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Dominion Elections.

Owing to a large number of newspapers having, of late, made the subject quite a prominent editorial feature, there seems to be an impression on the public mind that there is to be an almost immediate dissolution of the House of Commons and a general Dominion election. The indications, however, seem to be quite as much in favor of another session of parliament being held as of an appeal to the electorate before the end of March. We have the best of reasons for knowing that the question of a general election had not been considered by the cabinet up to the time of Sir John Thompson's funeral in Halifax, and the ministers, themselves, did not then know the precise effect the late Premier's death might have in determining it. It was to be among the first subjects considered by the ministry at Ottawa after the funeral, but the despatches indicate that neither the time for the meeting of parliament nor that for holding the elections—that is if they are to be held within a short time—has yet been determined upon. Our own opinion is that the wise papers and men, who profess to know all about it are simply indulging in mere conjucture. The matter may be determined any day now but, as yet, no decision has been reached.

The Carleton Election.

As we anticipated last week, Dr. Atkinson has been elected as one of the representatives of Carleton in the local legislature—taking the seat of the Hon. Harry Connell who resigned last spring. The pleadings of the St. John Sun and other papers, which are great admirers of Dr. Atkinson, and find in him a perfect and absolutely harmonious affinity, appear to have led the government to offer no opposition to his return, as it is understood that he will have just about time to either repent of his past political errors before another general election, or, failing that, render his candidacy on that occasion an absurdity. While Carleton's new member does not possess a very commendable or desirable personality, everybody will hope that the alleged sickness which the Sun used as a persuader to disarm ministerial opposition, will prove to be no more a fact than many other of its allegations made for the purpose of helping its political friends, for we all want to see the great chief of the opposition's "Brighton artillery" in his finest tettle when the Assembly is in session.

St. John County Court Judgeship.

The St. John County Court judgeship, which was made vacant by the late Hon. B. Lester Peters' death, has been given to James G. Forbes, Esq., Q. C. Mr. Forbes is a native of Guysboro, Nova Scotia, but has spent most of his life in St. John. He was the law partner there of the late Herbert Sinnot, and at one time prominent in civic politics, representing Duke's Ward in the common council. Nearly twenty years ago he removed to one of the western states, but after three or four years returned to St. John, where he has practiced his profession ever since, varying it a little by doing more or less of political work in his native county in Nova Scotia, where, a few months ago, he addressed public meetings as the government candidate in the next Dominion election. Guysboro has, therefore, lost a promising and aggresive candidate, while St. John will, doubtless, retain Mr. Forbes as one of its most valued citizens—for judges are always of that class.

Once a Year.

One number of the ADVANCE every year is practically monopolised by a report of the proceedings of the annual session of the Municipal Council of Northumberland. It is not very interesting reading to patrons outside of the County or perhaps, to many within it, also, but it must, nevertheless, appear for the information of the large number who are interested in the business done at the Council. This week's paper, which contains the report of last week's session, is therefore without its usual variety of general matter.

Municipal Council Notes.

The reduction of assessments, which is a marked feature ofthe work of last week's session, will be welcome news to the ratepayers. Nearly $2,000 on County contingencies, below the average of the last two years, is an excellent showing. Chatham police and light service will also get along with over two hundred dollars less than last year.

Much satisfaction is experienced over the condition of the Scott Act accounts, although still further economy ought to be practiced. To the marked difference in the counsel fees—six hundred dollars now, where they were formerly twelve hundred—is due the fact that the Council was called upon to order only one half the usual amount for the Inspector's salary upon the ratepayers of the county. If honestly worked, in this respect, the Act can be enforced just as efficiently as it has been in the past, and the Inspector paid out of the fines collected, instead of the whole fund being swallowed up, as it used to be under the old arrangement. The ADVANCE got into considerable odium in certain quarters because it contended for just what everybody now sees is right.

Last week's session of the Municipal Council was the shortest ever held since the Municipality was organised nearly twenty years ago. The principal reason for this is that while there was a general desposition to transact all necessary business in a thorough manner, the Council was not disposed to encourage anybody in unnecessarily occupying its time for vexatious purposes, as has sometimes been done in the past. Only two persons—with copious notes of elaborate speeches, and a law book,—appeared with the intention of instructing the Council in its duties in relation to one of the big parishes, but they found the atmosphere very discouraging for missionaries who appeared to have left home without understanding the functions of the Council, and returned wiser, although disappointed pilgrims.

