

## Minutes of Municipal Council

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The Warden read the Auditor's report which was on motion laid on the table for further consideration.

The report of the Treasurer was then read by the Treasurer and on motion laid on the table for further consideration.

Ordered that John Hall be Scott, Act Inspector for this Municipality of Annapolis County for the ensuing year.

Ordered that the resignation of Councillor Rawding as a member of the Committee on Statute Labour be accepted.

Ordered that Councillor Conston be appointed on Statute Labour Committee in the place of Councillor Rawding resigned.

Ordered that Frank R. Troop be heard in reference to a road near the Station in Granville.

Ordered that W. Smith be heard in reference to an Automatic Electric Lighting Plant. Mr. Smith addressed the Council at considerable length recommending the Lester Briston Automatic Electric Lighting and Plumbing Plants.

The report of the Farmers' Association was then read and on motion was received and adopted. The following is the report.

### REPORT OF FARMERS' ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 30, 1914.

To the Warden and Gentlemen of the Municipality of Annapolis County.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Annapolis County Farmers' Association was held at Paradise on Monday, Dec. 28th. R. S. Leonard gave the annual address which was on excellent resume of the past year from the Farmers' standpoint. The Secretary reported 107 members; twenty institute meetings addressed by W. H. Woodworth, L. D. Robinson and Prof. W. S. Blair.

The receipts including balance on hand, members' fees, County Allowance and Provincial Grant, \$109.39; Expenses for meetings, \$5.25; Secretary, \$15.00; Postage etc., \$5.53; Printing and Advertising, \$9.47; Lecturer's expenses, \$20.90; Delegates, \$20.00; Sundries, \$1.45; Total \$77.40. Auditor's report received.

List of Directors was received and officers for the ensuing year elected, viz.:

R. J. Messenger, President, Lawrencetown.

S. A. Patterson, Vice-President, Wilmot.

L. W. Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence.

J. E. Shaffner, Auditor, Lawrencetown.

Delegates to the Provincial Association Meeting in Antigonish on the 26th inst., E. C. Shaffner, V. B. Leonard and I. C. Phinney.

Excellent addresses were given by Dr. C. B. Sims, Veterinary Surgeon, and G. E. Banks, entomologist.

Three directors' meetings were held during the year, one to consider emment in regard to better S. S. and memorize the Dominion Gov. Service and accommodation for the fresh fish and products of the Western part of the Province. Another to consider the prevalence of powdery scab in potatoes and the legislation necessary etc.

Twelve members of the Association entered the Field Crop Competition—ten prizes awarded—Five in wheat and five in oats.

Faithfully submitted,  
L. W. ELLIOTT, Sec'y.  
Clarence.

Ordered that Mr. Gormley be heard in reference to the balance of salary due this late father.

Ordered that of the salary payable to the Supreme and County Court five-twelfths of the salary for 1914 be paid to Mrs. John Gormley and seven-twelfths to Miles MacMillan, the same five-twelfths being the balance of salary due the late John Gormley at the time of his decease.

On motion the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.  
10 o'clock.

All Councillors present. Minutes of previous session read and adopted.

The report of the Health Officer being read was on motion received and adopted. The following is the report:

W. G. CLARKE, Esq.,  
Warden Municipality of Annapolis County.

Sir—I beg to present you here-with my annual report as Medical Health Officer.

During the past year we have had our share of contagious diseases but on the whole of a mild type. Early in the Spring we had a visitation of small-pox in its mild form. Cases occurred in several sections in the southern part of the County coming to us from the adjoining districts in Northern Queens County. The type of the disease was that mild form that appeared a few years ago and no doubt these cases of 1914 came from a stored up infection that had laid dormant in somebody's house for a few months or years and being mild in character gets a liberal start in a community or lumber camp before it is recognized, or medical aid sought. In our Municipality the disease was held to the original places where it appeared by prompt and strict isolation, and since June there has been no further cases reported.

At Hastings where there were several cases among the mill men the

Davidson Lumber Company assumed the entire care of them and rigid regulations enforced. In the other cases the Local Board of Health acted promptly and wisely and with as little inconvenience or hardship to those affected as possible.

Diphtheria has lurked about during the year and appeared at various points in the Municipality. Quite recently two cases occurred in Ward 11. Both proved fatal, from heart paralysis at the end of the second week of the disease.

The sudden outbreak of this disease occasionally is quite inexplicable unless we accept the theory of recent health authorities that these cases come from "common carriers," that is persons in whose throats and nasal discharges the germs of this disease may be found and yet the person quite well and moving about his work or at school as the case may be. Quite recently an epidemic in England was traced directly to such a source. Then, too there are the mild cases where the person is not ill enough to remain at home or require medical aid; by these the disease may be spread very unexpectedly in a school.

