MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Regular Quarterly Meeting Held Tuesday Afternoon.

Councillor John McGoldrick, Unanimously Elected Warden.

Report of the Finance and Accounts Committees—Appointment of Officers for the Several Parishes.

The regular quarterly meeting of the municipal council was held at the Court House on Tuesday afternoon. Warden Maxwell occupied the chair, and the following members of the new board were present, some of them coming in late in the session, however:

City of St. John—Couns. Daniel, Christie, Colwell, Millidge, Seaton, Armstrong, Baxter, Robinson, Tufts, Macrae, McGoldrick, Hillyard and Waring.

Simonds—Couns. Lee, Horgan and McLeod.

Lancaster—Couns. Lowell, Barnhill and Catherwood.

Musquash—Couns. Dean and Hargrove.

Saint Martins — Couns. Ruddick, Fownes and Cochran.

The secretary read the return of the common clerk of the city of St. John, giving the names of the council, all of whom are members of the county council.

Ex-Mayor Sears, in retiring from the board, assured the members that he had enjoyed the time spent there. He had the kindliest feelings for all.

Warden Maxwell then called upon the members to elect one from among their number to take his place.

Coun. Christie moved that Coun. John McGoldrick be elected warden. No other nominations being made, Coun. McGoldrick's election was made unanimous.

Coun. McGoldrick was not present, and the secretary said the law directed in such an event that the retiring warden should continue in the chair.

The retiring warden said he would now address the council as if he were about to vacate the chair. His address was as follows:

One year ago you did me the honor to elect me warden of the municipality. I have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties of this office during the year. I have to thank you most sincerely for the assistance and support you have given me. The regular meetings of the council have been well attended, harmonious and profitable. The different committees have met regularly and much work has been done to advance the various interests intrusted to us. The bills and bye laws committee have carried out the instructions of the council, and we have now a new highway act which will be found more adaptable to the different parishes and will assist highway boards and parish collectors materially. The act with reference to the performance of hard labor has been amended so that the magistrate can impose this sentence on short term prisoners. I trust this council will provide means for enforcing this law to the uttermost. The condition of the county jail should receive your serious attention. This bunlding since the removal of the penitentiary to Dorchester has and is being used as a prison for all persons, male and female, sentenced for any term under two years. For this purpose the present building is altogether inadequate. The cells are overcrowded and prisoners remanded for inquiry in minor offences have to be placed among older and hardened criminals, thus destroying in many cases any chance of reform. The sheriff has called the attention of the county buildings committee to this matter several times, and I am convinced that prompt measures should be taken for the enlargement of the present building. The introduction of better sanitary arrangements and the providing of steady employment of some kind for the prisoners. The improvement and repairs to the registry office, ordered at last session of this council, will be carried out at once by the building committee. During the continued illness of the county treasurer, I have attended regularly at the treasurer's office and signed all checks for payment of accounts. I have also examined the books and am pleased to report that the work of the office is being carefully done by the efficient clerk, R. Rowe, who was placed there by Mr. DeVeber. I am informed that the county treasurer is improving very much in health, and would suggest that the work of the office be continued as at present, provision being made at this session for the signing of all checks. I regret that the report of the auditor of the county and parish accounts will not be ready to lay before you at this meeting, the sudden and dangerous illness of the auditor, Richard Whiteside, preventing his completion of the work in time. The reports from the different institutions and the returns of the parish officers have all been filed and the printed report of the auditor will be ready at the July session of the council. The standing committees of the council seem to be unnecessarily large. I would respectfully suggest to you that nine councillors compose each committee, one councillor from each of the parishes and five from the city members. I believe the work would be as effectually done and the expenses materially reduced. The improvement of the court house building and the providing of proper heating and sanitary arrangements is receiving the careful attention of the buildings committee, carefully prepared plans, specifications and estimates of cost, together with a report on the same, will be laid before you at the next meeting. The auditor's report for the year ending 31st Dec., 1898, shows the total funded debt of the county at that date to be $46,500. To this must be added the amount of Alms House loan debentures, issued in 1899, of $13,000, making a total funded debt at this date of $59,500. The cash balance on current account in bank to the credit of the municipality on Dec. 31st, 1899, amounted to $12,763.26; cash balance on May 5th, 1900, $10,028.25. I find that there are eight school loan debentures of $500 each, or $4,000, for which we are paying 5 per cent. interest. I would recommend that these debentures be paid at once from current account, which would result in a saving of interest to the municipality. During the year I have received much valuable assistance and advice from the county secretary and have found him at all times a willing, careful and effective officer. Trusting that my successor may have the same hearty support and assistance which I have received at your hands.

The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the chairman called for the reports of committees.

