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TAXES WILL BE LOWER IN COUNTY THIS YEAR

A Substantial Cut in the Assessment Ordered by the Municipal Council—Auditor McLeod Has His Salary Boosted From \$150 to \$200—Coun. Pat Graham's Resolution Condemning the Local Government for Imposing Direct Taxation Shelved Until July

The Municipal Council adjourned yesterday afternoon, after accomplishing a considerable amount of business. The resolution of Coun. Pat Graham criticizing the legislation of the provincial government by which the burden of the support of pauper patients at the Provincial Hospital, and calling for its amendment, was laid over until the July session of the council. Frantic efforts were made by Conservative heeled and other members of that party to have Coun. Graham withdraw his resolution but shortly before adjournment the councillor asked for it to be placed before the council. The steam roller was then called into requisition and discussion was choked off until next session.

During the afternoon the report of the Assessment Committee was presented and caused much discussion. Coun. Sterling, chairman of the committee, drew attention to the fact that the assessment was the lowest in many years. Coun. Pickard of Marysville, criticized the holding of a surplus in the bank as large as that now there, about \$13,000, and advocated a still lower assessment and a smaller surplus. In the discussion on the matter the council appeared to be about equally divided.

The report of the Scott Act Committee showed a balance on hand of about \$500.

FINAL SESSION.

Council resumed at 2.30. Coun. Neil was elected to the board of trustees of Victoria Hospital.

Coun. Cowperthwaite brought up the matter of circus licenses. After some discussion the matter was laid over until July.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS REPORT.

Coun. Sterling introduced the report of the Public Accounts Committee, which was as follows: To the Warden and County Council of the Municipality of York:

We recommend that the following amounts to be assessed on the county for county purposes for the year:

Constables	\$ 200
Coroners	100
County Buildings	2,000
Lunatics	2,000
Miscellaneous	600
Revisors	700
Salaries	600
Sheriff	2,250
Witnesses	250
Less Fredericton's share of Administration of Justice Account.	1,763.31

To pay Board of Health

Total

QUESTION OF ASSESSMENT.

Coun. Sterling said the assessment was the lowest in thirty years. There was a reduction of about forty per cent., \$2,000. This was done in spite of the increased cost of living.

Coun. Pickard was glad to see the assessment lowered but it should be lowered still further. It was not good business for the county to be carrying a balance in the bank and not lower the assessment further. There was much kicking in the Town of Marysville with the county holding money in the bank. He felt the assessment could well be lowered.

Coun. Sterling replied that the ratepayers of Marysville should be gratified on account of that surplus, which was to their advantage. A margin of \$2,000 was not sufficient on which to carry on the county business. School drafts amounting to \$3,600 had to be met semi-annually in February and August. A surplus of \$2,000 would not meet those drafts, as no taxes could be brought in before

February. Assessments were not made up until March. Nothing but a surplus between \$5,000 and \$6,000 was necessary if money was not to be borrowed by the county at 6 per cent.

He understood that the principal of the Fredericton Business College had said that York County should be ashamed of having a surplus. He differed from him. The ratepayers were saved \$500 annually in taxes by the county having a surplus in the bank.

Coun. Pickard said that Coun. Sterling's remarks sounded very well, but they did not change his mind.

Coun. Neil said the ratepayers of St. Mary's took the same view as did those of Marysville. It did not look like business to him to have \$12,000 or 14,000 lying in the bank, drawing four per cent. interest, when the people had to pay six per cent.

Coun. Sloat said his constituents took a very similar view of the matter.

Coun. Harry Smith said that he had had similar views expressed, but after entering the Assessment Committee and hearing Coun. Sterling's argument, he had changed his mind. He advised slow progress on this question. A cut in surplus would mean a jump in assessment next year and that was the year when the election had to be run.

Coun. Stairs thought the surplus of \$5,000 was sufficient.

Coun. Cowperthwaite favored a surplus of the same size.

Coun. Reynolds pointed out that \$2,300 of the surplus belonged to individual parishes.

Coun. Thompson counselled against haste in the matter of reducing the surplus. The latter had its value.

Coun. Pat Graham expressed pleasure because the tax-rate was going down. He hoped it could be reduced still further.

The report was adopted on motion.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS REPORT.

Coun. Pickard presented the report of the Public Accounts Committee as follows: To the Warden and County Council of the Municipality of York:

Your committee on Public Accounts beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts submitted to us and recommend that the following be paid:

BOARD OF HEALTH ACCOUNTS.

