

CARLETON COUNTY COUNCIL

Full Report of Proceedings at Regular January Session, 1924

(Official Report Tuesday)

The semi-annual meeting of the newly elected County Council opened in the Court House at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15th, 1924.

The board as now constituted is as follows:

Aberdeen—Arthur E. McIntosh, H. J. Flemming.

Brighton—Henry Smith, Fred Brown.

Kent—G. W. Perry, Louis Boyd.

Northampton—Henry A. Phillips, G. Arthur Gibson.

Peel—E. W. Melville, Edmond Saunders.

Richmond—K. F. Dalling, W. A. McDougall.

Simonds—James Peters, W. N. Raymond.

Wakefield—Robert Bell, J. Allan Good.

Wilmot—W. F. Anderson, Bert C. Cliff.

Wicklow—Hugh T. Tweedie, Beecher Tracey.

Woodstock—F. Byron Bull, Chas. W. Clark.

Hartland Town—Warren White.

Woodstock Town—Wm. Balmain, H. M. Dewitt, H. T. Stevens.

The officials present were: J. C. Hartley, secretary treasurer; Chas. Comben, auditor; J. P. Maloney, reporter; Sheriff Foster, Deputy Sheriff Moores, Herbert Holmes, janitor.

Warden Perry took the chair.

The National Anthem, led by Councilor Robert Bell, was sung.

Rev. E. B. McLatchie, B. A., opened the session with prayer. He was glad to live in a land in which such gatherings were opened by prayer. This was wisely and rightly to be commended, because the heart and mind should at all times be subject to the Divine Law.

Secretary Treasurer Hartley furnished the elections returns, showing that the above councillors were duly elected for the next two years.

Warden Perry said that he was about to be relieved of office. He thanked them for the honor conferred upon him two years ago and it was indeed an honor to be warden of the noble county of Carleton. He had endeavored to perform his duties faithfully and well. His association with Judge Carleton and Sheriff Foster in the drawing of juries was most pleasing. As usual he would always stand for economy. The farmers are having yet a hard time to get along. We must conduct business in as close a line as possible. You have read an appeal for economy by the Town Council of Woodstock, but he had no doubt that some of those men who signed that appeal would be coming to this Council this session for different grants. The farmers have so many bills to pay that a few cents added to their taxes would be burdensome.

Moved by Coun. Melville, seconded by Coun. McIntosh, that W. F. Anderson of Wilmot, be selected warden of this Council for the next two years.

Coun. Anderson—I feel my inefficiency to fill this position as well as it was filled by the retiring warden, but I will do the best I can to carry out the duties of the position to which you have elected me and for which I return my sincere thanks.

It is ten years since I was first elected to this board, and all the sessions have been most agreeable. I have sat under four wardens, Phillips, Tracey, Melville and Perry. Everybody is talking economy, and it is wise for this Council to follow it. But if there is too much economy the County would stand still. The warrants have run from \$30,000 to \$50,000. York has reduced theirs to \$26,000. It seems as if we should do as good as this year. The farmers are very little better off than they were last year. We must increase our warrant. It is 20 years since Wilmot has had a warden. It has had two, viz. John F. Williams, and the late Henry Carvell. I feel it an honor to follow in the footsteps of these men. The only thing I have in mind for the Council to deal with is the Dog Tax Law, the payments in which are very hard to collect.

Council adjourned until 1 o'clock.

At two o'clock Tuesday afternoon the Council convened with Warden Anderson in the chair.

Mr. Hartley explained that the collector's returns were not all in, consequently his report nor the report of Auditor Comben could not be presented at this session. Their reports would be ready by Wednesday or Thursday. He thought, however, that while there was a deficit of \$8500 last year, the accounts would balance. With the smallest assessment for many years, the County made up the deficit of \$8500 and would have a small surplus.

Coun. Balmain—Those who were here last June will remember about the matter being brought up of the county charter and manuscripts bearing thereon, and that a committee was appointed to look into the matter.

Coun. Melville, Bull and myself were appointed a committee. Carleton was the first county in the province to

form a Municipal Council in the year 1850. We gave the question much consideration. The committee has decided that the proper place to place the records was in the Record Office, although we thought at one time of placing them in the Public Library at Woodstock. Recorder Munro said that he would be pleased to look after the documents. We have decided to recommend that the Charter be engrossed, framed and hung in the Court House. The Charter contains 1500 words, and Number Two sample from the engravers would be recommended by the committee.

Coun. Melville—Anybody is free to go to the Record Office and examine the documents and it will be interesting for anybody to read and contrast the way the councillors did business then and now.

Moved by Coun. Melville, seconded by Coun. Phillips, that the committee be employed to have the Charter engrossed at a cost of \$50.

Motion carried.

Coun. Flemming—A year ago a committee was appointed to interview the executors of the Fisher Estate as to improvements at the Hospital. We carried out our duties, but nothing has been done.

Coun. Melville—I was a member of the committee and Coun. Flemming did certainly put it up to Mr. Connell as to the desirability of the repairs.

Moved by Coun. Flemming, seconded by Coun. Melville, that a committee be appointed to interview the executors of the Fisher estate as to improvements at the Carleton County Fisher Memorial Hospital.

Carried.

Warden Anderson appointed the following committee: Couns. Stevens, McDougall and McIntosh.

Coun. Perry read the report of different municipalities showing that the provincial government paid the board of certain classes of prohibition prisoners, and said that this county had already or would have to pay hundreds of dollars for the board of such prisoners in the county jail.