The committee on finance and accounts recommended that the following assessments be made upon the city and county for the several services and purposes named, and in the same proportion upon the city of St. John and upon the parishes of St. Martins, Simonds, Lancaster and Musquash, in the county of St. John, and with the same allowance to assessors and collectors as last year, namely:

For the contingencies of the county, as per detailed statement herewith	$17,420 00
For the Alms House and Work Houses	14,000 00
For common schools, under census 1891	16,360 00
For the local Board of Health, salaries and other contingent expenses	3,000 00
For the payment of interest on debentures issued by the municipality, as follows:	
Alms House (2nd series)	$ 500 00
Alms House (issue of Aug. 1, 1899) int.	500 00
Alms House (issue of Aug. 1, 1899) sinking fund	150 00
School loan	500 00
Hospital loan	1,500 00
	3,150 00
Total general assessment	$53,930 00
Special—For county revisors' fees and other contingent expenses of making up register of voters for the county:	
Parish of St. Martins	$ 126 37
Parish of Simonds	256 60
Parish of Musquash	32 00
Special—Parish of Lancaster:	
Revisors	$285 03
Police	800 00
Fire Dist. No. 1	500 00
Interest and sinking fund fire loan debentures	$150 00
	$1,735 03
	$ 2,150 00
Total assessments	$56,080 00

The committee recommended payment of the following accounts, such payment to be made out of the contingent fund, except as otherwise directed:

To the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, maintenance 14 pauper patients, quarter ending 31st March, 1900	$227 50
" Knowlton & Gilchrist, insurance on new goal barn	13 34
" Telegraph Publishing Co., advertising notice Hard Labor Bill	4 50
" St. John Globe, advertising tenders for debentures	13 00
" The Sun Printing Co., advertising notice Highways Act	7 50
" Geo. A. Knodell—Printing bills for legislature, $21.50; printing forms, registrar births, etc., $9.30	30 80
" the county secretary—Half care of office, four months, $6; postage stamps, $5; cash paid D. Taylor, expenses conveying John Newman to Lunatic Asylum, $2	13 00
" W. H. Bowman, repairs to county jail	61 84
" O. H. Warwick, cuspidor, treasurers' office	50

Bills of Coroner Berryman and Coroner Roberts were considered by the committee and held over for further consideration and explanation, it appearing that in many cases views were held on bodies when there was not the slightest ground for suspicion of foul play. The committee desired it to be distinctly understood by the coroners that such bills will not be paid by this council.

The committee also had before them a bill of J. H. Scammell, M. D., for three certificates of lunacy, and from D. E. Berryman, M. D., for six certificates of lunacy. The committee are of opinion that in these cases the law has not been complied with. They therefore recommended that the bills be not paid.

The committee desired to call the attention of the council to the fact that only two of the justices of the peace in this county have made returns to the secretary as required by law. The committee therefore recommended that unless such returns are made within ten days the secretary be authorized to report all justices of the peace refusing or neglecting to comply with the law in the respect, to the lieutenant governor in council, with a request under the seal of this municipality that they be removed from office.

The attention of the committee having been called to an alleged defalcation of J. Allen Balcom, formerly a collector of rates and taxes for the parish of Musquash, amounting to upwards of six hundred dollars, they recommend that a special committee be appointed to consider the matter, with power to act, and, if deemed advisable, to instruct the secretary to commence legal proceedings against the sureties of the said collector.

The committee recommend that the sheriff be authorized to employ extra help during the time of the present turnkey's vacation, the expense thereof not to exceed the sum of sixty dollars.

In the matter of the communication of Mr. Rokes, in reference to taxes on his property at Drury Cove, Mr. Rokes was heard in reference thereto. The committee are of opinion that the matter complained of is fixed by law, and that this council has no power to act.

Before the report was taken up for discussion, Coun. Armstrong fearing that there might be some question as to Coun. Maxwell's right to continue in the chair, moved that that gentleman continue to preside till the newly elected warden arrived. The motion passed.

At this juncture Coun. McGoldrick entered the room and his appearance was the signal for a hearty round of applause.

Coun. Maxwell called upon the gentlemen who moved and seconded the motion for the election of Coun. McGoldrick to the wardenship to escourt that gentleman to the chair. The new warden, with Couns. Christie and Robinson on either side of him, went forward and was warmly welcomed by Mr. Maxwell.

In taking the chair, Warden McGoldrick assured the council that he had not expected to be chosen warden. Being the unanimous choice of the board, he felt that it was his duty to accept. The position was a very honorable one, one that any man might feel proud to occupy. He thanked the councillors, one and all, for the honor. (Applause.)

The report of the finance and accounts committee committee was then taken up and discussed. It was adopted as read, except that the payment of the Simonds assessors was fixed at 4 1-2 per cent, and that of the collector at 5 1-2 per cent.