Secretary-Treasurer Thompson continues to perform his duties at the Council with his accustomed promptness and efficiency. It is natural, considering the fact that the world has not yet reached that state of perfection in which all men will think of and treat others as they would themselves be judged and treated, that certain persons should think the shortest road to a coveted office is to start "certain rumors" and work with them upon the prejudices of councillors who are suspicious of everybody's honesty, including, perhaps, their own. It is to the credit of the Council that while it knows how to protect the interests of the County, it is equally ready to stand by its committees and officers who faithfully perform their work, and to quietly rebuke those who are willing to wound but, themselves, afraid to strike.

A Chatham councillor was told on Thursday afternoon by a Newcastle friend, who is also an acquaintance of the two missionaries who went to the Shiretown on that day, that he met the former and hearing that they had been visiting the Council on a very important mission, let one of them talk to him: Here is a part of the dialogue:—

"What are you doing at the Council?" said the Newcastle acquaintance." "Oh, we are delegates, you know, sent up to represent the town. The councillors didn't seem to know it, for the secretary (I should have been secretary, you know) didn't know enough to notify them—but I fixed that for they all knew me, for when I used to manage most of"——

"Yes, and what have you done on this particular occasion;"

"We're hardly at liberty to say. We've got a fellow here that is managing things for us—a sort of advance agent, though I should say world agent. He is just a daisy canvasser—see how he downed Anslow—and he knows more shinnagan and rules of order than any speaker, and he says our scheme, which I, of course, had to put before all the members, is sure to succeed."

"But how? What is it?"

"Now you're asking too much. It's before the committee of the whole."

"Yes," said the councillor to his amused friend, "It's all right, and as near as that particular missionary ever gets to the truth. There is no committee such as he alleges, but the 'whole' is there. The whole three have fallen into the 'hele' and hauled the 'hole' in after them. They started from the Board of Trade ambush into the Municipal Council air as rockets and return to the ambush and to Chatham as sticks.

"What kind of a Board of Trade is it, that it makes such mistakes?

"It's too new to form an opinion of just yet. It must not be judged from one or two impulsive acts. Youth, you know, is always more impetuous than wise."

Municipal Council of Northumberland

[Continued from last week's "ADVANCE."]

WEDNESDAY, JAN., 16

The Warden took the chair at 10.30 a. m.
Minutes read and approved.
Coun. Gunter took his seat.

PETITIONS ETC.

Sec.-Treasurer read a communication from J. D. B. F. Mackenzie, enclosing a resolution of the Board of Trade asking for the reopening of the question of site of engine house. Filed.

Coun. Morrison presented the petition of Jas. Murray for a reduction of taxes. Referred to com. on petitions.

Coun. Sullivan (Hardwick) presented the petition of Donald McDonald for a refund of taxes. Referred to com. on petitions.

Coun. Scofield presented the petitions of J. L. Stewart, J. B. Snowball, and others, and John Coleman James Flood and others, of Chatham, in reference to engine house site. Referred to com. on petitions.

On motion of Coun. Connors leave of absence for the day was given to Coun. Smith.

On motion of Coun Ryan the Council adjourned till 1 o'clock for committee work. Reassembled and adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Reassembled at 2.

PARISH RETURNS.

On motion of Coun J. Sullivan the following Hardwick returns were passed:

W. T. Tait, col rates; Pat'k Carroll, col rates; Denis Martin, com'r highways, Hugh McKay, by-r'd com'r; do highway com'r; Jos B. Williston, by-road com'r; Denis Martin, by-road com'r; Jos Williston, col justice, to lay over till July. his return showing that he had paid the Sec-Treasurer $75, $25 and 1.90, whereas the Sec-Treasurer's books showed receipts of $70, $25 and $1.90.

The Sec-Treasurer said Mr. Williston had not returned the receipt, and he could not tell if he had make a mistake in his books, unless he saw the receipt he had given for the money.

Coun Sullivan said there was a charge of $3 for going to Hardwick that was not explained, and he didn't think it could be allowed at present.

On motion of Coun. Tozer the following South Esk returns were passed:

Dan'l Mathews, Thos. Lawlor, John D. Goodfellow, highway com'rs; Jas Lawlor, Adam Hill, col. rates No. 2, $2 to be refunded to the latter; John Nevin, col. justice; Thos Lwlor. Jas Lawlor, Dan'l Mathews, by-r'd com'rs; Adam Hill, col. road tax No. 2.

