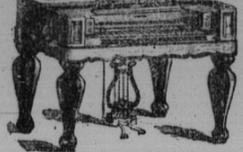


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Saturday, 5th of June next

The tenders are required according to two plans, which, with specifications, may be seen at the Clerk's Office. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk, Guelph, 26th May, 1869.

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Evening Mercury.

THURSDAY EV'NG, JUNE 3, 1869.

Wellington County Council.

Court House, Guelph, June 1st.

On motion of Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Sprehlan, the address was referred to a special committee composed of Messrs. Whitelaw, Mitchell, Goldie and Stewart.

Moved by Mr. Leslie, seconded by Mr. Sprehlan, that Mr. Stewart be a member of all committees of which Mr. Jull was a member. Carried.

The Warden read a return from the Treasurer of amount paid for printing and advertising in 1868, also a statement respecting the tolls, also a statement respecting debentures, showing that the debentures which mature in 1869 amount to \$6,900; interest due on debentures in 1869 \$3,480.21, total \$10,380.21. Debentures maturing in 1870, \$11,600; interest due on debentures in 1870, \$6,208.76—total \$17,808.76.

The Treasurer also submitted a statement of the assets and liabilities of the County up to June 1st, 1869. The liabilities, including grants by the Council, payment of charges and criminal justice, &c., amount to \$7,263.81; amount received on non-resident land taxes \$12,649.05—total \$19,912.86. Assets, including coal in bank on hand, balance of county rates due, &c., \$20,442.84, which leaves a balance in favor of the county of \$529.98. The debentures maturing this year, and interest falling due in July amount to \$10,380.21, and deducting from this the balance of \$529.98 in favor of the county, leaves \$9802.23 deficit.

This statement, however, is only to the 1st of June, and the amount which will be given in grants for roads and bridges, and for other purposes will swell the deficit to a much larger amount.

The Treasurer also submitted a return of the Toll-gates account, showing that the total revenue for the year from this source amounts to \$19,465.80, amount paid on same to date \$9,006.03; amount due at date \$2,544.32.

The Warden read a letter from Mr. G. H. Todd resigning his office of Inspector of Weights and Measures for the North Riding—Accepted.

The Warden read a communication from the County Council of Elgin respecting alterations in the franchise and in the assessment act. Referred to committee on Warden's address.

The Warden read application for office of Inspector of Weights and Measures for North Riding from D. Ramore and Robt. Stewart, Jr., and on motion of Mr. McInnes leave was given to introduce a By-law for the appointment of an Inspector.

The Warden read a statement from the teacher of the Fergus Grammar School to the effect that there are attending it at present 16 boys and 7 girls. Referred to the Education Committee.

The Council then adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 a. m.

Court House, June 2nd.

The Council met at 9 o'clock, the Warden in the chair. All the members were present.

Moved by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. McCurry, that the Warden give copies of the Treasurer's abstract statement printed. Carried.

The Warden read the report of the Gaol Inspector for Ontario, recommending several important alterations in the County gaol, so as to ensure classification of the prisoners, and render the prison more commodious and secure. Referred to County Property Committee.

The Warden read the presentation of the Grand Jury at the last Assizes, containing their report on the state of the gaol, and recommending that two additional rooms be provided in the Court House, one for the members of the bar, and other for witnesses.

The Warden read the report of the Orangeville Grammar School to the effect that there are attending it at present 26 boys and 11 girls.

The Warden read the report of the Commissioners of the Gravel Road from Fergus to Arthur, stating that the estimated cost of repairs on the road, made and to be made, amount to \$2323. Referred to County Property Committee.

The Warden read a claim from Mr. G. Campbell for \$20, for damage in taking gravel off lot 15, 4th con. Erin. Referred to County Roads Committee.

Mr. Whitelaw read a statement of the original cost, total expenditure and receipts of the road from Guelph to Card's Corner, which shows that since the road was built the receipts over the county amount to \$3883.30, but under provisions of the Act authorizing the construction of the said road, he finds that at the calculation of 10 per cent. under said Act upon the capital, there is yet \$10,800.61 of a claim by the County against said road, and therefore there can be no legal claim brought against the County by any party for a reduction of the tolls under the Act incorporating the Company for construction of said road.

Moved by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, that the County Solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law to dispense with the act imposing a tax on dogs and the remuneration of sheep killed by dogs in the Municipalities in this County, and have the by-law according to statute prepared to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. Duffield, seconded by Mr. Rea, a by-law was introduced to confirm a by-law of Eramosa, passed in 1868. Read first and second time.