Geo. Y. Dibble	\$ 3.70
Geo. T. Dunham	1.30
Dr. B. M. Mullin	15.00
George Estey	13.56
Dr. Gardiner, medical services	20.00
J. W. Smith, chairman Board of Health	56.20
Alex. Brewer, burying horse	1.50
Alex. Brewer, treasurer Board of Health, \$8.50, passed at	5.75
Dr. J. T. Gardiner, secretary Board of Health, \$14.00, passed at	10.70

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

McMurray & Co., stationery, secretary treasurer's office	\$ 1.60
McMurray & Co., stationery, County Court	10.16
McMurray & Co., stationery, Record Office	5.79
Mail Publishing Company, advertising	2.50
C. W. Hall, stationery, for County Council	23.90
C. W. Hall, stationery, secretary treasurer's office	1.75
Dr. A. E. Gardiner, McAdam	21.90
T. H. Colter, registrar, ribbons for typewriter, etc	5.70
T. H. Colter, registrar, postage, one year	27.90
T. A. Wilson, three maps of N.B.	5.25
Expenses Building Committee	40.00
Expenses Administration of Justice Committee	12.50
Committee Room, Jan. 9, 1914.	

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BIG FUND HAS BEEN RAISED

Belfast Unionists Claim to Have Collected Five Million Dollars

Will be Used to Indemnify Relatives of Those Who May be Killed in War Over Home Rule

Belfast, Ireland, Jan. 9.—A fund has been raised amounting to \$5,000,000, to indemnify the relatives of those who may be killed or wounded among the Ulster Unionist volunteers in resisting Home Rule, according to an announcement made today by Captain James Craig, Unionist member for East Down, Ulster, at a gathering of Unionists here. He said the sum required had been exceeded.

The utilization of the indemnity fund is contingent on hostilities occurring between the Unionists of Ulster and the Irish government after the introduction of Home Rule.

The Unionists declare that their plans are complete to resist Home Rule by armed force. They have raised an army alleged to be composed of thousands of disciplined men under the leadership of retired officers of the British navy and assert they will defy any measure of the government sitting at Dublin.

The activity of the movement caused the government to issue a proclamation prohibiting the importation of arms and ammunition and several consignments have been seized on their arrival in Ulster.

-SOCIETY EVENTS-

Now that the Christmas rush is over, social functions are being resumed with a vim. Quite the most notable affair of the week was the dance given at Elmcroft, the beautiful home of Mrs. Ketchum. Like all other affairs given by this charming hostess it proved a decided success. Mrs. Ketchum received in the reception room, and wore a black satin gown with sequin trimmings, and wore diamond ornaments. Miss Stopford received with her aunt, and wore a black satin gown veiled in black and gold dotted net. The spacious living room and dining rooms, were used for dancing, and were prettily festooned with Christmas decorations. On the mantles were red poinsettias and ferns, and all the electrolights were shaded with red shades. O'Brien's orchestra dispersed sweet music for a program of fourteen dances, and the two extras were played by the Misses Kathleen Holden and Katherine Lynch. Among those who attended were Judge and Mrs. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Lyne Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Babitt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. FitzRandolph, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. George Howie, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. MacCunn, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Judah, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander Thompson, Mr. and Miss Brown, Dr. and Miss Holden, Misses Sherman Winslow, Lynch, Thompson Taylor, Crockett, Massey Hilda Gregory, Laurence Bailey, Myrtle Lotimer, Louise Sterling, Zillah Edgecombe, Jean Wilson, Messrs. Winslow Giles, Montgomery, Oddy, Hipwell, Flett, Burton, Cruikshank, Kuhring, Scovill, Edgecombe, Barker, Vanwart and Mr. Fortune of Winnipeg.

Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen returned on Thursday from Winnipeg after a most enjoyable visit with their sons, Messrs. Charles and Kenneth Allen. Mr. Robert Fortune returned with Dr. and Mrs. Allen and is at present visiting them.

At Mrs. Sterling's bridge on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. John Campbell won the prize.

Mrs. W. S. Thomas has invitations out for a bridge on Friday afternoon. The different classes will be resumed next week. Private dancing classes are also being started.

Mrs. J. B. Gillespie of St. John is visiting Mrs. Albert Edgecombe.

Mrs. Thomas Fowler has invitations out for a bridge at her residence on Friday evening in honor of Miss Mabel Sterling.

