PROVINCIAL HEALTH ACT RECEIVES SEVERE MAULING AT KINGS COUNTY COUNCIL SESSION

Concensus of Opinion That Gov't Had Sprung a Law to Provide Jobs for Faithful Workers — Refuse to Vote Amount Requested—Farmer, Business Man and Professional Enter Into Three-Cornered Debate Over Tax Burden.

Hampton, Jan. 28.—The councillors of the municipality of Kings county began the second day of their annual meeting with a full attendance, Councillor Dr. J. B. Gilchrist, of Norton, who was absent at both yesterday's sessions, being present.

The passing of the estimates of the Board of Health, which were made the first order of business caused a good deal of discussion, and the Provincial Health Act was severely criticised by many of the councillors. It was felt by some that the province was imposing on the municipalities, in asking them to vote estimates, which, they considered, should be paid out of provincial funds. Others considered that the act, while beneficial in itself, was encumbered by needless machinery, and an excessive staff of officers.

During the discussion Councillor McAuley, of Studholm, made the statement that the farmers were being called upon to pay all the taxes, the gauntlet was taken up by Councillor Smith, on behalf of the business men, and Dr. Gilchrist on behalf of the professional men, and indignantly denied. It was finally moved in amendment that the sum of $3,000 be voted for Board of Health purposes, Secretary Otty having previously informed the council that, regardless of their action, they would be obliged to pay the Board the full amount assessed, according to the act.

The assessment for lunatics and paupers were passed en bloc. The parish of Norton was divided into three polling districts on motion of Dr. Gilchrist. It was moved that the fees of councillors be raised from $3 to $5 a day.

The council was then adjourned to 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Hon. Dr. Roberts was present during the passing of the Board of Health estimates.

At the opening of the afternoon session the report of the Patriotic Fund Committee was read and adopted. No change was made in the committee and it was continued for another year with instructions to continue negotiations with the local government about matters in dispute.

The greater part of the afternoon was taken up in passing the reports of the different committees, and the bills of each parish. The county registrar read his annual report, which was adopted.

It was moved that the provincial government be asked to increase the salaries of the registrar of deeds, and the registrar of probates. The fees allowed collectors were increased. King Kelley, County Secretary of St. John, and Dr. Ferris, of the St. John County Hospital, addressed the council, asking their support in amendment of the present legislation regarding the payment made by the municipalities for their patients at the County Hospital and the other sanitoriam in the province.

Fletcher Peacock addressed the councillors on Vocational Schools. He asked the councillors to appoint a committee to look into and study the work of the vocational schools, and to report back to the councillors at the next session.

The morning sesion of the council was called to order at ten fifteen and the roll called, all the councillors answering. It was then moved by Councillor Keith, of Havelock, that the estimates asked by the Board of Health at the previous day's meeting be voted, seconded by Councillor McVey.

Councillor McAuley, of Studholm, stated that while he thoroughly approved of the health act, he was opposed to the municipality paying for salaries appointed by the provincial government, something was being "put over" by the government on the municipality. If the province wished to appoint board of health officers let them pay the officers from provincial revenue. The farmers had been leached since 1914, they were becoming absolute slaves and were taxed for everything. They were asked to vote this year estimates which were in excess of last year's, and so the thing would go on. He thought the councillors were appointed to look after county matters, and not the paying of the salaries of officials appointed by the local government. It was claimed that the war had been fought for freedom, but he did not think it was much in evidence at the present time with such legislation being enacted.

The Warden asked the county secretary if the council had any power to curtail the estimates, and was informed that they had not.

Councillor Gilchrist stated that the legislation for the Health Act was the same as that in the Hospital Act, inasmuch as the council were compelled to pay the amount asked whether or no. The only remedy would be to recommend to the provincial government that an amendment to the act be made. He said that the act had many flaws, and was open to much criticism; the pay offered medical officers were ridiciously low.

Councillor McAuley agreed that the assessment would have to be paid, but wished the municipality to go on record as opposed to the bill, and to only pay it under protest.

Councillor Smith asked that the act be read as applied to the council.

Secretary Otty read a clause by which the council were obliged to pay the full amount assessed by the Board of Health, and additional sums might be assessed in the case of an epidemic.

In case the county refused to pay the amount asked the Lieutenant-Governor had authority to take steps to secure the payment of the same.