The Warden read the report of commissioners on the road from Junction to Fergus, and the Fergus and Douglas road. The amount expended and which will be required on the former road is \$1800, and on the latter \$250.

The Warden read petition from ratepayers in Amaranth for aid to open 7th line in that Township; also from ratepayers in Amaranth and Luther for aid to replace bridge on the town line; from ratepayers of Amaranth, Luther and Garafraza for aid to open up town line between Garafraza and Luther and Amaranth; from ratepayers in East Garafraza, Luther and Amaranth for the extension of Douglas road to Amaranth line; from ratepayers in Peel, Maryboro and Arthur for aid to build a bridge on the four mile creek on the town line between Peel and Arthur; from ratepayers in Maryboro for aid to build bridges at Drayton and on the fourth line, or to appoint commissioners to settle on the amount Peel and Maryboro should each pay for the construction of said bridges; from the Council of Luther to appoint a commissioner to apportion the amount which should be paid by Garafraza and Luther on town line. These petitions

were referred to the appropriate committees. Moved by Mr. Whitelaw, seconded by Mr. McMillan, that owing to the present state of the finances of the County and the high rate of taxation that will be required exclusive of any grants for local improvements, this Council considers in would be highly inexpedient to make any such grants this year, be it therefore resolved that all petitions already received, or to be received, be left over for future consideration.—Carried.

Mr. Whitelaw read the report of the Commissioners on road from Guelph to Town line of Erin; paid for repairs up to date \$102,121, sum still required to be spent \$250. They have settled with H. Duffield for gravel taken for \$50.

Mr. Leslie presented report of Commissioners on Dundas road; amount spent \$200, still required \$600, also \$200 will be required on repairs on the bridge across the Speed river at Guelph, making a total of \$1,000 required for the current year.

Mr. Robertson presented the report of commissioners on Elora and Sauguen road. The amount required for repairs from Bosworth to Clifford is \$10.

Mr. Sutherland presented the report of the commissioners of the Glenaleen road.—The sum of \$1,100 will be required to complete one and a quarter miles of road left over last year, and a further sum of \$250 to make repairs owing to the late flood.

The Warden read a petition from the Township of Minto, asking the Council to assume the 5th and 6th concession line about five miles long from Harrison to boundary line of Howick, and to gravel the same, as it would form a most important line of road.

The Warden read the report of ratepayers in Arthur for an appropriation to build a Drill Shed in Arthur Village.

Moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, that the sum of \$400 be granted for erecting a Drill Shed, and Agricultural Hall in Arthur Village, the Council of the Township having appropriated \$400 for the same purpose. Carried.

The Council then adjourned till three o'clock.

The Council met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Fraser presented the report of the commissioners of the Elora Road from Card's Corner to Bosworth. Expended from Junction to Elora \$388.29, and on Alma road \$142.48, from thence to Bosworth \$300.14. The following additional will be required: Peel section, \$800; Alma and Elora section, \$1300, from Elora to Junction, \$1600.

Moved by Mr. Goldie, seconded by Mr. Rea, that leave be given to introduce a by-law to assess an amount equivalent to the Government grant in aid of common schools for 1869. The Council went into committee of the whole on the by-law, when the blanks were filled up as follows: Amaranth, \$300; Arthur, \$300; Eramosa, \$600; Erin, \$700; Garafraza East, \$300; Garafraza West, \$350; Guelph Township, \$500; Luther, \$160; Maryboro, \$500; Minto, \$450; Nichol, \$400; Peel, \$800; Pilkington, \$350; Puschin, \$650—\$6,160.

Moved by Mr. Dobbin, seconded by Mr. Hunter, that the County Roads Committee report to-morrow by 3 o'clock on the propriety of the roads now in possession of the County.—Carried.

The Warden read the report of the commissioners of the road from Guelph to the Junction. Estimated expenditures for repairs for the year \$800.

Mr. McMillan presented the report of the commissioners on the Erin and Esqueving road. Estimated repairs for the year \$800. They recommend that a new house be built at gate No. 2. Estimated cost of repairs for 1869 on Eramosa and Erin road in Erin township \$200.

The by-law for the appointment of Inspector of Weights and Measures for the Northern Division was introduced. Four members were nominated: Jacob Doan of Drayton, by Mr. Robertson; D. Ramore, of Fergus, by Mr. McInnes; S. H. Gardner, of Elora, by Mr. Fraser; and Wm. Greene, of Arthur, by Mr. Stevenson.—When the vote was taken Jacob Doan was appointed.

Moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Robertson, that the sum of \$100 be granted to each of the County Roads Committees report to-morrow by 3 o'clock on the propriety of the roads now in possession of the County.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Court House, June 3rd.

The Council met at nine o'clock, the Warden in the chair. Present, all the members.

A by-law to dispense with the levy of the tax on dogs and bitches in this county for the present year was introduced and read a first and second time.

Mr. Leslie presented the report of the special committee on the Warden's address.

That in reference to the clause respecting the payment of extra supplies for the gaol, your committee would recommend that the accounts be paid unless certified by the chairman of the County Property Committee and that the Warden give the Treasurer instructions not to pay any accounts respecting the administration of criminal justice, unless properly audited according to law.

With regard to the expense of \$194 incurred in placing an extra guard on the gaol during the time those suspected of Fenianism were confined, the Committee find it was by the instructions of the Dominion Government and the Ontario Government, and the Government having refused to pay the amount, the committee recommend that the Warden make application for the amount to the Dominion Government.

With regard to the report of the Prison Inspector and presentation of the Grand Jury, the committee are of opinion that this matter more properly belongs to the Committee on County Property.

The other matters referred to in the address will be disposed of by the several committees to whom the subjects have been referred.

With regard to the communication from the Council of Elgin, the Committee recommend no action to be taken at present.

The report was adopted.

The by-law confirming by-law of the township of Eramosa was read a third time and passed.

The by-law to assess the townships in this county an equivalent to the Government grant in aid of schools was read a third time and passed.

The Warden read a communication from Mr. C. Davidson, agent for Mr. T. Galt in reference to lots sold for arrears of taxes. Referred to Finance Committee.

The Warden read the report of the Trustees of the Guelph Grammar School. The total attendance at the school at present is 78, of whom 5 are females. Four of these are from other counties, 4 from Puschin, 7 from Guelph township, 1 from Maryboro, and 62 from Guelph town. Four pupils attended the Toronto University, the Guelph Grammar School taking more honors than any other in the Province. Three entered Knox's College in 1869, four and possibly five are now preparing to enter the University at the next fall examination. The Principal reports that the larger proportion of those who have matriculated, and are preparing for matriculation for the colleges referred to, are pupils from the

Townships. The School at present is in a most efficient state, the pupils from the County it appears remain longer, and are as a general rule, singularly regular in their attendance. The proportion of those attending daily from the County is really larger than the statistics above furnished indicate.

Moved by Mr. Rea, seconded by Mr. McManus, that the Finance Committee be instructed to report on the propriety of continuing the services of an assistant Treasurer in this County at a salary of \$500 a year. The mover and the second-er contended that the assistant Treasurer (Col. Hewitt) was merely an assistant in name, that he did nothing for his salary of \$500, that it was nothing more or less than a pension he received from the County; and that if the Treasurer has too much to do and requires help, the Council should know it, and appoint an assistant who would be of some service, or allow the Treasurer to get an assistant for himself. The motion after some discussion was lost.

The By-law for appointment of Inspector of Weights and Measures for Northern Division was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, that the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Municipality of Orangeville \$50 being the balance due it on account of the Grammar School appropriation of 1858.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCurry, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, that a special committee consist of the Printing Committee and Mr. Leslie be appointed with instructions to draft a consolidation of an amendment to the Rules of this Council for the purpose of having the same printed for the use of members after being submitted to the Council.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that a special committee be appointed to consider the propriety of changing the tariff of tolls and removing some of the toll gates on the various roads in the County, consisting of Messrs. Whitelaw, Goldie, Fraser, Clark, Leslie, Duffield and Robertson.

After some discussion the motion was put and lost.

Moved by Mr. McCurry, seconded by Mr. Goldie, that the Finance Committee be instructed to consider the propriety of paying to our Treasurer the sum of \$300 per annum in addition to his present salary.—Lost.

The Warden read a communication from the County Treasurer, asking direction in reference to the selling of non-resident lands in arrears for taxes; also in reference to collection of arrears of taxes on those portions of lands in Mount Forest and Orangeville belonging to Grey and Simcoe previous to these municipalities being annexed to this County.

On motion of Mr. Whitelaw, the Treasurer was instructed to consult the County Solicitor on the matter above mentioned, and to act on his advice.

