

# POOR DOCUMENT

We were compelled owing to the pressure upon our columns by the proceedings of the York County Council to omit the usual sermon. We think it not egotistic to point out that we furnish today to the people of the County of York, without one dollar's expense to them, the full report of the proceedings of their Council, a thing which has never been done before. In this anticipating by fully a week the official report for which the ratepayers pay, and with which we shall be glad to have our report compared, we are only acting in accordance with the true principles of journalism.

The sermon in next Saturday's *HERALD* will be by the Rev. Mr. Reid.

We made arrangements to publish a full report of the proceedings of the Sunbury County Council but the manuscript did not reach us until after we had the proceedings of the York County Council in hand.

## COUNTY COUNCIL.

### ANNUAL MEETING—FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The County Council met on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Council Chamber in the Court House, Warden Rutherford in the chair.

The following Councillors were present—

- Couns. James W. Jewett and Thomas Calhoun, of Bright.
- Couns. Jamieson and Grant, of Canterbury.
- Couns. Colter and Johnson, of Douglas.
- Couns. Doherty and Davidson, of Dumfries.
- Couns. Murray and Everett, of Kingsclear.
- Couns. Glendenning and Rutherford, of Manners-Sutton.
- Couns. Lipsett and S. K. Nason, of North.
- Couns. McGeorge and Cropley, of New.
- Couns. Hoyt and McCormick, of Prince.
- Couns. Murch and McNally, of Queensbury.
- Couns. White and Close, of St. Mary's.
- Couns. Pinder and Martin, of Southampton.
- Couns. Currie and Calhoun, of Stanley.

Warden Rutherford made a few remarks as outgoing Warden, and the Board then proceeded to the election of a Warden for the ensuing year. Coun. Ben. Close, of St. Mary's, was chosen to fill the office.

The Secretary-Treasurer, H. B. Rainford, Jr., Esq., then read the minutes of the preceding meeting and they were confirmed.

Peter Haining was appointed constable to the Board during the session.

Secretary-Treasurer Rainford laid the half-yearly accounts before the Board, and the Warden appointed the following a committee to examine and report on them—Couns. Rutherford, Doherty, Lipsett, Pinder and Jewett.

On motion of Coun. Murch, L. C. Macnutt was appointed official reporter of the proceedings of the Council at the same salary as last year—\$20.

On motion the Board then adjourned until 1 o'clock.

The Board met at 1 o'clock, Warden Close presiding. The roll being called all answered to their names. The following

were appointed by the Warden—

- Public Accounts—Couns. Jewett, Jamieson, Colter, Davidson, Murray, Glendenning, Nason, McGeorge, Hoyt, McNally, White, Martin, and Calhoun.
- Assessment—Couns. Coburn, Grant, Johnson, Doherty, Everett, Rutherford, Lipsett, Cropley, McCormick, Pinder, Currie, and Murch.

Coun. Murch stated that he had received a letter from G. Fred. Fisher in regard to the accounts, which stated that he would have had them out before, but he could not secure hands to do so. He would, however, have 50 copies of the accounts ready for the Board this afternoon.

The Hon. John J. Fraser, Attorney General, who was present, then extended an invitation to the members of the Council to pay a visit to the new Parliament Building under his espionage.

The opportunity was too good a one to be lost, and the Board jumped at it eagerly, adjourning for an hour for that purpose, at 2.30. At 3.30 the Council again met and proceeded to business.

Coun. Rutherford, from the Committee appointed to examine the Secretary-Treasurer's half-yearly accounts, reported that they had performed that duty, and had found them all correct. Report adopted.

Couns. Nason, White and Murray were appointed the Public Buildings Committee.

Couns. Jewett, Hoyt and Colter were appointed to the Printing and Stationery Committee.

The Board then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

**Second Day's Proceedings.**  
The Council met at 10.15 on Wednesday morning, Warden Close presiding. There was a full Board.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. James A. Yanwart was appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

On motion of Coun. Murch, seconded by Coun. Hoyt, Coun. Rutherford was paid \$20 for revising the non-resident list of electors.