Wm. Campbell complained that he was assessed in Simonds, where he did not live. He did not own property there, either. His petition was referred to the councillors and assessors of Simonds.

John McMillan, registrar of probates, notified the council that there were a lot of papers in his office which had never been properly arranged. Additional shelves should be provided in order to permit of this. The matter was referred to the county buildings committee, with power to act.

John Driscoll put in a claim for injury to his horse, which fell into a pit near the alms house. This was referred to the finance committee to report upon.

Richard Whiteside was re-appointed auditor, it being stated that he was recovering.

The officers for the several parishes were then appointed. The principal ones are:

MUSQUASH.

Collector of rates—Wm. A. Gallant.
Assessors of rates—John A. Clark, G. L. Hargrove and James M. Wenn.
Revisors—W. J. Dean and John Hargrove.
Parish clerk—Geo. A. Anderson.
Commissioners of highways—David McAdam, Robert J. Jones and Thomas Carocadden.
Highway board—Couns. Dean and Hargrove and H. Nelson Spinney, jr.

ST. MARTINS.

Collector of rates—Wm. J. Morrow.
Assessors of rates—William Smith, Michael Kelly and Chas. Lowett.
Revisors—A. W. Fownes and F. M. Cochran.
Parish clerk—Thos. W. Mosher.
Commissioners of highways—S. J. Shanklin, Herbert Brown and Wm. H. Rourke.
Commissioners of by-roads—Michael R. Daley, Richard Davidson and Patrick McBride.

LANCASTER.

Collector of rates—H. P. Allingham (District 1).
Assessors of rates—T. H. Wilson, Wm. Fox and Wm. Cunningham.
Revisors—Robt. Catherwood and Jas. Lowell.
Parish clerk—A. D. Gault (District 1).
Collector of rates—Henry Galbraith (District 2).
District clerk—James Galbraith (No. 2).
Commissioners of highways — James Long, Albert Splane and Wm. Usher.
Fire wardens—James Masson, Robt. Irvine and Albert Hanson.

SIMONDS.

Collector of rates—James H. Bowes.
Assessors of rates—James Lee, Jeremiah Horgan and J. J. Wallace.
Revisors—Joseph Lee and Daniel Horgan.
Parish clerk—Alex. F. Johnston.
Commissioners of by-ways—William Adams and Robert J. Steward.
Commissioners of highways—Peter Graham, Martin Dolan and Robert McLeod.

The secretary was instructed to grant licenses to all surveyors of lumber who qualify.

The appointment of the Bay Shore policemen was left to the warden and secretary, the latter to have charge of the men.

The following assessments were ordered for highways:

St. Martins	$1,000
Lancaster	3,000
Simonds	1,550
Musquash	400

The county treasurer was authorized to make the following advances to the highway boards:

Lancaster	$1,000
Simonds	400
St. Martins	70
Musquash	200

Coun. Maxwell moved a resolution relative to the number of members who shall constitute the different committees. The resolution cuts the committees down to nine members each, one from each parish and five from the city of St. John.

The resolution passed.

The following standing committees were then appointed by the warden:

Finance and accounts—Couns. Christie, the warden, Armstrong, Colwell, White, Robinson, Ruddick, Catherwood, Lee and Dean.

County buildings—Couns. McMulkin, the warden, Hilyard, Maxwell, Waring, Baxter, Barnhill, Hargrove, Horgan and Fownes.

Bills for legislature, etc.—Couns. Millidge, the warden, Daniel, Seaton, Armstrong, Baxter, McLeod, Cochran, Lowell and Dean.

Public and school lands—Couns. Colwell, the warden, Waring, Baxter, White, Cochran, Catherwood, Ruddick, Armstrong and Fownes.

To act with the sheriff in re hard labor sentences in jail—Couns. Maxwell, the warden, Hargrove, McLeod, Macrae, Tufts, Baxter, Horgan, Fownes and Lowell.

For relief of indigent ratepayers—Coun. Barnhill, Horgan, McLeod, Cochran, Millidge, Hilyard, Waring and Macrae.

Councillors Catherwood and Barnhill were appointed commissioners of the Lancaster ferry.

Coun. Lee moved that a special committee be appointed to inquire into the matter of the boundary line between the city of St. John and the parish of Simonds, and that the city council be asked to appoint a committee to confer with said committee.

The motion passed and the following committee was named: Couns. Horgan, Lee, Christie, Robinson and Hilyard.

It was left to the councillors of Lancaster and Musquash to look into the boundary line between those parishes.

The section of the late warden's report relative to the county jail was referred to the buildings committee.

Couns. Robinson, Millidge, Maxwell and McMulkin were appointed to take charge of the improvements to the registry office.

Direction was given for the distribution according to the law of the money in the peddlars' license fund.

Couns. Robinson and Millidge were continued on in connection with the buildings committee with reference to the proposed changes and improvements at the court house.