Mr. Whitelaw introduced a by-law to authorize the Council to raise money from the Ontario Bank in advance of the assessment necessary to defray the current expenditure of the County for the present year. Read a first and second time.

The Council adjourned till three o'clock.

Two apartments in Burn's cottage at Doonside, Scotland, have been fitted up for the sale of Mauchline woodwork and other objects of interest. The kitchen is still preserved its ordinary state.

A fatal wrestling match took place at Dixon's Corners, county of Dundas, on the 16th inst. Two brothers named Montgomery were amusing themselves wrestling, and one of them was violently thrown upon his head and shoulders in such a way as to cause serious injury to the spine, from the effects of which he died a few days after.

TOWN ITEMS.

MR. RICH IN TOWN.—Orders for piano tuning left at Cutler's will be attended to at once.

PIANO FORTES.—Chickering's, Steinway's, Dunham and Stoddard's Pianos can be had of Cutler, who has the Guelph agency for the sale of the above makers' instruments. A. S. B. Toronto, are the exclusive agents for the Dominion of Canada.

VAULTIPEDES.—Mr. J. B. Thornton is sole agent in Guelph, for a new invention called a vaulti pede. It consists of a board placed on a pivot on top of a tripod, and forms a see-saw for children. A number have been ordered already, and there is a strong probability of the sale of a large number more.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS.—T. J. Day, opposite the market, has received ex steamships Prussian and North American, and ex ship Lake Superior, from Liverpool, several bales and cases paper hangings, all new patterns and good styles, which will be sold very cheap, and examine goods and prices before buying, and be satisfied that Day's Bookstore is the right place to buy wall paper.

CIRCASSIAN BEAUTIES.—Circassia has long been noted for its pretty women, and justly; and in the tent near the Market House, which can be visited with propriety by the most fastidious, will be found Circassian ladies, very pretty and pleasing, both in appearance and manner. Besides there are two musical wonders of surprising musical talent; two clarionette players of great ability; and a clog dancer, who claims the championship clog of Canada.

THE JUVENILE CONCERT.—Dr. French's juvenile concert in the Town Hall last night was well attended. The young people, of whom the larger proportion were girls, neatly and becomingly dressed, were ranged on a terraced stage, and numbered nearly 200. When all seated they looked remarkably well, and altogether presented a most attractive appearance. The singing whether in solo, duett or chorus was admirable, and gave evidence of the careful training of Dr. French, as well as of the excellent system he pursues in teaching. Some of the voices are really good, and showed to great advantage, while the clear enunciation and correct time of the pupils is beyond all praise. The audience were highly pleased and repeatedly applauded the singers. To-morrow night Dr. French gives his last and farewell concert, with an entirely new programme. We hope both teacher and pupils will be gratified by seeing a large audience on that evening.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, June 2.—In the House of Commons last evening, in response to an enquiry as to the Government policy toward the American Colonies, Mr. Monsell, Under Secretary for the Colonial Department, replied that while he declined to enter on the general subject of the Colonial policy of the Government, he indicated that part of the policy was to throw the cost of self-defence on each Colony. Measures to that effect had been partially taken, and they would be extended next year. He had no doubt that the arrangements for the cession of the Hudson's Bay Company's Territory would receive the ratification of the Canadian Government. The question was not one of purchase only, but also of the development of civilization and commerce which had hitherto been virtually closed. If the scheme were successful, the Dominion would be able to extend from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. He believed that all the interests of British Columbia lay in connection with those of Canada, and every facility would be given to forward them.

Sir Stafford Northcote, member for North Devon thought that the Canadians were better able to decide for themselves what action they would take in the matter than to act on the advice of the Government. Still he believed that this question would soon be satisfactorily settled.

Viscount Bury regarded Canada as the future highway to the Indies and the East. Much had been said and written about the incorporation of the British possessions with the United States. He ridiculed the idea, and said that by such a course the colonies had everything to lose and nothing to gain.

Mr. Adelerly, member for North Staffordshire, and formerly Under Secretary for the Colonial Department, regarded the arrangement as detailed and explained by the Government, as eminently satisfactory. On principle he generally disapproved of the system of Government guarantees, yet he would vote in favor of this.

The Times, reverting to the correspondence between the English and American Governments on the Alabama Claims, &c., says:—"Although we were well aware of the frankness and desire for a good understanding which characterized two successive British Governments, we know not the lengths to which conciliation was actually carried, and how completely it was their own propositions, their own acts which the Americans repudiated