

County Councillors Held A Night Session

First Held in Fourteen Years, Warden Gaynor Notes—Business Cleared Up For Final Items Today—Auditor H. G. Hoben Found Not At Fault Respecting Report, Councillors "Misunderstood"—Bear Bounty Asked to be Re-established—Costs of Administration of Justice to City and County.

Holding the first night session in a period of fourteen years the York County Municipal Council last night cleared the way for final business items to take place on Saturday morning, and wind up the 1935 session. The session last night was a brief one, lasting only from 7.30 until 9 o'clock but a number of matters were disposed of.

One was the matter of the bounty on bears which Councillor Wright brought up at the last minute moving that a resolution be sent to the government to have the bounty of \$5 on bears re-established. The motion was seconded by Councillor Saunders and carried.

Other matters at the evening session were reports from delegates on the Union of Municipalities convention held during the fall, the referring of certain proposals re taxes to the by-laws committee for consideration, and in a more social vein, the re-reading of the word pictures of his fellow-councillors by Councillor C. L. Grant on which he was congratulated lavishly.

Auditor Not at Fault

One of the most important matters during the afternoon sitting was the motion passed respecting the auditor's reports which several of the councillors had termed incomplete at the opening of the convention. The resolution that was passed yesterday afternoon absolved H. G. Hoben the auditor from all blame as to the report's make-up and incorporated a "misunderstanding" on behalf of the councillors. The report was properly drawn up by the auditor.

Opening the evening session Warden Gaynor pointed out that it was the first time in fourteen years that it had been found necessary to hold a night session. Ex-Warden Fred Seymour briefly addressed the council. He was a former representative of Douglas.

Licensing Dogs

Coun. John F. Doherty of Kingsclear brought up the matter of licensing and tagging of dogs. There was much discussion on this. The committee named to deal with the matter of licensing dogs had not yet made its report, Warden Gaynor noted during discussions.

The report of the committee which interviewed the Union of Municipalities convention was given by Ex-Warden Marsh, Coun. Dunphy also referred to the Union of Municipalities Convention.

Tax Changes

By-laws proposed early in the meeting which were referred to the by-laws committee, were as follows:—

"Any ratepayer who pays his taxes on or before June 30 of the year in which such taxes are assessed against him shall be allowed a discount of 2½ per cent, to be deducted by the collector from the amount of the tax bill.

"The collectors of rates shall be allowed a commission of 2½ per cent on all taxes collected by the secretary treasurer under the provisions of sections 151 to 162 of the Rates and Taxes Act.

"On all other taxes collected such collector shall be allowed a commission of five per cent.

"On all other taxes collected such year the collector should give to the councillors of their respective parishes a time statement of the annual returns made by them to the secretary-treasurer up to Nov. 30 of that year."

Warden Gaynor congratulated those who reported on the Municipalities convention, saying it was a most comprehensive report.

J. B. McNair, solicitor pointed out other features of the meeting. He has been secretary of that body since 1927. A vote of thanks was voted to J. B. McNair for what he has taken in the advancing of the interests of the Municipalities.

Vote of Thanks

Warden Gaynor moved a vote of thanks to Warden C. L. Grant, calling him the "poet laureate" of the York Municipal Council for the verses he recited during the warden's dinner. Coun. Grant re-read the verses last night.

Coun. Wright again mentioned the matter of the dog tax. He moved that a resolution be sent to the government to have the bounty of \$5 on bears re-established. The motion was seconded by Coun. Saunders and carried.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

The council opened its afternoon

session at 3 P. M. Couns. Griffin, Grant, and Dunphy were appointed by the chair as a committee to look into the dog tax matter and report at the evening session.

Councillor Dobie presented the report of the Administration of Justice which was received and placed on file.

Councillor Cameron moved, seconded by Coun. Saunders that the grant to the Victoria Public Hospital be the same as last year, \$500., and the motion carried.

The appointment of valuates was next taken up and the council temporarily adjourned till the committee selected its valuates.

Administration Report

The report of the administration of Justice for the municipality of York and the City of Fredericton showed the following figures:

Department	City	County	Total
Constable	\$ 27.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 81.00
Ct. House	575.57	1,151.14	1,726.71
Witnesses	173.30	350.60	523.90
Jail	836.36	836.36	1,672.72
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& Co.	1,070.07	2,140.14	3,210.21
Sheriff	286.94	573.88	860.82
Jury	\$186.13	372.27	558.40
Total	\$3,157.37	\$5,478.39	\$8,635.76

The practice has been for the county to pay twice the amount of the city for such administration of Justice in the county in the jail which expense is divided 50-50.

Valuators Named

The report of a committee moved to appoint valutors for a period of ten years was received.

Walter Kierstead was named valuator for Route 2; Burns Akerly was named for Route No. 1, and H. H. Pickard was named for Route 3. These men are appointed every ten years, the last election being in 1925.

