

"9. Your deputation feel that the Orders in Council referred to were an improper interference with the plain provisions of an Act of Parliament; that the law officers of the Crown referred to were either very poor lawyers, or they never in fact gave such opinions as are uttered as theirs; or if they uttered them themselves, they must have done so without due consideration or reflection.

"10. The result is, that the whole subject has become so full of complications that the Hon. the Attorney General may very well be excused from passing an opinion on them, and for refusing to disturb what has for years become a system of departmental law, that it would be difficult to deal with in any other way than by an Act of Parliament. — Another result is that this County, in common with other county municipalities, has paid out large sums of money from its own resources for a branch of the public service that it was the duty of the Government of the Province to largely reimburse, but which was not repaid to the County Treasury.

"11. Your deputation therefore recommend that necessary action be taken in the matter by testing the meaning of the schedule to the Act referred to, and the legality of the departmental orders, and particularly the finality of the Government audit of county claims upon the Government.

"12. An appeal to the Parliament praying for an explanatory Act, or a new Act to deal with the whole subject, would be the more desirable solution of the whole complication. Your deputation would therefore recommend (in the event of the Council not determining to resort to litigation in order to recover what is justly due to the County for past transactions) that other County Councils be requested to act in concert with this County in praying for such legislation.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"JOHN McCAUSLAND, WARDEN.
D. J. HUGHES, COUNTY JUDGE."

The report was adopted, and it was ordered that the Legislature be petitioned to pass an explanatory Act, or a new Act, to deal with the whole subject.



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