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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

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ple come from are responsible for their relief and should pay the bills. If Newcastle S. A., gets this grant, Chatham should also get it.

Coun. Bransfield said the Salvation Army do a lot of good, but there were people in the County that never heard of the S. A. that would have to pay the bills.

Coun. Watling said he personally had no objection to making the grant but Coun. Mersereau and Bransfield were right in what they had said.

Coun. Mersereau suggested that each Councillor give half of their salary to the Salvation Army.

Coun. Sinclair moved that revisors be paid 3c per name instead of 4c. Previous to the votes being given to women the revisors were paid \$6.00, but last year the rate had been made 4c per name, which he thought was too much.

On motion of Coun. Savoy the following Rogersville accounts passed. Returns of Collectors, Election Expenses, and Parish officers, also that \$650 be assessed on Rogersville for support of pauper lunatics.

Coun. Harriman then read the report of the Committee to visit Hospitals, as follows, which on motion was adopted: "Your committee appointed to visit the Hospitals, viz: The Miramichi Hospital, at Newcastle, and Hotel Dieu, at Chatham beg to report.

Your committee visited each of the Hospitals and found the institutions in first class shape showing evidence of the care and management necessary to give best result in public institutions of this kind.

A full report of the Miramichi Hospital, for 1921; also a report of the Hotel Dieu for 1921 has been placed on the Councilors desks for their inspection.

Joseph McKnight, A. S. Harriman, E. J. Parker.

On motion of Coun. Watling and Quinn the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas the Local Government has bonused a certain dredging Com-

pany for digging mussel mud for Fertilizer purposes, and

"Whereas the said company has neglected and refused to do such work except at prohibitive prices, but have instead been using their plant on contracts from Government Dredging and whereas when they are in operation they charge the farmers \$1.00 per yard for such mussel mud and did work for the Federal Government at 24c per yard.

Resolved that this council bring this matter to the attention of the Local Government with a view of having this dredging done for the use of the farmers in the County at reasonable prices.

Coun. Watling in speaking to the motion said he was one of the ones who worked hard for it, but it did not work one month in the year. The Government had built a wharf also for the company to land the mud at. The farmers were willing to pay 50c per yard for the mud, and it was in the interest of the farmers of the whole county to have this mud procured for fertilizer.

Coun. Mersereau moved a resolution similar to the one he moved at the Union of N. P. Municipalities in regard to the appointment of a Provincial Board of Valuers, and to urge upon the Government its immediate adoption. Coun. Mersereau speaking in support of the resolution, said that the basis of all direct taxation was valuation. The conditions were the same in every County in the Province and the need of the Board was to equalize valuation all over the Province. The total valuation of Northumberland County was about \$7,800,000, of this Newcastle was valued at \$1,956,000 and Chatham \$2,249,000 leaving a total valuation of the rest of the County at \$3,605,000, a ridiculous sum. The town of Newcastle was valued at more than all the rest of the County. The total valuation of the Parish of Blackville was not the value of motor cars owned by one individual in that parish. The personal estate valuation of Chatham Parish, was \$3,200, while in this parish there was a fox ranch worth a million dollars. Derby, the valuation was \$205,000, while five men in that parish alone were worth five times as much. The Province of New Brunswick, due to its low valuation was looked upon by the rest of Canada, as a Province of paupers. This council should take upon itself the initiative and urge upon the Government the need of valuation, so that we can have a court of appeal regarding assessments. At the present time Parishes were lined up against Parishes. In the State of Maine there was a State Board of Valuers, who value and equalize rates all over the state. The Premier had said we were near direct taxation, and if such was the case we must have an equitable assessment. This cannot all be done at once, but he thought it would help solve the problem. The only one who pays more than his equal share of taxes now is the working man, the wealthy men escape their due taxes, and the Board created would deal with such cases as these.

Coun. Bransfield, thought that we had too many officers appointed by the Government now, than ask them to appoint the valuers also.

Coun. Watling was of the same opinion, the Government were taking the appointment of all the officers from us now, we should appoint our own valuers.

Coun. Anderson thought that there was something behind the scenes.

Coun. Cripps said the Councilors did not understand what the resolution meant. We want an independent Board of Valuers. Some of the Councilors had been here so long that they thought they ought to run the Council, and if a new man introduced a resolution he must be jumped on.

Coun. Bransfield, Anderson, and Mersereau also discussed the resolution.

Coun. Sinclair and Gordon thought the cost would be more than the Board was worth.

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Coun. Gordon and Watling thought that the present Board of Valuers should be given sufficient time to prove their worth.