On motion of Coun Gullock the following Glenelg returns were passed:

D. McBeath, col. justice; Martin Cook, John McDermaid, Alex McLean, col. rates; John Rainsboro, Henry Daley, Thos Ullock, Thos Fitzpatrick, bye-road com'rs; Thos Fitzpatrick, Thos Ullock, John Rainsboro, highway com'rs; Martin Cook, col. rates.

On motion of Coun Barriault the following Rogersville returns passed:

Jas Poirier, Augustin LeBlanc, Andre M. Arseneau, highway com'rs; Jos Fournier, by-road com'r; Ambrose Arseneau, col. rates; Michael Savoy, col. justice '92, balance due $3.53.

Coun Betts moved to reconsider the resolution dividing Derby for highway purposes. Carried.

Coun Betts moved to rescind the resolution. Carried.

Coun Betts moved the following:

Be it resolved, that the parish of Derby be divided into the following highway divisions: Lower or No. 1 division to extend from Wilson's Pt. to Wm. Fitzgerald's lower line: middle or No. 2 division to extend from said line upward to Patk Kelly's lower line; upper or No. 3 division to extend from said line upward to the parish line.

Carried.

On Motion of Coun Gunter the following Ludlow returns were passed:

Thos Carroll, col. rates; Miles Hubbard, Thos O'Donnell, by-road com'rs; Geo Nelson, highway com'r.

On motion of Coun Russell the following Blissfield returns were passed:

David Weaver, col. rates; Robert Swim, E. A. Bamford, highway com'rs; Alex Arbo, Chas W. Mitchell, Cornelius Weaver, by-road com'rs.

On motion of Coun Betts the following Derby returns were passed:

John Clouston, col. rates; John Russell, T. C. Miller, Wm. Cliff, highway com'rs; Christopher Crocker, col. justice.

JAIL COMMITTEE, ETC.

Coun Scofield presented the following report of the committee to visit the Jail:

We the undersigned committee appointed to visit the Jail found three boys incarcerated therein. We found everything in good condition, except two panes of glass being broken. We recommend that the Jail committee see that they are repaired.

Respectfully submitted.

David G. Scofield,
Michael Ryan,
Peter Viennean.

Adopted.

On motion of Coun Anderson the following Alnwick returns were passed:

Sam'l Breaux, Dagald McLean, Sam'l Murray, highway com'rs; Jas Mahoney, Gregoire Savoy, Benonie Russell, col rates; Dagald McLean, by-road com'r; Eubulus McCullam, col road taxes; Gregoire Savoy, do; Louis P. Robichaud, col justice; Eubulus McCullum, col rates, to lie over till July.

Coun Tozer said there was some work to be done yet on the county accounts, and he moved that the Council adjourn for one hour for committee work. Carried.

On reassembling the Warden called Coun Morrison to the chair. On motion of the Warden the following returns were passed:

Wm Wood, com'r highways, mid. dis., to lie over till July; John Delaney, col rates, lower dist.; Wm Campbell, byroad com'r; Wm Masson, col justice, upper dis., ten cents due the district; Jas Fox, byroad com'r, lower district; John Niven, police magistrate; Daniel Hogan, byroad com'r, up. dis.; John Murray, col dog taxes up. dis.; David Johnstone, highway com'r, lower dis.; Parish of Newcastle (lower dis.) with Sec. Treas. $14.75 on hand; Jas R. Lawlor, col rates, up. dis.; Newcastle Police Fund with Secy Treas showing balance of $316 72.

The Warden resumed the chair.

On motion of Coun Gunter the following Ludlow returns were passed;

John S. Pond, col justice; Maurice O'Donnell, col justice; Maurice O'Donnell, col justice, $28.56 due on default list, to make returns in July; ordered that Justus Fairley, byroad com'r, make returns at July session.

On motion of Coun Hayes the following Nelson returns passed:

Jas. Harrigan, col rates, $10 due to be paid over forthwith; Thos Lynch, col rates, No 1, balance due collector of $2.19; Lawrence Grinnen, col rates, No 2; Geo. Burchill, jr., col justice; Geo, Burchill jr. col justice $31.80 charged as constables' fees illegally, to be refunded to Secy Treas; Thos Gill, com'r highway; Mich'l Walsh, com'r roads 1893; Mich'l Walsh, com'r roads, No 1, balance due the com'r of $48.29; Alex Harper, byroad com'r No 3; Thos Gill, byroad com'r No 2, balance on hand of 50 cents; Wm McKinley, highway com'r No 3.