Senator Thompson returned to

STOCK MARKET IS SLUGGISH

An Absence of Bull Manipulation is Still Quite Noticeable

Tendency to Exaggerate the Significance of President's Forthcoming Message

New York, Jan. 10.—The course of yesterday's Stock Market very clearly disclosed a substantial underlying buying power. There is still an absence of bull manipulation and concerted support but the scattered demand for stocks at this level promises to absorb any offerings made by professional interests, based on current unfavorable news. Bear interests will perhaps try to make capital out of the government's refusal to compromise the sugar suit and there is a tendency on the part of the republican press to exaggerate the significance of forthcoming presidential message to congress on the so-called trusts. Everybody knows, or should know, that the President will insist that the Sherman law be so amended that there can be no mistake in its observation.

(Quotations by J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Bankers and Brokers.)

	Open	Close
Copper	71 1/2	72
Smelters	63 1/2	64
Brooklyn	88 1/2	88 1/2
C.P.R.	206 1/2	208 1/2
Great Northern	107 1/2	107 1/2
Northern Pacific	109 1/2	109 1/2
Pennsylvania	110 1/2	110 1/2
Reading	169 1/2	169 1/2
Union Pacific	156 1/2	157 1/2
U.S. Steel	58 1/2	59 1/2
Total Sales, 140,500 shares.		

LEAH KLESCHNA AT THE GAIETY THEATRE

Miss Charlotta Nilsson World Famous Actress in Title Role of Four Part Adaptation of Well-Known Drama

"Leah Kleschna" the internationally famous play by the noted dramatist, C. M. S. McClellan, interpreted by the distinguished American actress, Charlotta Nilsson, in four parts, each part representing a complete act will be the feature offering at the Gaiety Theatre on Monday and Tuesday January 12th and 13th.

This production the output of the Famous Player! Film Company which is promoted by Daniel Frohman and other theatrical magnates is one of the very latest achievements of the motion picture business, the biggest Broadway stars and well known actors and actresses being employed exclusively in this gigantic enterprise, and it is a fact worthy of special mention that the output of this corporation is intended for big metropolitan centres only, on account of the almost prohibitive cost of leasing their different releases, but the Gaiety Theatre after considerable work has been successful in securing Leah Kleschna, claiming that there is nothing too big for Fredericton theatre-goers. The price of admission will remain the same viz. 10 cents in the evening and 5 and 10 at the matinees.

town Saturday, from his Western trip, where he had been spending Christmas in Victoria, with his daughters, Mrs. F. Gregory and Mrs. E. Winslow.

Mrs. T. Lynch announces the engagement of her daughter, Josephine to Mr. Henry Farrel Butler of New York.

Miss Sadie Waycott entertained at bridge on Friday evening.

Mr. W. T. Jarvis, of London, Ont., is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr. Harvey Graham, traveller for the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company, is a guest at the Queen.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE IN SPUR LINE CASE

Mr. Henry Maxwell Says He Could Have Built the Road for \$105,000 and Made Money—Contractor Robert McDonald Also Gives Testimony—He Built the Road and Has Only Been Paid \$60,000 to Date—Mr. P. A. Guthrie on the Stand

Robert McDonald of the firm of Wm. McDonald & Son, contractors on the building of the Southampton Railway, was on the stand all morning in the case of J. E. Stewart vs. The Southampton Railway Company. He gave particulars of actual cost of the road. For the first six miles taken in the first contract with J. K. Pinder, M.P.P., they did work valued by the engineer in charge at \$22,000, besides force accounts for \$4,230. Higher prices were asked for the second contract as the firm was displeased with the way in which they were paid and did not care to continue. They charged 33 cents for earth work, \$1.40 for rock, 50 cents per yard for ballasting, \$125 per acre for grubbing, \$250 per acre for track-laying. They completed this contract with the exception of four miles of ballasting and three and one-half miles of track-laying, which he figured would cost \$5,125 and the engineer's estimate showed they had earned in actual work \$34,000. Besides this work C. & J. McDonald had two pieces of grading worth about \$5,000.

Witness detailed the work remaining to be done on the road after the expenditure of \$70,355 which he testified would finish his contract but did not give an estimate of the amount it would take. There remained however, two station-houses, telephone lines and fences, the placing of bridges, the building of a water-tank, turntable, sidings and two coal-sheds.

Whether or not this additional work cost the difference between \$23,250 and \$70,355, or \$165,925, will be the task of the defendant. According to the evidence introduced by the plaintiff concerning the cost of individual items and of the steel for rails and bridges, the outside cost of the whole bridge would be \$110,000. In addition to this, McDonald & Son are claiming \$21,000 for damages and other work not included in the estimate of \$60,000 paid on the two contracts.

