

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Municipal Legislators Meet in Sem-Annual Session.

MR. BLACK'S DEFALCATION DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD.

Shortage Has Not Yet Been Made Good.

SOME POINTED REMARKS BY COUNS. CLIFF, MASTEN, McMULLEN AND OTHERS.

The semi-annual session of the York Municipal Council opened in the Council Chamber this morning with Warden Morehouse in the chair.

Upon the roll being called by Secretary Treasurer Bliss the following answered to their names:

Bright—Jas W Jewett.
Canterbury—H F Grosvenor, G M Hillman.

Douglas—George Seymour, Alexander Brewer.

Dumfries—John Scott, Thos Simmons

Kingsclear—A E Cliff, John C Murray.
Manners-Sutton—John Mowatt, Thos Robinson.

McAdam—George Moffat.

New Maryland—Alex Haining, Henry Morgan.

North Lake—David Copley, H H Veysey.

Prince William—W W Graham, Archie McMullin.

Queensbury—John T Timmins, Geo F Barden.

Southampton—W R Fawcett, Jas T Masten.

Stanley—C. R. Merrell, B. McManiman.

St. Marys—Luthur Goodspeed.

The minutes of the January meeting, also of the special meeting held in April to appoint a secretary-treasurer in succession to the late Mr. Black, were read and approved.

The secretary-treasurer submitted a statement of his accounts from the date of his appointment in April to June 30th, 1901. The receipts for that period amounted to \$5,353.52, and the expenditures to \$3,775.24, leaving a balance of \$1,578.38. He asked for the usual committee to examine the accounts.

The warden stated that the secretary-treasurer's bonds had been duly executed and deposited in the vault of the Royal Bank of Canada, and that the bondsmen were Geo. T. Whelpley, A. H. F. Randolph, Wm. Jennings and Dr. D. R. Moore.

Couns Mowatt and Scott wanted to know if it was necessary to renew the bonds year by year. The latter thought the council had been a little slack in the past, and that no harm would result from looking into the matter.

The secretary-treasurer said it had been decided in English cases that where the term of office was indefinite the bonds were indefinite; but when the officer was appointed year by year it was necessary to renew the bonds each year unless it was stated therein that they were for the term of office and subsequent terms.

After a few remarks by Coun Mc Maniman and McMillan the matter dropped.

The Warden appointed the following committee:

On Public Accounts—Couns Barden, Hillman, Simmons, Murray, Morgan, Jewett, Robinson, Moffat, Copley, Graham, Fawcett, McManiman and McMullin.

On Secretary Treasurer's Accounts—Couns Seymour, Mowatt, Scott, Goodspeed and Cliff.

Coun Cliff wanted to know if any steps had been taken to collect from the bondsmen of ex-Secretary Treasurer Black, the shortage of \$477, reported at the last meeting of the board. The auditor, he said, had privately given his opinion that the estates of the bondsmen were responsible and could be made to pay.

The warden stated in reply to a question that the estates of Andrew Douglas, and Geo E Fenety were the late secretary-treasurer's securities.

Coun McMullin thought that if the bonds were only good for one year, it would not be possible to collect the amount of the shortage.

Coun Seymour thought that before proceeding further the council should first make sure that there was a shortage in Mr Black's accounts.

Coun Cliff said that the council had established that fact at the April meeting, when they refused to pass the item of costs in the Purvis suit. He suggested that a committee should be appointed to

look into the whole question and report at the January meeting.

Coun McManiman said that the committee pointed in April had recommended that the amount be collected from the bondsmen.

The secretary-treasurer read extracts from the minutes to show what action the council had then taken in regard to the matter.

Coun McMullin said the Purvis account had been outlawed and that neither the council or parish of Southampton could be made to pay it. It was useless now to appoint a committee to report in in January, as there would then be a new council. In his opinion other steps would have to be taken to recover the amount.

Coun Masten said the bill was never brought before the council, and it would be establishing a bad precedent to now saddle it upon the parish of Southampton. The secretary-treasurer had no right to put his hand in the till and pay out money to himself without authority from the council.

Coun McMullin thought that the first resolution on the question would need to be rescinded before any further action could be taken.

Coun McManiman thought a committee should be appointed to examine the bonds and report at two o'clock.

Coun Barden said there was a difference of opinion among legal men as to whether it was necessary to have bonds renewed year by year, and the council should secure more information on this point.

After some further discussion a motion by Coun. McManiman, seconded by Coun. Copley, that the warden be a committee to procure the bonds and lay them before the council, was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Coun. Murray the council separated until two o'clock to allow the committees to meet.

At this afternoon's session of the council, Mr. Black's bond was produced by the warden and read to the council.

Coun. Seymour moved a resolution, the object of which was to whitewash Mr. Black and saddle the amount taken by him from the county funds, on to the parish of Southampton.

After a sharp discussion, an amendment by Coun. McManiman that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter and report in January, was carried by a vote of 15 to 7.

When our report closed the council had suspended business to hear a delegation from the agricultural society in regard to a grant to the exhibition.

MOUTH KESWICK.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

June 27.—The hot wave has struck us, it being 90 in the shade the last two days.

Wm Barker, a popular young man of this place, took a trip to Nova Scotia last week and returned with a life-partner. We wish the young couple a long and happy journey through life.

The young people of Mouth Keswick intend holding a Strawberry Festival at Yerxa's new hall on Tuesday, July 2nd, the proceeds for the benefit of the Baptist pastor, Rev Geo Howard. A good time is expected. Come one, come all.

Mrs C W Jewett has gone to Fredericton to spend a few days with friends.

Mr Alward was here last night and organized a Farmers' Institute. We hope that it may prove a success.

Mrs Chas Price, of St John, is visiting her mother, Mrs Wellington Shephard.

Mr and Mrs John Shephard, of Woodstock, are visiting at Mr. Hamilton Shephard's.

Mrs Wellington Yerxa is very ill, Dr. Weaver, of Fredericton, is in attendance.

Miss Maggie Wright, who has spent the winter in Boston in the employment of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, is home for her holidays.

City Council Meeting.

The monthly committee meeting of the city council was held last evening and was of a rather lively nature. The accounts for the month were passed and a spirited discussion took place over a notice sent to alms house commissioner Boone by order of the Mayor, calling upon him to hand in his accounts once a month after this.

Ald Vanwart pointed out that the commissioner always submitted his accounts, monthly, and thought His Worship should have informed himself in regard to the matter before he caused the notice to be sent. A long and animated discussion taken part in by nearly all the members of the council ensued, but wound up without any action being taken. The regular monthly meeting of the council will be held this evening.

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