On motion of Coun Anderson the following Alnwick returns passed;

Jas Stymiest, col justice; (2 returns.)

Coun Mersereau moved that Enoch Bamford, col. justice for 1891-2-3, be ordered to make full returns at the July session, showing how much he has collected. Carried.

Coun Jones moved that E. P. Williston be elected Auditor for the present year. Carried.

Coun Barriault moved that David Gegain and Francois McCiol, by road comm'rs, Rogersville be ordered to make returns at the July session. Carried.

Coun Barriault moved that Michael Savoy, col. justice, Rogersville, 1892, be ordered to pay $3 53, being the balance in his hands. Carried.

Adjourned till 10.30 to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17TH, FORENOON.

The Warden took the chair at 10.30.
The minutes were read and approved.

PAUPER LUNATICS.

The Sec-Treasurer read a communication from P. Tole in reference to the lunatics now in the asylum whose maintenance is a charge on the County of Northumberland, five in number, namely, Patrick Flood, Chatham; Jos, Bamford, Blissfield; John McBride, Newcastle; Jane McPherson, Chatham and Alice Bateman, Douglastown.

PARISH ACCOUNTS AND RETURNS, ETC.

On motion of Coun D. P. Sullivan the following Blackville returns passed:

Matthias Kehoe, col. rates; Jas B. Morehouse, col. rates; Andrew Craig, col rates; John McCarthy, by-road com'r; Jacob Leighton, do; Elw Canfield, highway com'r; Jas H Dale, do; Patk Donovan, do.

On motion of Coun D. P. Sullivan the parish and county officers for Blackville were appointed.

On motion of Coun Barriault the list of parish officers for Rogersville passed.

On motion of Coun Betts Coun Barriault was excused for the day.

On motion of Coun Jones the following North Esk returns were passed:

Neville P. Whitney, highway com'r; Jas B. Johnston, by-road com'r; Jas B. Johnston, highway com'r, (some of the surveyors ordered to make returns in July); John R. Allison, by-road com'r; John R. Allison, highway com'r; Leonard A. Smallwood, col rates; John Burns, col. rates; Samuel Sherrard, do; John Nevin, col. justice; Paul Kingston, col. rates.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun Betts moved to proceed to the passing of County Accounts. Carried.

Coun Batts reported from the committee as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the duty of examining the county accounts beg leave to report that after a careful audit we find the accounts generally correct and satisfactory. All overcharges and corrections appear on the several accounts.

In order to lessen the contingent assessment we would respectfully recommend that the Jail Committee exercise greater economy in maintenance of that institution.

We therefore recommend that the following accounts pass and be paid out of the contingent fund unless otherwise ordered.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN BETTS, JAS F. CONNORS,
THOS W. FLETT, J. TOZER,
D. MORRISON.

Coun Mersereau would like to recommend that the Auditor get another book and have it plainer than it is. He felt as though he had not got down to the bottom of everything, and would like to have them plainer. He had heard something about the Secy Treasurer's bond— that one of the bondsmen was not reliable.

The Warden ruled that a discussion of the bond was not in order at this stage.

Coun Mersereau said he was led to believe yesterday, after questioning the Auditor, that that official didn't know what amount the county had in bank. There was a feeling that the subject should be investigated.

Auditor Williston got leave to explain. He was asked by Coun Mersereau how much the county had in bank, and he told him he had no information except what was given by the Secy Treasurer's books. The Auditor asked if it wasn't his duty to take the statement of the Secy Treasurer?

Sec. Treas. said his receipts and accounts were to be seen by anybody. They were all plain and anybody could understand them.

The Auditor—Is it my duty to go to the bank and inquire about the accounts?

Coun Morrison said the Sec Treasurer showed his deposit receipts, and his current account, and he would take any committee to the bank to verify them. Even the amount on hand could be verified by counting his cash. It is not the Auditor's business to enquire into this. Let the committee go to the bank if it has any doubts of the correctness of the accounts.

Coun Smith said another principle was involved. Even though the money should not all be there we needn't make it our affair so long as the sureties are good. That is: we needn't be alarmed about a few dollars in bank or out of it, so long as we were assured of the sufficiency of the bondsmen.