Councillor McAuley—"The act is very nicely arranged, the county, and the farmers are certainly placed under the yoke. The farmers are nothing but a machine for the government. If the government continues to load them down with the professional fraternity where will the farmer land."

Dr. Gilchrist—"The poor house."

Councillor McAuley—"It won't be big enough."

Councillor Gilchrist—"We're making additions this year."

Councillor Smith said that he had no more confidence in the present government than the councillor from Studholm, but the Medical Act was one of the most important on the statutes and was for the benefit of the people.

He said that Councillor McAuley seemed to think the farmers were doing everything, but he had only to consult the list of his own parish to find that the business men were obliged to pay taxes the farmer was free of, although they were the most prosperous class in the country. The act had too much machinery, if the county has to pay the bills it should have something to say about running the act.

Councillor Keith, of Havelock, spoke of advantages of new act and the unity secured in all the counties by the new act, but thought an amendment should be made in regard to slaughter houses.

In answer to a question by one of the councillors Secretary of the Board of Health Pearson, stated that the increase in the estimates was due to the increase demanded by doctors for medical inspection of schools.

Dr. Gilchrist said that in carrying out the work of the board he had vaccinated 211 children and made two visits to each school in his district, for which he had received the magnificent sum of $45. He absolutely refused to do the work again at the same rate. The government had no more right to legislate the doctor's time than the farmer's.

It was moved in amendment by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor B. A. Keith, that the amount assessed for Board of Health estimates be $3,000, instead of $5,600. Yeas: Councillors Smith, Dole, B. A. Keith, DeBow, Folkins, J. J. Sherwood, Wallace, Carr, McAuley, Floyd, Myers, Jones and Gorham. Nays: Councillors Baxter, Lingley, Howard, Gilchrist, Dann, MacVey, F. Sherwood, S. I. Keith, and Walton. Motion carried.

The assessments for lunatics and paupers were passed en bloc. Various bills of the different parishes were ordered paid. It was moved by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor DeBow, that the fees of the Councillors be raised from $3 to $5 a day. The motion was carried, Councillor McAuley casting the only dissenting vote. It was moved that the Parish of Norton be divided into three polling districts instead of two, as at present. The Council then adjourned to two o'clock in the afternoon.

On the meeting of the Council after the noon recess, the report of the Patriotic Fund Committee was read. It was moved that the report of the committee be adopted. The members of the committee, ex-Warden H. Keith, of Studholm, E. A. Schofield and F. E. Sharpe, were asked to continue in office, and to resume their negotiations with the Local Government regarding an excess taxation placed on the County.

The report of the Meadow Committee was read and adopted. The County Registrar then read his report. He stated that the income of the office for the year was $3,151.48, the expenditures $2,068.88. He asked the Council to recommend that the Government increase his salary from $2,000 to $2,500, in order that he might carry on his work properly. He also asked the Council's permission to introduce the loose leaf system of indexing, and an indexing typewriter, as adopted by the County of Westmorland. It was moved that the Registrar's report be adopted as read.

It was moved by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor DeBow, that the resolutions embodied in the Registrar's report be adopted by the Council.

Moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Gilchrist, that a committee be appointed to see that the remuneration of tax collectors be increased. Councillors Smith, McVey and Turner were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Moved that the sum of $7,000 be assessed for the contingent fund. That the interest on the sinking fund for patriotic purposes, amounting to $1,000, be paid. That a bill for treatment of a patient from Kings County at the Provincial Sanitorium be paid. That the sum of $200 be assessed on the parish of Waterford for money owed the County.

Moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Gilchrist, that the municipality of Kings County place themselves on record as being strongly opposed to any act of the Provincial Legislature to place a tax upon the County without the consent of the said municipality or without the Council having control therein.

It was moved that the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer be increased by $500, to date from January, 1920.

It was then moved by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Howard, that the order of business be suspended in order to hear Dr. Farris and King Kelley, County Secretary of St. John, who desired to address the meeting.