These carriers either without symptoms or with very mild unrecognized ones, are the great source of danger in our schools or where children congregate, and not infected clothing or rooms as is often supposed. Within the last few years there has occurred in Europe a marked increase of Diphtheria after an abatement of a decade or more and it is quite possible that our country may have a similar recrudescence of this scourge of childhood. Bearing this all cases of sore throat seriously and in mind, parents should look upon report them to the family physician that they may be kept under proper supervision or if they prove to be Diphtheria they may be promptly treated.

On a year ago I referred to the considerable expense incurred in the generous use of Antitoxin. I am glad to report now that this difficulty has been largely done away with by our Provincial Health Officer, he having arranged with a Laboratory in Toronto to supply Health Boards and Physicians in this Province at a greatly reduced price.

At the beginning of 1915 I have been furnished with sterile tubes and swabs for the use of physicians in the County that enable them to have a microscopical examination made in doubtful cases of throat diseases. These examinations are made at the Provincial Laboratory in Halifax free of charge, for those desiring them.

During the Summer I attended at your request the meeting of the Canadian Society for Prevention of Tuberculosis, which met in Halifax and also the Conference of Medical Health Officers of the Province which was held the same week and at the same place. At both of these Conventions a number of leading authorities from other parts of Canada as well as the United States were present and gave important addresses and assisted in the discussions on Public Health problems relating to our own Province. As the daily papers at that time gave quite full reports of the proceedings of these meetings, their educative effect must prove considerable on not only medical men, but the public, in the way of disease prevention and better living.

The breaking out of the war in Europe almost immediately after Convention week, a great deal of time and thought out for the betterment of life and its conservation in many ways has been for the time overshadowed while a number of those engaged in this work have gone to the front to serve their country in various capacities.

In the early months of the past year, Dr. A. P. Reid, who had been the Provincial Health Officer since the establishment of that office some years ago, resigned on account of his age and Dr. W. H. Hattie, of Halifax has succeeded him.

During the year Dr. Hattie has had printed a lot of valuable leaflets and other literature regarding contagious diseases that could be used with benefit by our local Boards of Health and may be had for the asking. A number of other activities in various ways that will in time prove beneficial in the domain of preventive medicine has been introduced.

The matter of a Sanatorium for active cases of Tuberculosis under the Legislation of 1912 on this subject, will come before the Council in another way and does not properly belong to my department but since all cases of this disease in now required to be reported to the Medical Health Officer I have knowledge of its widespread presence in the County and can only say that while we are a favoured County in this respect, still the disease is causing great economic loss to us and this advance step at this time or the very near future seems fully warranted.

Thanking you Sir, and the various Councillors for your support and assistance in carrying out the work of my office the past year,

I am, Faithfully yours,  
M. E. ARMSTRONG.

Ordered that the report of the Treasurer tabled yesterday be received and adopted.

(Report will be published in our next issue.)

Ordered that the Auditor's report as tabled yesterday be received and adopted. The following is the report:

AUDITORS' REPORT  
To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Annapolis County.

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned Auditors, have examined the Books and Accounts of your Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1914. We have checked all the Vouchers, verified all Cheques issued, balanced the Cash and find them to be correct, and to agree with the following Statement:

ASSETS

Due from Ward Collectors \$1,972.80

Cash on hand and in Bank 7,413.00

Cash on Bonds 8,718.34

\$18,104.14

LIABILITIES

Unpaid Bills from 1888 to 1906 Incl. 164.66

Unpaid Bills from 1907 to 1910 Incl. 25.50

Court Order 50.00

Rent of Vault 25.50

Port Wade Ferry 100.00

Industrial School 200.00

Conveying Ballot Box 4.00

569.16

Assets over Liabilities \$17,534.98

\$18,104.14

SUMMARY

Receipts and Expenditures

SINKING FUND

Interest on Debentures \$2,218.34

FIRE PROTECTION

Receipts \$614.84

Expenses 338.13

276.71

CONTINGENT FUND

Receipts \$1,839.76

Expenses 866.34

973.42

\$3,468.47

We certify the above report to be a true Statement of the books of the said Municipality, which have been kept in a very correct and creditable manner.

We notice that a very large amount of Taxes for 1914 remain still unpaid, and would suggest that some method be devised wherein Ward Collectors would be compelled to collect all Rates within the year.

The Treasurer informs us that the unpaid Liabilities of \$164.66 is for bills contracted between the years 1888 and 1906, that such have never been called for, and we would recommend they be written off the books but not lost sight of.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED L. SHAFFNER  
H. M. HARRIS

Auditors.  
Middleton, N. S., Jan. 8, 1915.

Ordered that the report of the attending physicians be received and adopted. The following is the report:

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Annapolis County.

Gentlemen:—We herewith submit the following statistical and medical report of the County Institutions for the past year.