Coun. Murch moved, and it was seconded, that the Revisors receive the same pay as last year.—Carried.

Coun. Coburn moved, and it was seconded by Coun. Calhoun, that they proceed to the division of the by-road money, if equal and according to valuation.

Coun. Murch moved, seconded by Coun. Nason, in amendment, that the distribution be in the same way as last year.—Carried.

Coun. Murch spoke of the improvements proposed at the last meeting to the basement or market house part of the County Court House. A committee had been appointed, and Mr. Beckwith had drawn some plans. It was proposed to have some arrangements for the Council, and room for the County officers, Sheriff, registry office, Secretary-Treasurer, etc., without being in the way of

the Court. It could be done for about \$2,000, and he proposed that they discuss it.

Coun. McCormick said a committee had been appointed last year, and he would like to hear their report. He favored the proposed improvement, and said the improvement could be done for \$2,000, whereas it would cost fully \$5,000 to build a suitable place outside.

Coun. Calhoun said the Committee had taken no action, and was going to refer the matter back to the Council.

Coun. McNally was in favor of having the Registry Office in the basement, but as the market was a boon to the County, he thought that the other County offices should not be put in it.

Coun. Coburn said he had talked with Mr. Mitchell, the builder, who took him a walk for the records could easily be put in the basement, and he was in favor of the Registry Office being put in there. He did not believe in putting any other County offices in, thereby cramping the market.

Coun. Colter was of the same opinion as Coun. Coburn, and would oppose putting in the other County offices, but thought a new record office was wanted.

Coun. Nason spoke of the insecurity of the County Records in the present building. Coun. Nason was opposed to building a record office outside; he would favor putting it in down stairs, but no other offices.

Coun. McCormick said that last year the Government wanted the old building out of that, and had promised a lot of land to put up a building on.

Coun. Colter thought the Government had been slow; that was all.

A motion to adjourn to inspect the basement was under discussion informally, when Coun. White walked in and announced that he had been down measuring the building. It was 108x23, and there was lots of room for their purposes, and a market, too. At present it was occupied as a lumber room, and the market people were not occupying more than twenty feet of the lower floor.

The Board then adjourned until 3 o'clock. The Council assembled again shortly after two o'clock. When the roll was called there was a full Board.

Coun. Hoyt said that now that the Auditor's accounts had at last been received, the Board had better settle down to business.

Coun. Pinder moved, seconded by Coun. Hoyt, that a committee of three be appointed to apportion the several amounts to be assessed. Carried.

The Warden appointed Couns. Pinder, Hoyt, and Doherty.

The Parish Officers of New Maryland, Canterbury and Queensbury were appointed on motion of the Councillors of the respective Parishes.

W. W. D. Colter was paid \$4 out of the funds of the parish of Canterbury, on motion.

Coun. Coburn moved, seconded by Coun. McNally, that the Board take into consideration the necessity of providing scales for the weighing of hay and other large draught, and that the Building Committee be authorized to put up the same.—Carried.

The Parish Officers of Stanley and Prince William were appointed.

Coun. Coburn reported from the Public Buildings Committee that they performed their duties the past year, and now submitted the accounts of the same for that period. He read the accounts and explained them in detail to the members of the Board.

The accounts of the Public Buildings Committee were adopted.

Coun. Pinder reported from the Committee on the Appropriation of Assessments that the following amounts would be required for 1882—

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Coun. Coburn reported from the Assessment Committee that they had apportioned the Assessment for the year 1882 as follows—

Bright	\$1,012 10
Canterbury	593 51
Dumfries	611 79
Douglas	1,288 35
Kingsclear	1,518 89
Manners-Sutton	204 41
New Maryland	348 79
North	938 88
Prince William	1,828 90
Queensbury	698 81
St. Mary's	1,156 41
Southampton	1,156 41
Stanley	1,156 41
Total	\$12,565 00

The report was adopted.

On motion—it was ordered that the Assessors and Collectors of Canterbury, Queensbury, Maryland, Stanley, Southampton and Prince William, be paid the same amounts as last year for their services.