Coun Sullivan (Hardwick) said it would be better if everything were cleared up and everybody satisfied. He had heard it asked if the Sec.-Treasurer's bondsmen were to be depended upon. Where is the bond? Is it on record?

Sec.-Treasurer—It is in the Registry office, filed under locked and key.

On motion of Coun Betts the following accounts passed:

Contingent fund with Secy-Treas., bal. of $1899.03; F. L. Pedolin, $13.34; Dr. Desmond, $7.50; J. S. Benson, $13.67, certificates of lunacy and inquiry; Board of Health, $30; J. Weir, $17.00; Jos B. Benson, $23.25; Dr. Desmond, $16.67, reduced to $9.67; M. S. Benson, coroner, $32.60, the Auditor reports overcharge of $15.60, account reduced to $17; M. S Benson, $30.60, overcharge of $5 60, passed at $25; Wm Park $11.75; J. H Phinney, $11.55; revising votes $471; S. Thomson, registrar births, deaths and marriages, $70.80; S. Thomson, clerk of peace, $45; Co. Buildings, $24.13, reduced to $21; Exhibition fees, Newcastle, $21.60; Public Wharf Com., Newcastle, on hand, $74.29; S. Thomson filling school assessment lists, $6; Co. School Fund with Secy.-Treas., $4121.10; Wm Irving, prisoners' board, $208.20; interest account with Secy-Treas., 29.08; Assessors of rates, furnishing lists to revisors, $51; Jos Steel, burying pigs, $3; M S Nav Co, $2.20; Public Wharf com Newcastle, with D & J Ritchie, $29.84; Wm Traer, Public Wharf, $1.50; J. H. Phinney, $5.05; E P Williston, Auditor, $50; Miramichi Telephone Exchange, $25; Wm. J. Kelly, taking lunatic to asylum, $21.50; J & A McMillan, books for registry office, $19.50; John Shirreff, summoning jurors, $374 47, to be paid less $3 27; S Thomson, Secy Treas. with the Co., $215; Alms house commissioners with the Secy-Treas. on hand $1344 90; Wm Irvine, sundry repairs on jail, $29; Wm C Anslow, $1.30; Wm Irvine, fees, $4 50 The Auditor reported that no fees were allowed under the criminal code except in cases of summary convictions. The account was referred for enquiry.

Coun Morrison read the report of the Newcastle Firewards as follows:

NEWCASTLE FIREWARDS REPORT.

During the past year the district has been put to very little extra expense. There were five alarms on which the department was called out, viz: Chas Grimley's house, alarm; John McCullam's house, total loss; John Carroll's house, alarm; John Carroll's house total loss; Eliza Treadwell's house damaged:

Herewith the Board begs to submit their accounts showing a detailed statement of the receipts and expenses of the department. During the year the Board paid $615 of the debt of $1715 shown in their report of January, 1894, and in addition to the ordinary expenses have expended $200 in procuring hose and other material necessary to maintain the department in an efficient state.

There is still due the sum of $1100 on account of the extra expenses incurred in 1890, and as the last meeting of the Board, it was resolved to ask the Council to assess the sum of $1000 on the fire district for the ensuing year.

The department is now fairly well equipped, and unless put to extraordinary expense during the present year, shall be able from the assessment asked for to pay off the greater part of the above indebtedness.

Newcastle, Jan. 12, 1895.

J H PHINNEY, Ch'rm,
ALLAN A DAVIDSON, Secy

The report was received and filed.

On motion of Coun. Morrison the Newcastle Firewards' accounts, showing a balance on hand of $125 37; and the returns of Chas. Crammond, highway com'r, up dist., were passed.

PETITIONS.

Coun. Smith reported from the committee on petitions. (1) That the petition of Jas. Murray be referred to the consideration of the assessors of Newcastle. (2) On the petition of Donald McDonald, that $1.20 be paid back to him by the parish of Hardwicke, being the amount he had been over-assessed. (3) That 84 cents be refunded to Firman Petrie, by the middle district Newcastle. (4) That, in regard to the petition of J. L. Stewart, J. B. Snowball and others, and John Coleman, Jas. Flood and others, of Chatham, the committee found that the prayer of the petitioners had already been granted in so far as the Council has power to do so.

Report adopted.

Coun. Smith said, in reference to the last two petitions, that one portion of them asked for the reopening of the engine house site question, which had already been done, and the other asked for an election or public meeting to select a site. The Sec. Treasurer had informed the committee that the Council had no power to order an election, and that the Town Clerk may call a public meeting on requisition in the usual way.