Mr. Kelley said that he was present to secure the endorsation of the County for necessary legislation to be introduced at the coming session in Fredericton regarding the payment of patients of the different counties being treated at the sanitoria of the Province. According to the present Act the parishes were obliged to pay the bills, which was regrettable for several reasons. This should be changed so that the secretaries of each county be empowered by the municipalities to pay for the treatment of patients unable to do so themselves. He cited a brutal case which had occurred in the removal of a patient from the sospital, by the overseers of the poor of a certain parish, in order to cut down taxes. The removal had resulted in death, when further treatment might have saved the girl.

Dr. Farris asked the Council to recommend to the Provincial Government that the rate allowed by the Province be raised to a dollar a day per patient.

The Council promised their consideration of the matters.

Fletcher Peacock, Superintendent of Provincial Vocational Schools, then addressed the Council on vocational schools. He said that both the Provincial and Federal Governments had made large grants for vocational training, and that if the county wished to establish a school, the Province offered to pay half the maintenance cost, and it would also be subsidized by the Dominion Government as well. The present educational system was not fitted to the needs of the people, and he asked that the Council see it be fitted to their needs, through vocational schools. He asked that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of such schools for the county and report at their next meeting.

The committee appointed were Warden Gilliland, Councillors Gilchrist and Turner.

Councillor Turner said that the great fault with the educational system in rural districts was the inefficiency of the teachers in the country schools. They were 40 per cent. below the standard of years gone by. (Hear, hear.)

It was moved that the court crier's salary be increased to $100.

Moved by Councillor Gilchrist, seconded by Councillor Howard, that the salary of the Registrar of Probates be raised to $600.

The report of the Meadow Committee for Grassy Island stated that $700 had been realized on the sale of hay and credited to the county.

Secretary Otty said that he was not going to ask for a raise in salary at the present session of the Council, but would be forced to do so at the next. He had been appointed at a salary of $1,000 when a dollar was worth a dollar, but at present it was worth the proverbial thirty cents.

It was moved that the Provincial Government be requested to raise the salary of the Judge of Probate by a $250 increase.

It was moved that the Council would not hold their semi-annual meeting in June.

The business before the Council was concluded at 6 o'clock, and an adjournment was made till the next annual meeting.

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The High School opened here on Monday with Mr. Eagles in charge.

Mr. Hoyt Steeves spent last week in Alma.

Mrs. S. C. Day and Miss Jeanne Graves spent Saturday and Sunday at River Glade.

Mrs. W. A. Bovaird and Mrs. Mildred Goddard were in Sussex last week.

A number of young people of this place attended a very enjoyable party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Stiles, Mapleton, on Friday evening. The musical feature of the evening was Mr. Stiles' Victrola. Dancing and games were enjoyed during the evening. About midnight refreshments were served.

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It was decided to organize a local branch, and the following were elected as the officers:

Dr. Losier—Chairman.
F. E. Neale—Vice Chairman.
Mrs. F. H. McNaught, Secy-Treas.
Executive—Mrs. A. P. Williams, Miss Snowball, W. B. Snowball, J. W. Brankley, F. M. Tweedie, R. D. Walsh, Capt. Duncan.

SETBACK ON INDIAN FRONTIER

A telegram has been received from the Chief of the General Staff in India (says Reuter) that, notwithstanding the setback to the British forces near Jandola, the operations are proceeding satisfactorily.

The latest telegrams from the Viceroy state that, following on the earlier fighting, in which the British sustained eighty-four casualties, the columns advanced in the mountainous country west of Mandanna Kach, where they encountered heavy forces of Mahsuds and Waziris, who were in position among the hills.

The enemy apparently seized one ridge, probably on the flank of the advancing force. Owing to the unsteadiness of two units which had already suffered heavily in the loss of officers, the British were compelled to fall back.

British Losses.

In the fighting that ensued on December 19, the British lost in killed, wounded, and missing about 200, including thirteen British officers killed or missing. No particulars as to names are yet available.

On the following day General Andrew Skeen, in command, resumed the operations, which were successful.

On December 21 the Derajat column advanced and occupied an important hill without opposition. Later the Mahsud tribesmen collected and attacked in force. The position was reoccupied on December 22 without opposition. Fifty Mahsud corpses were found on the site. Moreover, the Mahsuds were observed burying their corpses and removing their dead throughout the day.

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R. O. Atkinson, M. A., spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. A. K. Melick, of Hampton, leaving on Monday evening for New York, where he intends taking up editorial and advertising work for some of the leading magazines in that city.

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