The lists of Parish Officers for Douglas and Manners-Sutton were submitted and certified to.

Coun. Colter moved, and it was seconded, that the following amounts be added to the assessment list for the Parish of Douglas—\$400 for the support of poor; \$300.69 for indebtedness; \$20 for miscellaneous purposes; and that the Assessors and Collectors be paid the same as last year.—Carried.

The Board then adjourned until 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Council met again at 7.15 in the evening and proceeded to business.

Coun. Rutherford, seconded by Coun. McCormick, moved the following resolution—

That this Council, now convened in the City of Fredericton, representing every part of the County of York, deem it of vital importance to the whole Dominion of Canada that a winter port for the transportation of the produce of the great north western country, now settling very fast, should be made selected from the Maritime Provinces; therefore

Resolved, That we join in the effort now being made by the City of St. John and elsewhere, urging upon the Dominion Government to purchase the great country west of us, and further urge the Government will this session of Parliament see the urgent necessity of subsidizing the railway between St. John and John to Europe, carrying the produce of the Dominion, that seeks such ports for shipment; and

Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by St. John or St. Anthony-Treasurer, be sent to Sir Leonard Tilley, our Finance Minister, at Ottawa.

Coun. Rutherford said that as much agitation in the papers about the establishment of the terminus of the railway in some Maritime port, and it might be said that York County was not much interested in it, but it could be easily seen that it was of great importance to the County in the Province. The papers on both sides of politics were in favor of what he said, and he thought it was of great importance to the County in the Province. The papers on both sides of politics were in favor of what he said, and he thought it was of great importance to the County in the Province.

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trict No. 1; \$1 for John Turner; \$1 for the Clerk of Parish No. 1; and \$1.50 for the use of a room.

On motion the Board adjourned until Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock.

**Thursday's Proceedings.**  
The Council met at 10 o'clock, on Thursday morning, pursuant to adjournment. There was a full Board.

The previous day's minutes were read and confirmed.

Coun. Nason moved, seconded by Coun. Lipsett, that the Collectors and Assessors of New Maryland receive the same pay as last year. Carried.

The parish officers of New Maryland were submitted and received.

Coun. Murray moved, seconded by Coun. Everett, that the following amounts be assessed on the Parish of Kingsclear: \$200 for Parish indebtedness; \$30 for support of poor; \$4 for contingencies; and that the Assessors and Collectors receive the same as last year.—Carried.

On motion, \$100 was ordered to be assessed on the Parish of Manners-Sutton for support of poor, and \$10 for Parish purposes.

Coun. Colter pointed out an error in the Auditor's Report, by which his Parish was not credited with \$100 due it. He asked that the sum of \$300 be had added to be assessed for Parish indebtedness be made \$200 in view of this error. This was done.

Coun. Murch moved, and was seconded, receding that part of the by-law of 1879, providing for the giving of bonds by parish officers and road commissioners.—Carried.

Coun. Davidson moved, seconded by Coun. Doherty, a by-law relating to the running at large of cattle, etc., in the various parishes of the County of York.

The by-law was read section by section, and adopted with some slight amendments.

On motion, \$300 was ordered to be assessed on the Parish of Dumfries for parish indebtedness, and \$2 for the chairman of the last parish meeting. The assessors and collectors were ordered to be paid the same as last year.

Coun. Everett moved, and it was seconded, that a bill be prepared to amend that part of the assessment law affecting non-resident property and property holders, and that a committee be appointed to draw up a more simple and efficient law, to be submitted to the Legislature in due form.—Carried.

The Warden, Secretary-Treasurer, and Couns. Pinder and Everett were appointed such committees.

Coun. Colter moved, and it was seconded, that the Secretary-Treasurer notify the collectors of rates and wild land tax in Douglas to make a return to him up to 1881 before the session of July, 1882.—Carried.

Coun. White submitted the bill of constable Currie for \$5.25 in connection with the Canada Temperance Act, 1878. It was considerable debate on the matter, which was laid over until the July session.

