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THURSDAY MORNING.

The council met at ten o'clock with Warden McFarlane in the chair. All the councillors were present except Couns. Moffatt, Murray and Morgan. The list of parish officers for Southamton was confirmed.

Coun. Douglas spoke briefly on the financial condition of the parish of Stanley. He said that his parish was not a pauper parish by any means, and was willing to pay interest on the debt balance if necessary. He said that himself and colleague had inherited a legacy in the way of a big debt from their predecessors. They had also inherited the somewhat celebrated Irvine case, the costs of which, amounting to \$636.34, had lately been paid. Without this the indebtedness of the parish for the past year would have been shown at \$2,013. The assessment for parish indebtedness was to be doubled this year, and the indications were that proper management of the parish would in course of time be free of debt. It was the intention of himself and colleague to work hard to reach that goal.

Coun. Scott said that he did not think that the parish of Stanley could be made to pay interest on its indebtedness.

Coun. Grosvenor presented the report of the assessment committee which was adopted.

Warden McFarlane said that a claim of Mr. Fred Williams against the board of health had never been paid. He did not know who was responsible but he thought the amount should be included in this year's assessment. The transaction was made when Dr. Mullin was chairman of the board of health.

Mr. Bliss said that the money had never been paid over to the board of health. The amount was included in this year's assessment and sufficient money would be voted the board of health to pay it.

On motion of Coun. Cropley the council proceeded to the election of council officers.

Mr. F. St. John Bliss was elected secretary-treasurer on motion of Coun. McKee.

Mr. H. F. McLeod was re-elected auditor on motion of Coun. Brooks. Mr. Bliss thanked the council for re-electing him secretary-treasurer. He had endeavored to perform his duties conscientiously and had made it a point to watch legislation affecting the county's interests. Miss Jackson would continue to act as his deputy, subject to the approval of the council.

On motion of Coun. Brewer the appointment of Miss Jackson was approved.

On motion of Coun. McKee, Earle McDonald was granted a license to operate a ferry at Crook's Point during the year.

Mr. Bliss in reply to Coun. Simmons said that a by-law was passed a few years ago providing for the cancellation of a ferry license on the recommendation of three of the four councillors of the two parishes interested. If a man does not pay for his license he cannot lawfully collect ferry fees.

Coun. Simmons wanted to know whose duty it was to collect pedlars licenses. He also wanted to know what the penalty was for peddling without a license.

Mr. Bliss said no particular officer was delegated to collect pedlars license. Any person could lodge a complaint against those who peddled without a license, and if he was unable to produce a license, he was liable to a fine. Mr. Bliss read from the act to show that the constable had power to call on a pedlar to produce his license.

Mr. Bliss in reply to Coun. Robison said that both resident and non-resident pedlars were required to take out licenses.

Coun. Skeen thought that an officer should be appointed to each parish to collect licenses from pedlars.

Coun. Timmons presented a petition from the ratepayers of District No. 7, parish of Queensbury, praying that for the passage of a by-law prohibiting the running at large of cattle. By-law ordered.

The list of parish officers for the parish of Kingsclear was approved.

A BAD MIX UP.

Coun. Grosvenor said that the administration of justice committee was in somewhat of a fix over their report and it was not likely to come up this session.

Coun. McNally said he had learned from the city clerk on Wednesday that he had never received the accounts and vouchers from the county auditor H. F. McLeod. He had afterwards seen the auditor, who stated that he had not sent in the statement as the law required. In the evening he again spoke to City Clerk who said that he had received a copy of the account but it was so badly burned that he had sent it back to Mr. McLeod. It was certainly a bad state of affairs, and was probably due to an oversight on the part of the auditor, who was a new man.

Coun. Brewer thought that according to law, the account should have been in the city clerk's hands by Jan. 1st.

Coun. McNally said that the accounts had not been received by the city in time to allow their auditor to examine them. He did not think it would be convenient to meet before July.

Mr. Bliss said that the accounts should be in the hands of the city council by January 1st, so that the auditor would have a chance to go over them. As this had not been

done, the matter would probably have to stand over until July. The committee might meet in the meantime however, and adjust the accounts.

Coun. McNally said that he understood from the city clerk that the matter could not be disposed of until after the February meeting of the council.

Mr. Bliss read from the act to show that it was the duty of the auditor to hand a statement of the account for the year ending Nov. 30th, to the city clerk, on or before January 1st. The act also provides that the accounts must be adjusted by a joint committee of the city and county councils before February 1st. Mr. Bliss suggested that the administration of justice committee be continued, and that an effort be made to settle the matter with the city as early as possible.

Mr. Bliss also pointed out that the city had given notice of a bill to be presented to the legislature at the next session empowering the city to appoint a member of the administration of justice committee.

Coun. Timmons said that it was plain to him that a bungle had been made by somebody. He did not think the ratepayers should be asked to pay the cost of the committee's expenses to the city for a special meeting.

Coun. Brewer said that the bungle was due to an oversight on the part of the auditor, and if any extra expense is incurred he should be called upon to make it good.

The warden thought that the matter should be attended to while the council was in session. It was important that the account should be adjusted.

Coun. Robison thought there might be some friction between the city and county auditors. He thought Mr. McLeod should be heard in explanation.

Coun. Brewer said that there was no evidence that the account had yet been filed with the city clerk.

Coun. McNally said that the auditor had promised to send a statement to the city clerk early this morning.

Coun. Goodspeed thought that the auditor should be heard in explanation. He thought the matter should not be allowed to stand over until July.

Mr. Bliss said it was only reasonable that the city authorities should be given a few days to examine the accounts. He did not remember of such a condition of affairs arising before.

Mr. Bliss in reply to Coun. Cropley read from the administration of justice act, showing that the county and city were required to pay all accounts incurred in connection with the administration of justice, in the proportion of two thirds for the county and one third for the city.

Coun. Robison said that under the law the city had until Feb. 1st to consider the account and evidently intended taking advantage of the law.

Coun. Brewer said he thought the city was only acting within its right. On motion of Coun. Scott it was resolved that the council proceed to fix the salaries of city officers.

Coun. Scott said he noticed by the blue book that both Messrs. McCready and McLeod had drawn pay for the first sixteen days in January. Mr. McLeod had not been appointed until the 19th of January, and therefore had no right to draw pay before that date.

Coun. Brooks thought the matter could be settled by referring to the records and ascertaining when Mr. McCready was appointed.

Coun. Scott contended that Mr. McLeod had no right to draw pay before he was appointed.

Coun. Robison said that he looked up the records and found that Mr. McCready had drawn pay from Jan. 1st, 1891.

Mr. Bliss said that he had paid the balance to Mr. McCready because he thought he was entitled to it. If the council thought fit he would refund the money to the county and ask Mr. McCready to reimburse him.

Coun. Scott thought that there was nothing fair in paying two men to do one man's work.

Mr. Bliss promised to refund the

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Coun. Brooks moved that a committee of five be appointed to consider and report at the July session on the advisability of paying the secretary-treasurer a fixed amount to cover all services rendered by him.

The resolution was seconded by Coun. Robison and adopted.

The warden appointed as the committee Couns. Brooks, Robison, Timmons and Goodspeed to act with himself in the matter.

The council adjourned until two p. m.

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