A CLAIM.

Coun. Morrison asked that leave be granted to Wm. F. Smallwood to put his claim for remission of rent that he owed to the county.

Mr. Smallwood said he had paid several years' rent, had received no reduction like other lessees, and had filled up the wharf and made roads that are now used by others.

On motion of Coun Sullivan (Hardwicke) he was relieved of the amount of rent due by him, $50.69.

Mr Smallwood informed the Council that he would not make any claim for $150 worth of labor done by him on the lot.

CHATHAM ACCOUNTS, ETC.

On motion of Coun Smith the following Chatham accounts and returns were passed.

Thos King, col rates up dist $1.04 due collector; John Riley by-road com'r; John Riley, highway com'r up dist—no comr's return, but five surveyors' returns—ordered to make full return at July session; Phineas Harriman, highway com'r—returns not made out correctly—no vouchers, but returns sworn to—ordered to make returns in July; Jos Washburn, col rates, lower dist—overcharge of $2.94—collector ordered to pay over balance due by him; Patrick Connors, by-road com'r—one of the best and most correct returns before the committee; John Fotheringham, col justice, '93 default list middle dist; S U McCulley, police magistrate; Thos Green, col dog tax; Wm Johnston, col rates mid dist; Wm T Connors, town clerk, $12; Chatham Police Fund with Sec Treas $781.13 on hand.

Coun. J. Sullivan asked if the auctioneers had paid for their licenses.

Sec.-Treas. said all had paid but one, who owed $50.

Coun. Sullivan (Blackville) moved that the return of Wm. T. Underhill, col. justice, Blackville, pass, carried.

On motion of Coun. Gunter, the list of Ludlow officers passed as agreed to.

On motion of Coun. Russell the list of officers for Blissfield passed.

Coun. Connors presented the Almshouse Report, as follows:—

ALMSHOUSE REPORT.

The Almshouse Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Almshouse Com'rs and have found them correc:

We find that the number of inmates in the Almshouse on the 31st Oct 1894, were distributed among the parishes as follows: 4 from Newcastle, 3 from Chatham, 2 from Nelson, 2 from Alnwick, 1 from Derby, 1 from Blackville, and two has got to the county, making a total of 15, being four less than last year.

The amount asked by the Com'rs for the ensuing year for running expenses is $1550, to be assessed as follows—Chatham $400. Newcastle, $400, Nelson, $125, Northesk $50, Southesk $50, Glenelg $100, Hardwick $50, Alnwick $150, Derby $75, Blackville $75, Blissfield $25, Rogersville $50, Ludlow no assessment.

JAS. F. CONNORS, Chairman.

On motion of Coun. Jones parish officers for Northesk were appointed.

On motion of Coun Tozer parish officers for Southesk were appointed.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Coun. Flett asked for information in reference to the payment of $50 to the Secretary of the Board of Health. Why did we pay it? What duties are performed for it? Did the Board do anything or was it a mere honorary body that met once a year to have themselves looked at?

The Secy-Treas said the payment was made under the Act of Assembly.

Coun. Smith said, as he was the only member of the Board of Health present he might say that the $50 was paid to the Secretary. The other members received no pay. The secretary is required to keep a record of all cases of contagious diseases occurring in the county as forwarded to him by all our practicing physicians, make up returns to the Provincial Board of Health for statistical purposes, see that placards are furnished for houses in which there may be contagious diseases, and do all work devolving on such an officer. The act provides that the Secretary's salary and other expenses of the Board shall be a county charge and this council had fixed the salary at $50. Dr Nicholson, the secretary, does his work well.

Coun Flett said all the Board had done as far as he could find out, was to bury two pigs and report a drain in Chatham. We had to pay this $50, as well as other items, to keep Chatham straight. He had seen placards on houses elsewhere, announcing the presence of contagious diseases, but he had never seen any on houses on the Miramichi. Persons had reported cases to members of the Board, who had told them to go to some one else, as they had nothing to do with it. Complainants had no right to have to run around after the whole Board. He did not think the county should pay $50 for superintending the burial of two pigs.

