

NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

COUNTY COUNCIL PROTESTS DORMANT CONSTABULARY

Organized Effort Urged to Stamp Out Acts of Petty Lawlessness

END DEPREDEATIONS

Simcoe, June 10.—(From Our Own Correspondent.)—The following memorial in the report of the committee of the whole at the last sitting of the County Council on Saturday speaks for itself. The Council acquiesced without a dissenting voice.

Council Urges Organization.
"Your committee regret that from various parts of the county, rural and urban, reports come in continually regarding thefts of chickens, grain, roots and vegetables, and of other lawlessness and that the percentage of the guilty who are apprehended and brought to justice reflects upon the efficiency of the county constabulary.

That in the opinion of this Council the constabulary is in a very inefficient practically dormant state, and that steps should be taken at once to put the organization in a modern state of efficiency, and advises that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Crown Attorney with a recommendation for action."

We have not a list of the members of the force before us, but a perusal of the same cannot be made without a smile. There are men over three, perhaps four score years, and there are men fit and competent, but they are not informed regarding their powers and duties nor are they provided with copies of any notices or of even county by-laws re licenses. They receive no instruction; doubtless do not have a list of the names, residences and phone numbers of their colleagues.

The high constable himself is not advised as to what his subordinates are doing, nor are complaints sent to him. He is not provided with an office or an official phone listing in

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the directory so that matters which should be reported to him are often reported to the Chief of Police of Simcoe.

The whole system needs a thorough stirring up and weeding and capable men added that the whole county may be covered with a force that can be called at short notice.

There are several county constables resident in Simcoe. They have authority to discipline law breakers, just as have the local constables. They refrain, because they are not encouraged to help in enforcing the law.

Consequently, idle gipsies have basked on the back streets of the town and vicinity for weeks trading horses and the like. Men who should be at work.

Disloyal utterances have been made at gatherings that are strictly forbidden by law. Widows and wives of soldiers have been robbed of their property, horses have been poisoned, store windows broken and nothing is done. It is time for a change and the cloud of indignation shows its crest above the horizon.

Odd Ends of News.
Miss Lee, kindergarten teacher, absent through illness has resigned. Miss Lee speaks of going abroad as a missionary on recovery.

Local strawberries are on the market. Councillor Crane of Wingham is impatient to see some work on county roads in his vicinity. Supt. Marston had the scraper on the way out but could not get teams.

Bible study free picture lectures and evening were forbidden by the police. The same organization showed twice, once before the war and once last fall before the movement was banned. Though refused advertising space last fall in a local weekly but got it last week.

There was a clear sky locally for the observation of the eclipse of the sun on Saturday evening. One hour after County Council approved of the purchase of a tractor for the good roads work, Mr. Marston had closed a deal for Sawyer-Massey 17-34. And its coming.

Resume of County Legislation. (From Our Own Correspondent.)
Simcoe, June 10.—The county fathers completed their labours on Saturday at four o'clock after holding fore and afternoon sessions. There was not much new matter

JONATHAN PORTER,
County Treasurer of Norfolk, appointed last night.

introduced and the committee of the whole report went through without comment. The outstanding features of the session's deliberations were (1) the appointment of a treasurer, a matter which occupied but five minutes in committee of the whole, where a selection of the applicants was made. (2) The agreement to levy for all expenditures, domestic and in aid of war time legislation, (3) The revision of the county road system, which having been slightly altered stands the same mileage. (4) The reserve of special war grants till the Port Dover Bridge question is settled. (5) The snow fence by-law in relation to county roads. (6) The passage of the junk dealers' by-law. (7) The refusal to entertain claims for damages to horses and vehicles occurring on the county road system and (8) rather unusual reports of the conference of the Warden with His Honor Judge Boles and Geo. J. McKee regarding "some suitable souvenir for each returned soldier."

Deputations at the session were conspicuous by their absence. Only the "Y" men and men from Houghton and Charlotteville re-appeared in the good roads system were present. In total they occupied about one day's session.

County Roads Alterations.
The only changes made in the county roads system were the elimination of the road in Inverville and the addition of about the same mileage to connect up Vanessa and Teeterville.

The extension into Delhi of the road from the west to a point where the road passes entirely within the village boundaries. The direct continuation west from Victoria to the town line of Walsingham and the extension of the road to the east of the village and the change of the road running west from Waterford to the concession next north of that formerly chosen, as more direct line between Windham Centre and Waterford.

Special Grants.
Even the county fair grant, possibly to receive a fair consideration as any other and amounting to \$200 was left over. Members doubted whether there would be a fair this year in view of the scarcity of help and the loss of time entailed. Council will doubtless take action before making a grant to the Salvation Army, though the war work committee of this organization is most highly commended and the present fair has received nothing but unreserved praise, but the government has not yet, apparently, included it in the list of which grants may legally be made, so far as we are informed.

The county road committee has now power to order the removal of stump, rail, and board fences and to require wire fences in their stead. Last winter snowshovelling cost about \$3,000, and by the time it was thought that the money would be better invested in fence wire.

It is hoped that the junk-dealers' by-law will bring in some revenue from the migration of junk in this trade. The license is placed at \$20 per annum to terminate with the calendar year and is operative on the passing of the by-law. By motion of council the clerk was authorized to issue licenses for to the balance of the current year at \$10.

A Report Wide of the Mark.
On invitation of the Warden, his honor Judge Boles addressed this council with reference to the "matter of some souvenir for each returned soldier," but had nothing to say on the subject whatever. He stated that the gentlemen with the matter in hand agreed to recommend that the executive of the County Road Committee be authorized to compile a list of all Norfolk county men who had or shall yet serve in the great war, with particulars as to each—a brief biographical note—and that the list be preserved in the vaults of

the county clerk for future reference, and that any expenses incurred be paid out of the emergency fund of the association.