Mr. Hartley—I do not remember of any bills of the kind we have paid, although we may have done so. Those prisoners in jail for operating stills come under the Federal laws. It might be that the Dominion or Provincial Government is liable in some cases and the matter should be looked into.

Moved by Coun. Perry, seconded by Coun. Dalling, that a committee be appointed to take up with the Secretary Treasurer the matter under discussion and report at the June session.

Motion carried.

Warden Anderson appointed the following committee: Couns. Perry, Melville, Dewitt.

Moved by Coun. White, seconded by Coun. Gibson, that the committee already appointed to meet the Town Council of Hartland on assessment matters, be given an extension of time.

Carried.

Coun. Raymond—it seems to me that it is up to the Town Council of Hartland to name the time and place for a discussion on the subject.

Coun. Perry—Coun. White of Hartland made the original motion for the Council to confer with Hartland which is the bone of contention.

Coun. Melville—As chairman of the committee I will ask the town of Hartland to fix a date.

Moved by Coun. Perry, seconded by Coun. Tweedie, that the warden appoint a committee on bills and accounts. Carried.

Warden Anderson appointed Couns. McIntosh, McDougall and Stevens.

Secretary Treasurer—The time has come now that any office must be equipped with everything needed to carry on rapid and efficient work. I have a large amount of county work, assessment lists, defaulters lists, etc. It is hard to get good adders among stenographers. Personally I have a very expensive book keeping machine, but I do not like to use it as an adder. I would like the County to purchase for county work an adding machine that will cost from \$200 to \$300, similar to one used at the Woodstock Town Manager's office. In a few weeks now I will have to take in all the collectors' lists, and I already furnish the county with a safe for its different lists. I would like the Council to consider the matter but I would not need the adder until next fall.

Moved by Coun. Perry, seconded by Coun. Bull, that a committee be appointed to confer with the Secretary Treasurer as to securing an adding machine.

Carried.

Warden Anderson appointed Couns. Balmain, Clark and Dalling.

On motion of Coun. Stevens, seconded by Coun. Melville, the Council decided to hear the delegations tomorrow afternoon.

Coun. Melville—Is not Hartland in a serious condition with the county?

Secretary Treasurer—In 1922 Hartland was assessed \$3004.20. The town sent me a check for \$2000. They have

not paid the balance, nor the assessment for 1923. I have not heard from Hartland since, although I have written to the Town Clerk of that town. The parishes are paying up very well. Woodstock town, which pays by an Act of the Legislature, one seventh of the county assessment, has paid in full for 1923. If it says it won't not doing its duty. If it says it won't pay, there are ways by which it can be paid, and the Finance Committee should see that it does pay its share.

Coun. Bell—it looks to me as if Hartland now owes the county about about \$2800.

Coun. White—One reason why our town is behind is that there is an election on at present. I spoke to Ald. Hatfield about it and he says a remittance will be made by Thursday. Last year a committee appeared before the County Council, pointing out that Hartland was unfairly taxed as compared to Woodstock, but it did not meet with a cordial reception.

Coun. Melville—As chairman of the committee appointed to meet the aldermen of Hartland, when we do meet them we cannot make any trade. We cannot shift an Act of the Legislature. If we did neglect our duty as a committee that is no excuse for Hartland not paying.

Coun. Dalling—So Hartland owes \$1000 on the 1922 taxes. Where would we be if the Town of Woodstock did not pay in full, and the other parishes refused to pay their bills like Hartland is doing. If Hartland does not come across, the Secretary Treasurer should enter a suit against the town.

Coun. White—Did not Brighton councillors move at the June session to wipe off all defaulters up to a certain year?

Coun. Balmain—Coun. Brown's motion in June was to write off delinquent taxes up to 1919. This does not relieve the Parish of Brighton from any debt it may owe the county.

Coun. Flemming—Surely Hartland does not owe the county in full the sum of \$4000. No wonder we are having a hard time getting a surplus.

Mr. Hartley—it owes about \$3200, but probably we had better drop the subject now as Coun. White has promised us a remittance on Thursday.

Moved by Coun. Perry, seconded by Coun. Tweedie, that we adjourn until 2 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday morning's work was done by the committee on bills and accounts.

Council met at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Warden Anderson in the chair.

On motion the delegation present were heard before the board.

E. W. Mair, chairman of the Vocational Board, told how and why the

Vocational Board was organized; explained how the federal and provincial government financially helped in the movement; said that Carleton County school was started four years ago; it has 61 students in agricultural work; 68 day students in the home-making department; 39 students taking the commercial course, and with academic students serving full time; about 80 per cent of the pupils live outside of the Town of Woodstock. The school was depending a lot on the county grant; if the county had given its full grant last year there would have been a surplus, but as it was, there had been a deficit. He would like the county to vote the \$1000 it refused to vote last year, and also the usual \$2500 grant. When the new Woodstock Town Council met, he proposed to ask it to increase its grant from \$2500 to \$3000. He congratulated Warden Anderson on his election and appealed to the Council to give the necessary grant to enable to keep alive one of the very best institutions in the county.

Chas. A. Gray was the first speaker for Carleton County Agricultural Society No. 41. He said that last June the committee asked for a grant, but the Council said it could not afford it. This year we would like to have a grant of \$2000. The Exhibition should have some help from the County Council. The Exhibition is open to Carleton County, the province and Canada as a whole. We expect a small grant from the Dominion this year, but we are not sure of it. It is hardly possible to pick up a newspaper

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