The parish officers of Bright were submitted and received.

A motion to the effect that the Secretary-Treasurer furnish the parish clerks of each parish with half a dozen copies of the necessary forms for a candidate for election, was lost; as was also an amendment to the same, that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to advertise in the County papers the names of candidates for election, and that the parish clerks be furnished with copies.

The parish officers of Southampton were submitted and received.

On motion, the following amounts were ordered to be assessed on the Parish of Bright for the purposes named: \$125 for support of poor; \$8 for the use of a room for election purposes; \$4 for the district clerk, and \$2 for the parish clerk.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

The Council met again at 2 o'clock.

Coun. McGeorge asked the opinion of the Secretary-Treasurer in regard to the law in York County on abusive language. A case had occurred in his Parish in which a constable at least a dozen before the election, was lost; as was also an amendment to the same, that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to advertise in the County papers the names of candidates for election, and that the parish clerks be furnished with copies.

The parish officers of North were submitted and received.

On motion, the following amounts were ordered to be assessed on the parish of Southampton—\$125 for the support of poor; \$8 for the parish indebtedness; and \$20 for contingencies.

The list of the parish officers of North Lake were handed in.

Coun. Pinder agreed with the mover of the resolution, and said that as this was the third time of its being in this matter and no notice had been taken, a change of Government would be wanted before anything could be done. (Laughter.)

Coun. Calhoun thought Coun. Pinder would not have long to wait, and said he would vote heartily for the motion.

Coun. Jamieson moved that the following amounts be assessed on the parish of North Lake for the purposes named:—\$140 for the support of the poor; \$6 for the trustees of school district No. 8 for the use of the district Clerk; \$3 for the parish Clerk; and \$200 for the parish indebtedness.

the Assessor of the Administration of Justice that they had met and conferred with the Committee of the City Council in July last, and found that at that date there was due by the City to the County the amount of \$768.23 on account of the Administration of Justice, which had since been paid by the city. The report was adopted.

Coun. White presented a bill from Mr. Peters for services as valuator in adjusting taxes, etc., for the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Land Company, for \$7.50.

Coun. White asked why Mr. Wood, valuator, had taken eight days when Mr. Peters had only occupied three days.

Coun. Rutherford explained by reading a letter which stated that the trip in Wood's case was a long and expensive one.

The bill was ordered to be paid.

Coun. Colter said that the valuator could not put in any extras; they were paid so much per day and had to pay their own expenses.

Coun. Calhoun moved, seconded by Coun. McCormick, that the jail limits which now extend half a mile from the jail, be extended from the common jail to a distance of three miles in all directions; and that the present by-law defining the jail limits be rescinded.

Coun. McCormick said he was in favor of the resolution, which carried.

Coun. Murch reported from the Printing and Stationery Committee that they had advertised for tenders, and that the tender of G. Fred. Fisher for printing the Auditor's Accounts, and the tender of Messrs. McMurtry & Fenety for supplying the stationery being the two lowest respectively, they had accepted them. He laid the tenders before the Board so that any who wished to see them could do so. A report had been spread abroad that he had been influenced by the Deputy Secretary-Treasurer in giving the tender to Messrs. McMurtry & Fenety. This he denied absolutely and explained the matter to the satisfaction of the Council, showing how groundless this base charge was. He submitted the tenders as evidence in support of what he said.

The report was received and adopted.

Coun. Pinder reported from the committee appointed to get plans and acquire into the expense of erecting the Record office and other county offices in the lower flat of the County Court House, that they had decided upon the following recommendations:—That one-third of the lower flat be set aside for the purposes of the market, and that the rest be utilized for the proposed Record office, County Council room, other county offices, &c.; that a large vault be put in; that the expense of these improvements be not more than \$2,500; and that a committee be appointed to prepare a bill and petition to go before the Legislature, authorizing them to do this and to carry out the proposed improvements afterward.

A motion for the adoption of this report was made.

Coun. Coburn said he was willing to support this report so far as the Record office was concerned, but not any further. The position of the financial affairs of the county would not permit of their doing any more than the Record office.