P. A. GUTHRIE.

P. A. Guthrie of this city, secretary of the Southampton Railway Company, was the next witness. His evidence concerned the meetings of the company. He swore that J. K. Pinder was elected president September 10, 1910. No meeting was held in 1911 but in January, 1912, Dr. H. H. McNally of Fredericton, was elected president and witness was elected secretary and still held the office. At the meeting in 1912 a committee was appointed to let the contract for the construction of the railroad and that contract was awarded to J. K. Pinder but no record of such contract appeared in the minutes of the company's meetings.

The court took recess at 1 p.m. until 2.30 p.m.

Yesterday afternoon Henry Maxwell superintendent first and then sub-contractor, and Robert McDonald, a member of the firm which did most of the actual work, gave evidence, and in practically all instances the prices prevailing on the work were lower than those figured upon by Mr. Stewart, who planned to complete the road for less than \$150,000.

Mr. Maxwell corroborated the evidence of Mr. Stewart that he (Maxwell) had made an offer to build the road with exception of the right of way, turn table and "Y" and provision of steel for rails and bridges, for \$105,000.

To the question:

"From your knowledge of how the road was built, as superintendent for the building of one-half of the road, and as sub-contractor for two miles of the remaining half, could you have built the road yourself for your estimate of \$105,000?"

Mr. Maxwell answered:

"Yes, I could have made money on it at that price."

Mr. McDonald testified that so far his firm had received \$60,000 for the building of the line although they had done all the work with the excep-

tion of some excavation work, worth about \$1,500, four miles of ballasting three and one-half miles of rail-laying, building of fences and telephone lines, buildings of stations and sidings. An additional claim of \$21,000 is made by the firm, Mr. McDonald actual work but for damages from testified, but part of this was not for delay in providing material and charges for delivering sleepers.

Counsel for the plaintiff met with a temporary check when the court refused to admit as evidence the final estimate on which the contractors were paid, prepared by D. W. Brown, engineer in charge of building the road. The papers were in possession of Mr. McDonald but the court ruled that he could not refer to them, as he had not assisted in their preparation, nor were the papers admissible as evidence unless it were established that Mr. Brown was acting as an employee or official of the defendant company.

The estimates give in detail the cost of the road as the McDonald firm left it practically complete and in order to secure their admission it will now be necessary to call Mr. Brown. Mr. Carvell had intended to call him from the first but as Mr. Brown has been ill, was deferring this particular witness until a later date. Before adjournment Mr. Carvell gave notice that if Mr. Brown were unable to appear today he would move for a commission to take the evidence at the home of Mr. Brown in this city.

HENRY MAXWELL.

Henry Maxwell was the first witness yesterday afternoon. He testified that he was a railway contractor, having thirty-five years' experience. He had charge of the work as superintendent of the first six miles of the Southampton Railway. He also took a sub-contract for grading about two miles on the remainder of the road. He estimated the concrete work on the two bridges on the road would be \$3,000; that \$200 a mile would be a very good price for a telephone line; that fencing could be done for 65 cents a rod, and that concrete pipe could be bought for less than \$1 a foot. He thought \$50 a thousand for cedar was twice too high and testified to unsound cedar being used in culverts on the road.

After telling of his offer to build the road for \$105,000, according to profiles prepared by Mr. Stewart, Mr. Maxwell testified that certain changes made in the location of the road would tend to decrease the cost. Cross examined by Mr. Hanson, brought out the fact that he had allowed 35 cents for earth excavation, \$1.50 for rock cutting, \$1.75 for laborers in his estimate of \$105,000. Unforeseen expenses and his own time, he considered would be covered by his profits. He remembered 1912 to have been a wet season and thought this fact hampered the work.

To Mr. Carvell, on re-examination, he testified that as a sub-contractor he received 29 cents for earth work and \$1.25 for rock. He got nothing for loose rock or hard pan more than earth prices. He worked every day in the rain and as he was paid by schedule it did not cost the company one dollar more on his account in wet weather.

ROBERT McDONALD.

Robert McDonald of William McDonald & Son, told the amount of work his firm had done on the road, as given above, and gave prices for different departments of the work. They received 30 1/2 cents for earth excavation and \$1.25 for rock work, \$75 an acre for grubbing and \$175 a mile for track laying on the first section and \$250 for the second section.

Owing to the decision of the court not to allow the witness to refer to the statement prepared by Mr. Brown, nor have it placed in evidence, particularly (Continued on page four)