Coun. B. O. Waugh gave a report of a special committee on finance matters and it was adopted. The report was taken up section by section and each section respectively adopted.

Tax Collectors

Coun. Dr. Robertson brought up the matter of tax collectors for the parish of Bright and said he and his colleague, Coun. Estey cannot agree. The Council asked that the disagreement be explained, and Coun. Estey explained it saying that he had recommended one and his colleague, Coun. Robertson, another. Coun. Robertson moved that the present tax collector, Fred Coburn remain as at present. He was willing to remove the present one if his colleague could find any legitimate reason. Coun. Estey recommended E. E. Gilmour. The council balloted on it with Mr. Coburn was elected by one vote.

Coun. Graham introduced a motion regarding auditor's report. It read, whereas certain statements at this session the council the report on the Secretary-Treasurer's accounts, which were published in the press appeared to reflect upon the work of H. G. Hoben, the co-auditor, and whereas the auditor's work and his report the past year, have followed the lines and form of previous years and any fault was due entirely to the omission to print and publish the detailed accounts of the secretary, for which omission the auditor was in no way responsible.

Therefore resolved that this council desires to correct any impression that may have gone abroad of criticism or dissatisfaction with the auditor's work when in fact his work and services have been most thorough and satisfactory. The motion was seconded by Coun. Robertson.

Coun. Dr. Robertson pointed out that this matter was all a misunderstanding on the part of the council. What the council was confused about was the lack of detail and Coun. Robertson made it clear that the auditor was in no sense to blame.

Coun. Graham agreed with Coun. Robertson. The meeting adjourned at 4 P. M., and the Municipal Home committee met.

An Oklahoma pastor confesses to his congregation that he has heard the call of money, much to the astonishment of most congregations, which have made up their budgets on the theory that parsons were deaf to this call.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

ST. STEPHEN, Jan. 10.—The Teachers' Council of the Union Street Baptist Sunday school was held in the vestry on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, when an excellent supper was served, followed by a business session. The committee in charge were Mrs. Wesley McKay, Mrs. Arlo Hayman, Mrs. Fred Richardson and Miss Gertrude Merritt, who are to be congratulated for the way they handled the whole affair. After the supper a business session was held, with the president, Rev. Dr. W. C. Goucher, in the chair. Following the business program all the teachers and Sunday school officials attended the week of prayer meeting in the Baptist church when Adj. Rex of the Salvation Army was the principal speaker, assisted by Rev. Dr. Goucher, who for over forty years had been pastor of the church. Other ministers who took part were Rev. J. T. Ibbott, rector of Trinity church; Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick, pastor of McColl United Church; Rev. Lloyd Fulford, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. L. E. Ackland, B.A., B.D., the new pastor of Union Street Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Ackland and his esteemed wife were also the guests at the supper, as was Mrs. W. C. Goucher.

At the regular meeting of Victoria Temple No. 2. Pythian Sisters, held in Castle Hal on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, the officers for the ensuing year were duly installed by Mrs. Olive Coffey, past chief, assisted by past grand chief Mrs. George Polley, as grand senior, and past grand chief Mrs. Jennie Southard as grand manager. The officers for 1935 are: Past Chief, Mrs. Lorina Johnson; Most Excellent Chief, Miss Annie Breen; Excellent Junior, Mrs. Bertie Mills; Manager, Mrs. Viola Lee; M. of R. and C., Miss Alice Logan; Mistress of Finance, Mrs. Vashti Johnson; Protector, Mrs. Lou Humphrey; Guard, Miss Pauline Little. There was a large number of the members present and a royal good time was spent. Refreshments were served and gifts distributed from a large decorated Xmas tree.

The week of prayer meetings being held in the different churches are well attended and some very inspiring and worthwhile sessions are enjoyed, from which much good will be felt.

The death on Tuesday night at his home on Water street of Mr. John Shaughnessy, aged 90, removes one of our oldest and best known citizens. Up until New Year's Day, Mr. Shaughnessy had enjoyed the best of health, but New Year's Night he was taken suddenly ill and had been confined to his bed until he passed away. Born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1844, he came to Canada with his parents when he was a child. His parents settled in St. Stephen, where they died shortly after coming here. The deceased's brother, Patrick Shaughnessy, passed away a few years ago, aged 100 years. There is just one of the original family left, a sister, Mrs. J. D. Bonness, who resides in St. Stephen. There are two daughters and two sons, Mrs. John Daley, of Bangor, Me., and Mrs. John M. Elmore, Sydney street, Saint John, and Joseph Shaughnessy, at home, and Arthur, of Oakland, Calif. Eight grandchildren also survive.

The late Mr. Shaughnessy was well known in Maine as well as New Brunswick, as he was for over 35 years a customs officer in different places along the border, but for the last seventeen years had been living a quiet life, having retired from actual service.

A Dr. Podalsky prescribes the Toreador song from "Carmen" in treating low blood pressure. For stubborn cases we advise "Pop Goes My Heart".

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