The report was adopted. A motion to forbid access to list for commercial purposes was being presented when an adjournment for noon hour intervened and in the hurry of the afternoon and closing of the matter was not again brought up.

The County Levy.
Schedule adopted on Saturday:

Municipality.	General.	Provincial.	Education.
Charlottetown	\$13,500	\$1,500	\$150.00
Honfham	10,525	725	22.50
Middleton	10,350	1,150	115.00
Townsend	26,100	2,900	290.00
Wingham	18,300	2,100	210.00
Woodhouse	13,400	1,500	150.00
Walsingham	8,775	575	57.50
S. Walsingham	8,775	1,075	107.50
Simcoe	800	1,200	120.00
Delhi	250	250	25.00
Port Dover	250	350	35.00
Port Rowan	1,457	185	18.57
Waterford	2,508	320	32.00
Totals	\$128,070	\$41,230	\$1,192.50

Simcoe's portion last year was \$6,000 against \$12,000 this year, and the local rate to meet this will be approximately 4.5 mills compared with 2-1/2 mills last year.

Letter of Condolence.
Before the session closed a motion drafted by the Warden and Messrs. Langford and Duncombe, relative to a letter of condolence to the family of the late treasurer was passed.

This Week, What?
Town council will meet to-night to receive the estimates. It ought to be an interesting meeting from the gallery standpoint in view of the high rate to be imposed.

The Baptist Convention will be of interest to all those who are interested in church work, and care to see a splendid county organization developing.

The Temperance Convention may bring out some comparisons between the cost of war on the one side and our coffee, candy, tobacco and whiskey on the other.

The June sessions will begin tomorrow. There are four jury cases on the slate. It was hoped that as last year the calling in of jurors from work might have been dispensed with, but arrangements apparently will not be made.

A Volume of Norfolk History.
When three local citizens of prominence appeared before county council at the special proposition session on Saturday, the result of a consideration of some form of county recognition for returned soldiers was entertained with some opposition. The Warden and two of them, however, were requested to deliberate and report on "some souvenir for each returned soldier." The report has come, but has gone wide of the mark. The result is that we are to have compiled a county list in detail of all Norfolk's sons in the great war. This list will be county property.

The Opportunity.
The opportunity now offers itself for the county, using this list as an appendix to compile a county history of the county to date from the earliest pioneer days. "Owen's Book," a private venture, is to-day highly prized by those who possess it, but the author was obliged, in order to ensure the financial outcome, to enlarge on family genealogy as an incentive to purchase.

Many counties in Ontario have published a volume of county history. Norfolk's past, in shipbuilding, lumbering, fishing, manufacture, education, social, municipal and church life, offers a wide field for a more comprehensive work covering the period up to midsummer, 1914, and in greater detail, Norfolk's part in the war. There are in the county a score of men and women of letters capable of contributing chapters to such a work. The greatest demand will come soon after the men get home. The material should be obtained at once, and of course planned before hand. Such a work would find ready sale throughout the county, and would be sought by many of our sons and daughters elsewhere, and like "Owen's Book," the demand would continue for years.

The enterprise, if properly financed, would provide the county with a considerable fund for the subsequent erection of a monument to the boys who will not come home. It will be admitted that the county council should lose no time in getting the matter in hand, for every week month and year calls away from us many links to the past, and even the story of our own "gatherings" and departure, and weary virgils and

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splendid women's work at home can be written better at the moment.

Another volume, written by the boys who return, might be added later on to complete the work. The agency invites the discussion of this proposition.

More Veterans Home.
Three veterans from overseas reached home on Friday and Saturday. They were all men of Norfolk's unit, Stanley Hammond, son of Harry Hammond, Norfolk street south, youngest of four sons, who enlisted

at the age of 16, and has seen pretty nearly all there is to see of war. He has one arm at present, but of course, and when on invitation, he called on the County Council in session he made a splendid impression. Asked about the Y.M.C.A. he had nothing to complain of. "The Y" was doing a good work for the boys.

James Hill of Court street and Peter Southworth were the other two. They all were able to proceed on their own batteries or alighting from the train.

Mrs. David McIvor received on Friday a wire advising her that her husband has been again wounded. The message read "May 12th," but on the same morning two letters, dated 16th and 18th, came to hand and neither of these departed from David's usual cheerful and humorous custom, nor made any mention of the 12th or 18th. The matter was cleared up by wiring Ottawa. David met his obstruction on the 23rd—rainbow wound in the neck"—no further particulars.

Regarding Crops.
James Johnston will put on the market this week green beans, of which he has three-quarters of an acre under a sprinkler system, on Talbot street north. Celery will follow the best crop.

It is only four weeks since the county rate set out, and one boy set them at the rate of from 10 to 15 thousand a day. The Johnston firm has about 60 acres of hoe crop.

Meadows, wheat, rye, vegetables and fruit are progressing all about two weeks in advance of the usual season. Except on the very light soil, crop development is good.

And the Help.
The help question is a problem. Thursday afternoon is said to be the hardest time to get help in the environs of Simcoe. Those released from the shops have not heretofore turned out to help, but on the contrary have indulged in picnics and social functions that have drawn off the regular help.

Gordon Ronalds is home from aviation training and in civilians. He was unable to stand the final test out and was too young for the part. Gordon left his High School course for the air some months ago.

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