Coun Smith said the Board required all complaints to be made in writing. Persons sometimes made complaints to members whom they met on the streets or elsewhere and then refused to take the responsibility. He would guarantee that the Board would act on all cases in which proper complaints were made. He had been informed that the chairman of the Board, when told of a suspected case of leprosy, had told his informant to apply to Dr. Smith. He thought the better course would have been for the Chairman to have required the case to be reported to him in writing and when that was done to forward it to Dr Smith.

Coun Betts considered the Board really a necessity. He had seen an advertisement warning all persons against putting dead animals in the rivers, as it was customary to do, and there was an absence of such nuisance last summer, which was due to the Board of Health. In case of an outbreak of smallpox the Board would be absolutely necessary to deal with it.

Coun Mersereau asked who is the member of the Board of Blissfield.

Coun Smith—Dr Weir, I think.

Coun Mersereau—Will he bury dead pigs that may be lying around?

Coun Sullivan (Hardwick)—How is the $50 divided?

Coun Smith—The secretary gets it all.

Coun Sullivan (Hardwick)—Who pays the outsiders who bury the carcases?

Coun Smith—The Board get men to do it and send their bill to the Council.

Coun Sullivan (Hardwick) said he had suspected that there was a little boodling about it. A neighbor of his had left a dead horse near the highway, and the smell of it was very offensive to residents near the place, who sometimes had to close doors and windows on account of the smell. Was it not the duty of the Board of Health to bury it?

Coun Smith said it would be the duty of the Board to proceed against the person who placed the carcass there if a complaint were laid with them.

On motion of Coun Betts, parish officers were appointed for Derby.

On motion of Coun. Williston parish officers were appointed for Hardwick.

Coun Betts asked how much of the $2187 that had been taken from the county contingent fund to complete the new jail had been paid back to it.

The Secy Treas said $1100 had been paid back into the fund.

PETITION

Coun Morrison presented a petition from C. E. Fish and John Shirreff, praying that $100 in the treasury, that had been voted to the jail building committee, be given them. He moved it be referred to the committee on petitions. Carried.

Coun Morrison moved that the return of Timothy Connolly, col rates, mid. dis., Newcastle, pass. Carried.

MR. STABLES' CLAIM.

Mr. Geo Stables was heard at the bar in reference to the reduction of rent on two lots occupied by him. All his neighbors had been given a reduction, and he wanted to be treated in the same manner. His rent was $40—$25 for a front lot and $15 for a back lot—and he was willing to pay $15 and $10?

Coun Morrison—Has the rent of all the other lots been reduced?

Sec. Treasurer—Yes.

Coun Morrison moved that the rent be reduced to $15 and $10 from the time the lots came into Mr. Stables' possession.

Coun Betts said when previous reductions were asked for he had suggested that a scale of reductions be prepared to apply to all. He would like to know if this was the last of these calls.

Coun Mersereau said every year there were more or less reductions. Could anybody promise that this would be the last. If so he would vote for it; if not, he would vote against it.

The motion was carried.

SCOTT ACT REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

Coun Morrison presented the Scott Act account with the Secy Treasurer, showing a balance on hand of $1254.06. The Auditor had reported that Inspector Menzies should have vouchers for his disbursements, as his accounts could not be audited without particulars. The Inspector had since furnished particulars of most of his disbursements.

Inspector Menzies' report was read as follows.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN: I have handed in my accounts to the Secy Treasurer and beg leave to submit this my annual report as Inspector for the County of North'd for the year 1894.

During the year I instituted 60 prosecutions for violation of the second part of the C. T. Act, in which I obtained 48 convictions, 41 of which were for first offences, 6 for second offences, and one for a third offence. The remaining twelve were dismissed.

Two of the convictions were removed to the Supreme Court by the defendants, and on being argued were sustained.

The three convictions which I mentioned in my last report as being then before the Supreme Court have also been sustained and have been paid

This makes an unbroken record in this respect, every conviction which has been removed to the Supreme Court by parties convicted since I was first appointed Inspector having been sustained by that court.