Coun. Rutherford said he was satisfied with the present room, and moved in amendment, and it was seconded, that this Council, recognizing the necessity of providing a new Record office for the better security of the county records, do authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare a bill to be presented to the Legislature at its next session, giving the Council the necessary authority to establish the Record office, and other offices, in the basement of the County Court House, and that a committee of seven be appointed to procure plans for and superintend the erection of the same.

Coun. Pinder said they had brought in the report because they saw, while making other improvements, they could also put in a much more commodious council room for very little more money. The county, he held, was in a good position financially.

Coun. Murch pointed out the disadvantages of the present Council room, and thought that, as they had to provide a Record office, they might as well have a room for committees, &c., on the lower floor, indicating out the disadvantages they labored under at present in this respect; but he did not go for taking up so much of the lower flat as would spoil it for a country market. He was in favor of having the Council room down stairs.

Coun. Colter opposed the putting of the Council room down stairs. The ceiling was, he said, and he thought the present accommodations ample enough, as there was not much danger of any of the Parishes dividing and sending more members, as had been hinted at.

Coun. McCormick opposed the report. He said the present Council room was pretty comfortable, but they must have the new Record office.

Coun. Murch pointed out the fact that the County was not so bankrupt as some would make out. The Auditor's report showed that they were very little in debt.

Coun. Everett would not go for any change but that of the Record Office. The present Council Room, he thought, would do.

Coun. White expressed himself in favor of a new Council Room, and Couns. Rutherford and Pinder made a few remarks of a general nature on the subject.

The amendment was then put and carried.

The Warden appointed the following committee under it—The Warden, the Secretary-Treasurer, Couns. Rutherford, Pinder, Murch, Nason and Jewett.

Constable Peter Haining was paid \$5 extra from July last for services in attending the public market.

Coun. Murch moved, seconded by Coun. Nason, that the Secretary-Treasurer build or cause to be built an abutment under the County safe in his office, and charge the same to the County of York.—Carried.

Moved by Coun. Jewett, and seconded, that Abraham Merrithew, Isaac Yerxa, Charles E. Scott and Andrew Grant be island drivers for 1882.—Carried.

Coun. Murch said that last year they had made a new departure in having the minutes of the Council published, and had sent one to every ratepayer, which had been met with every expression of satisfaction from the rate-payers. He then moved that the same steps be taken this year as last—that they be published in the *Maritime Farmer*, and a copy sent to each ratepayer.

Coun. Johnson, reported from the Com-

mittee as last year, with the exception that the folding and mailing would have to be done outside, and he had an offer from a party to do this for \$5.

Coun. McNally seconded this motion, which carried.

Coun. Colter moved, seconded by Coun. Jamieson, that a bill be prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer for presentation to the Legislature changing the date of the annual school meeting from January to the third Thursday in September.—Carried.

Coun. White moved, seconded by Coun. Everett, that a bill be presented to the Legislature giving the council power to assess for laying sidewalks in any town or village in the county.—Carried.

Constable Haining was paid \$3 for his attendance on the Board during this session.

Coun. McGeorge moved, and it was seconded, the adoption of a regulation under section 9, chap. 17, 25th Vic., respecting the law of abusive language.

He submitted the regulation, and the motion carried.

On motion, the sum of \$50 was added to the assessment of the parish of Prince William for the ensuing year for the support of the poor.

Coun. Pinder moved, and was seconded, that a bill be drawn up empowering the County Council to levy a license on all peddlers, commercial travellers, and travelling agents for manufacturers not resident in the county and doing business as such in the County of York.

Coun. Murch was opposed to this as being unfair to the consumer, who would have to pay for the license in the increased price of the goods he bought.

Coun. McCormick agreed with Coun. Murch. Coun. Glendenning thought that peddlers should pay a license.

The motion, however, was lost when it came to a vote.

Coun. McGeorge asked the Secretary-Treasurer what had become of the returns of Cropley and another from North Lake, about which there had been some trouble in his parish. He had looked, but could not find them in the accounts.