COUNTY HOSPITAL

No. of inmates beginning of the year 51

Died 6

Discharged 2

Admitted 5

Number at present 48

COUNTY HOME

No. of inmates beginning of the year 53

Admitted during the year 23

Discharged 16

Died 10

No. at present 50

The year has been quite uneventful in the way of any special happenings or changes at these Institutions. The deaths were all from natural causes, and in the aged, except in four cases, occurring in middle life, Tuberculosis being the cause.

The general health of the patients of both the Hospital and County Home is for the most part impaired when they are admitted, consequently they require considerable attention for their chronic disorders they bring with them, as well as medicines to relieve their symptoms. Heretofore the medicines have been supplied by the druggists and attending physicians but on account of the increased demand in this respect it has been deemed more satisfactory for the Institutions to have their own medical supplies. In this new plan of our Committee of Management, we acquiesce and believe on the whole it will prove more satisfactory.

During the year the problem of sufficient help at the Hospital has been a pressing one and the want of assistance has made it extremely hard for those in charge and must in time work disadvantageously to the patients. In all other respects we are glad to report matters pertaining to both Institutions in a most satisfactory condition.

(Sgd.)

L. G. DERLOIS  
M. E. ARMSTRONG

Attendg Physicians.

Ordered that the Standing Committees of this Council for 1914 be the Standing Committees for 1915.

Ordered that M. E. Armstrong be the Medical Officer for this Municipality for 1915.

Ordered that the revision of the Assessment for 1915 be suspended.

The report of the Committee on Tenders and Public Property was then read and on motion laid on the table for further consideration. The following is the report:

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Annapolis.

Your Committee on Tenders and Public Property beg leave to submit their report for year ending December 1, 1914.

Both institutions have been filled to their capacity during this year. A large number of the patients in the Hospital are from our own County, which lessens the number of paying patients, and decreases our revenue.

The saving at Halifax, however, is proportionately large.

Supplies have been high in price during the year. Owing to the irregularity in prices, on September 1st

we were unable to get any tenders, and found it a feat to obtain flour at any price.

On December 1st we received tenders on most lines. Expenses are increasing and we have found it necessary to raise the price of board to keep pace with the outlay.

The farm crops fortunately were excellent. The farm is increasing in production each year.

No changes have taken place in the staff at either institution, and no repairs of much extent were required.

We have lately purchased 100 feet more of 3-inch hose, which enables us in case of fire to reach any part of the premises indoor and out.

The Town water provides an excellent service, and water can be thrown entirely over any of the buildings.

The Inspector of Humane Institutions has recommended electric lights. We are submitting estimates for a plant to be installed on the premises, but hardly care to recommend the same on account of expenses.

Some trouble has occurred in obtaining good and sufficient help. We have always required the Superintendent to obtain their own help. The discipline appears to be better under these conditions, and dismissals do not occur so frequently. The work does not appear to be very attractive to many, although not hard.

The productions of the Farm were as follows:—

40 tons of hay

10 tons of straw

1250 bushels of turnips

980 bushels of potatoes

45 bushels of carrots

50 bushels of parsnips and leeks

19 bushels of beans

1750 lbs. pork killed

\$34.50 received for young pigs sold.

\$58.30 received for apples sold.

Tenders were accepted December 1, for supplies as follows:—

Flour (Manitoba) \$7.40, Wood & Parks

Middlings, \$1.58, Wood & Parks.

Bran, \$1.43, Wood & Parks.

Oil, .18 cents, Wood & Parks.

Beef, forequarter, 8¢ cents; hind-quarter, 9¢ cents, A. S. Williams.

We advertised for tenders for collection of rates as usual, and have selected the following for the approval of the Council:—

No. 1.—Avarad Hudgins, 3¢ per cent, Bondsman, Allison Smith and Lewis Merry.

No. 2.—Geo. Winton, 3¢ per cent, Bondsman, M. K. Beals and Elias Bartheaux.

No. 3.—Norman Haley, 3¢ per cent, Bondsman, Geo. Clark and Joshua Banks.

No. 4.—Elias Messenger, 5¢ per cent, Bondsman, Abner Williams and Henry Messenger.

No. 5.—Elias Messenger, 2¢ per cent, Bondsman, Major Storum and Abner Williams.

No. 6.—John Amherman, 3¢ per cent, Bondsman, Jas. H. Rhodes and LeRoy Shaffner.

No. 7.—Fred R. Parker, 6¢ per cent, Bondsman Albert Parker and John Casey.

No. 8.—Chas. I. Stronach, 7¢ per cent, Bondsman, Amos Burns and Henry Hicwa.

No. 9.—Geo. Tupper, 6¢ per cent, Bondsman, B. C. Clarke and J. Arthur Rice.

No. 10.—W. C. L. Dargie, 4¢ per cent, Bondsman W. C. Haley and Alex. Dargie.

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