was carried.

Coun. Morrison moved a resolution of condolence to the relatives of Ex-Warden Byron F. McNally who died in the west recently. A letter of condolence will be sent to the relatives. A committee composed of Councillors Morrison, Dobie and Robertson was named to look after this matter.

Upon motion by Councillor Grant the Municipal Home commission met after the regular meeting of the council.

of the word is a mantle or searf to be thrown over the shoulders. The English however use it to mean a chequered cloth. They also mispronounce the word, which should rhyme with "laid."

As modernized by the Highland regiments the kilt is one of the most graceful and picturesque costumes to be found in the world.

In ancient times the Celts wore no shoes or covering for the legs. Only occasionally they wore pieces of hide called brogues tied with a thong. The introduction of shoes, and hose formed from the same tartan cloth as the kilt is comparatively modern.

The coat now worn is of course quite modern having come in use when the shoulder plaid was laid aside.

The bonnet has for ages been a part of Highland dress and became so associated with them that the cry "The Blue Bonnets are over the Border," meant that a party of Scottish raiders had crossed into England on one of their hostile expeditions. The true Highland bonnet is small, either round or peaked in front and dark blue or gray in color. In fancy dress the bonnet occasionally had a band of tartan.

The full dress of Highland gentlemen was always ornamented with sword, baldric, dirk, large brooches, buckles, shot pouch and purse. The purse of sporan was always the most important part of the costume.

It was formed of the skin of a wild animal with the hair on and hung down in front tied with a band to the waist, in such a manner as to fall easily on the lap and not hinder the legs in walking. It was usually ornamented with silver tags or tassels and a flap covering the mouth was sometimes ornamented with the head of a fox. In ancient times they bore a similar wallet somewhat smaller than the present military knapsack at the right side for bullets and provisions. This was called "dorlach." The sporan easily lends itself to much ornament, but according to the best taste when too large hides the beauty of the kilt.

Among the Highlanders the piper was an important member of the tribe in peace and war. The composer of a pibroch was held in as high estimation among them as the composer of an opera is today. A pibroch was a musical recitation of certain events whose character it was meant to represent. If it referred to a battle as most did, it described the advance, the charge, the

SCIENTISTS WATCH STAR BURST IN THE YEAR 1,000 B. C.

WILLIAMS BAY, Wis., July 10—Old Mother Earth watched from a box seat tonight as one of the rarest shows ever since the universe began—a star explosion that happened long before the shepherds saw the star of Bethlehem.

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It was so bright he could see it without the telescope. It lay on the boundary line between two constellations, Cepheus and La Certa, which are in the northeastern sky at sunset and directly overhead in early morning.

At Yerkes Observatory of the University of Chicago here, Dr. Otto Struve announced that the star had been on astronomers' maps since 1893, and had not gotten any brighter by 1930, when its picture was last snapped.

slaughter, the victory, the lament for the slain and the return home.

But, a writer on the Highlands gives this description of a piper's duties:

"In the morning when the chief is dressing, he walks backwards and forwards close to the window, out-of-doors, playing on his bagpipes with a most upright attitude and majestic stride. 'The stately step of a piper,' is a proverb in the Highlands. He plays at meals and in the evening to divert the guests when the chief has company. He accompanies the chief on a journey or at a visit. His gilly carries the pipes when he is not playing for the piper is always a gentleman."

In ancient times on occasions of ceremony, as for instance a visit to a neighboring chief, the chief was attended by a retinue called his "tail." This was composed of his henchman, his bard or poet, his swordsmen, the bearer of his claymore, a gilly to carry him across fords, a guide who led him over dangerous passes, a gilly to carry his baggage, his piper, and the piper's gilly who carried the bagpipes.

Today though clanship has been broken up, every true Highlander in the furthest corner of the earth can tell who his chief is, the appearance of his tartan and what badge he should wear in his bonnet.

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