The committee appointed to act with the sheriff relative to the performance of hard labor sentences, were instructed to prepare regulations for the same and report back.

The finance and accounts committee were asked to report relative to the best course to be pursued with reference to the school loan debentures mentioned in Coun. Maxwell's address on his retirement from the chair.

Couns. Macrae, Maxwell, Armstrong, Dean and Hilyard were appointed to look into the alleged Balcolm defalcation.

Str. Gladys has been fixed to load deals at Bangor for W. C. England at 50s.

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IN INDIA.

The Adventures of a St. John Man in the Jungle.

Lt. Ernest Jones of H. M. Cheshire Regiment Shoots Bears and Tigers—Saves the Life of a Shikari.

Lt. Ernest Jones (son of Simeon Jones of St. John), of the 1st Batt. H. M. 22nd (Cheshire) regiment, now stationed in India, with headquarters at Secunderabad, Madras, has sent the following interesting letter to his brother, Lt. Col. Jones of the St. John Garrison Artillery. (In another part of this morning's issue the Sun publishes a letter from Lt. Fred Jones of 1st Canadian Contingent, South Africa, also to hand yesterday.)

GUNTICAHMARUM, March 28.—As you will see by the heading, we are in the jungle. We are just sending off a messenger, so I will give you an epitome of my diary up to the present.

16th—Arrived at Kajipett; rode all night and met others at Kanpurty at 7 a. m. 17th. Left Kanpurty at 7.30 a. m., and rode 20 miles to Bagpettipet.

18th—Went to Chilpoor.

19th—At Chilpoor saw three peacocks and tracks of cheetal, bear sambhur, and shot a few ducks.

20th—Left for Peddapoor and had a beat for a bear en route, but did not see it. Saw a hyena, but did not fire at it, as they are not worth shooting and are very useful in the jungle as scavengers. At Peddapur shot some more duck.

21st—Left for Kamlapur, 10 miles, and heard reports of a tigress.

22nd—Beat for a tigress and had a most exciting time. After the beat had been going for about twenty minutes I heard three shots from Capt. Smyth, and he yelled that a wounded panther was coming to me. Knocked it over at ten yards with the right barrel. It got up and came on, and I gave him the left, which finished him, breaking the spine.

No sooner had I fired these two shots than my gun-bearer said that the tigress was coming. I jammed fresh cartridges in and got her with the right at fifteen yards. She came straight on and tried to get under me, but I shot her through the backbone and settled her. She measured 8 feet 4 1-2 inches. I then saw her three cubs, which were well grown and dangerous to the beaters, so I shot two of them. The other was shot shortly afterwards. They were about 5 1-2 feet long.

A few minutes after this I saw two bears, one of which I got and wounded the other, but he escaped. Neither of the others got anything, except of course the panther was Capt. Smyth's, as he wounded it first. He wounded it twice, and I did the same, all four fatal, so you see they take a big lot of stopping.

23rd—Beat for a bear, which Capt. Smyth shot. It had two cubs on its back, which we never saw till afterwards. One of them was 2 feet, the other 18 inches long. He gave them to us, and we have great fun with them, they are such vicious little brutes.

24th—Came here. There are two tigers here, but we don't seem able to locate them.

26th—Beat for bear unsuccessfully; 27th same, but found one in a cave and took up our positions near entrance. Got him out by smoke; overfired, but missed. Then he went for one of the shikaris passing just under the rock I was on; I had a shot at about a yard into the back of his neck, and settled him.

I feel quite virtuous now for saving the shikari, but I felt very uncomfortable when the brute started for me, and much relieved when he switched off onto the other man, who was behind a rock on the same level as the bear, and about two yards beyond me.

Tonight I am going out to sit up for a panther at a pool where he killed a bull, and will probably come back to eat it.

That is all up to the present. The villagers are awfully glad when we get a tiger, as one will often kill five cows a day.

They are more afraid of bears than anything else, as they say a bear is so stupid that it doesn't hear you till you are quite close, and then it gets mad and kills you, while the other animals avoid you if possible, and kill only cattle.

SORROW FOR A LOVED ONE.

The sky is dull, without a lull
The wind moans dismally;
The clouds are weeping, their mood in keeping
With griefs that compass me.

My love lies ill and sad and still
Who once, with movement free,
With easy grace and smiling face
Ran with my heart from me.

Lost sight of you, my heart lost too—
Ah me, can I endure?
But yet bereft not; though love is left not,
Yet hope remains secure.

—Winifred d'Estcourte Sackville-Stones.

SMALLPOX AT MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, May 9.—Three cases of smallpox now in the civic hospital are of a very mild type, and no fear is entertained of the spread of the disease. The health authorities have taken every precaution by fumigating, and a strict quarantine has been enforced.

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