In addition to a conviction for a third offence for which the defendant served 60 days in jail, there were punishments imposed in fines amounting to $2650.00, and the costs in connection therewith were $459 60, making a total of $3109 60 During the year there has been collected on account of the fines $1532.30 and on account of the costs $265.75 The balance of fines and costs remaining uncollected is $760.30 The amounts awarded Mary Murphy, Ellen Scott, Clemmy McCafferty, Michael Kane, Samuel Treadwell, Wm Conway, Alex Terrio, Geo Palmer and Henry Bloodsworth, who each served 60 days in jail, in default of payment, amounted in the aggregate (as will appear by my returns) to $550.75

A part of the above balance can be collected during the present year

The amount to be paid to the Sec-Treasurer by the convicting magistrates at the present time of the fines of 1894 will as appears above be $1532.30

The total amount of the uncollected expenses connected, with all cases during the year, including bills of magistrates, constables, witnesses, counsel and travelling expenses, and the expenses necessarily incurred in supporting cases referred to the Supreme Court is $1112.37, which will leave a balance in favour of the county of $419.93

During the year past there were also collected of the fines of 1892 $110.40, and of the fines of 1893 $233.90, in all the sum of $344.30 This latter amount will pay all the old indebtedness, which was $308.60, and leave a balance of $35.70, so that there will be a net surplus in the Sec-Treasurer's hands of $455.63, that is in connection with my three years' work as Inspector, without taking into account my salary as Inspector, or any amounts that have been assessed therefor

The illegal sale of liquor continues decreasing, and during the past year a number who were in the business have been obliged to abandon it, and several of them have been driven out of the County

JOHN MENZIES,
Inspector.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Coun Morrison the Scott Act returns of Police Magistrate McCulley, and Sitting Police Magistrate Fraser, were passed.

Coun Morrison presented the following report on Scott Act accounts:

COUNTY ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON INSPECTOR MENZIES' ACCTS.

The committee on Co Accounts beg leave to submit the following report on John Menzies, Scott Act Inspector's accounts for the past year Total amount collected for 1894 $1532.30 Against this the following are charged—Disbursement account of the Inspector $47 95; travelling expenses of do $85 32; R Murray $640; L A Currey $43 50; Justices' fees not collected $36 95; constables' fees do $166 70; Witnesses' fees do $93 45; S U McCulley, police magistrate, for warrants, $9 50; amounting to $1112 37, leaving a balance for 1894 of $420 93 There has also been collected from convictions of 1892 $110 40, and of 1893 $223 90 Add collection of 1894 $1532 30, less expenses $1112 37 Total balance for the year's work $764 23

The committee went fully into the several items in the Inspector's disbursement and travelling accounts, and find all vouched for except $2 horse hire and items such as stage fares, railway fares, amounts paid for searching in recording office, &c. which your committee do not feel it competent to be furnished. The justices', constables and witnesses fees are certified as correct by Justices McCulley and Fraser. Apart from this we find account correct and all vouched for

We are pleased to report that economy has been practiced by the Inspector and a saving effected in the several accounts in comparison with former years; and we can only recommend that the same care be taken in the future in keeping the expenses as small as possible consistent with the carrying out of the Act

In the Inspector's report you will notice he shows a balance of $465 63 on hand during the three years of his inspectorship This does not, however, show that this balance is in the Sec-Treasurer's hands after his account is paid As the Inspector's report deals only with his own work for the three years, and does not include his $600 salary, or the assessment made on the county for same, and there being no assessment made in 1892, the Inspector's salary outside of the balance on hand at that time would have to come out of the fines collected

The Secy-Treasurer's account with the Scott Act Fund shows a balance on hand of $1254 06, less Inspector's account now due $950 67, which leaves a balance in Secy-Treasurer's hands of $303 39.

Respectfully submitted.

D MORRISON, JARED TOZER,
JOHN BETTS, THOS W FLETT,
J F CONNORS

The report was adopted.

On motion of Coun Morrison, Inspector Menzies' account was passed.

Coun Jones—I move a vote of thanks to Inspector Menzies for the zeal and energy with which he has carried out the Canada Temperance Act.

Coun Tozer—I second it.

Carried.

On motion of Coun Jones Mr Menzies was appointed Inspector for the present year.

The Warden gracefully extended the thanks of the Council to Inspector Menzies.

Mr. Menzies said he was pleased at receiving a vote of thanks from this honorable body. No one could appreciate it more than he, especially as reports of boodling had been circulated about him. If he wanted boodle he would not go and need not go to the taxpayers for it, but take with the right hand and the left from those who were ready to give it. He had been told $1000 would be raised for him if he would overlook certain parties for one year. If he could bring in a better report, showing still further reductions of expenses, he would do it.

On motion of Coun Jones Mr Menzies was appointed Inspector for the present year.

On motion of Coun Sullivan (Hardwick) the Inspector's salary was fixed at $500.

On motion of Coun Morrison it was ordered that $250 be assessed