Resolution defeated. On motion of Coun. Watling, Parish Clerk's Account and Parish officers Glenelg, passed.

On motion of Coun. Walls, Pauper Lunatic Assessment, Collectors accounts and Parish Officers, Blackville passed.

Secretary-Treas. Teed then read an account of the Finances, of the County, which will be published in the County Book.

He asked for resolution re the amount to be paid assessors and collectors.

Matter discussed by Couns. Bransfield, Pond, Sinclair, Holmes, Fletcher and others and a motion by Coun. Bransfield that the assessors be paid the same as last year carried, also Collectors.

Coun. Holmes moved, that the fees to be paid valuers be 2 1/2 per cent of the assessment on the Parishes in which they hear an appeal. This matter was discussed by Coun. Anderson, D. Doyle, Sinclair, Bransfield, L. Doyle and Fletcher and lost.

On motion of Coun. L. Doyle, following passed C. E. Fish, \$3.00; Robert Stochart \$3.00; Ernest McDonald, \$7.00; A. Meahan \$6.00; J. Driscoll, \$400; H. Spencer, \$3.00; Thos. Barnett, \$6.00.

On motion of Coun. Sutherland the Secretary-Treas. was instructed to notify Fred Siddals to make his returns at once.

A petition of Vincent Holl and to be relieved from taxes in South Esk in 1920, was read by Coun. Sutherland and on motion referred to Committee of petitions.

A Petition from Hiram Drilen, re over assessment in Derby was read by Coun. Parker and referred to Petitions Committee.

A petition of Margaret Maloney, over assessment in the Parish of Rogersville, read by Coun. Savoy and referred to Petitions Committee.

Coun. Sutherland read a petition re the running of a line between the Parishes of South Esk and Derby and on motion it was referred to Committee of Petitions.

Coun. Wilson moved that J. W. O'Donnell, be notified by the sec. Treas. to account for \$186.42, taxes collected at once. On motion Ludlow Parish Officers passed.

Coun. Adjourned until 2 p. m. Council resumed at 2 p. m.

On motion of Coun. Gulliver the following Hardwicke accounts passed Ben Williston Parish Clerk, \$10.00; Thos. Simpson, \$10.00, district clerk also returns of Hardwicke collectors and list of Parish Officers.

On motion of Coun. Gulliver \$390 was ordered assessed on Hardwicke parish for support of Pauper Lunatics.

Coun. Anderson read the Secretary's report of the land and Wharf fund, which was on motion passed.

On motion of Coun. Gordon the Jail Committee was authorized to have the walls of the Court House and jail cleaned and painted and the roof of the Court House painted.

On motion of Coun. Anderson the following County Accts. passed: St. John County Hosp. Caring for Mrs. Butler, to be charged to pauper accts. \$492.60.

Sheriff Cassidy, revising voters lists, \$30.00

Sec. Copying voters lists ....\$74.50

Sec. Filling in school lists .80.00

R. A. N. Jarvis, Reporter .40.00

Also that bill of Valuers be placed on file.

Coun. Harriman and Baldwin moved

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ed that a special grant of \$1,000 each pits were on a paying basis the be paid to the Miramichi and Hotel grants from the County would cease. Dieu Hospitals, the same as last year. He understood that the Miramichi Hospital was now on a paying basis. Coun. Gull supported the resolution it was not a great amount and the County should help these institutions. He understood that the Hotel Dieu had a debt of \$25,000. The Warden said that the Hospital here had treated free patients last year to the extent of \$1,900, they now have five free patients in the Hospital. The costs were made up at \$1.50 per day which was a very low figure. Coun. Harriman said that The Miramichi Hospital had treated poor patients to the extent of \$1,000 and Hotel Dieu, \$2,400. Not fair to expect the Hospitals to do this work for nothing. They needed the extra grant more this year than ever. It was hard to be poor but harder to be poor and sick. Coun. L. Doyle opposed the grant. It was understood that when the bill was introduced, the County would be asked to pay for the extra grant. The hospitals were doing a lot of good, but we must first collect the taxes and then make the grants. Motion lost. Yeas Coun. Sutherland, Mersereau, Cripps, Bransfield, Allain, L. Doyle, Anderson, Watling 17. On motion of Coun. Allain \$10.00 was voted the Evangeline for translating and publishing reports of the Council. On motion of Coun. Allain, the following Alnwick accounts passed: Ferd. Robichaud, making lists for revisors, \$5.00 accounts of collectors of rates and Parish Officers. On motion of Coun. Allain Report of Committee on Alms House Accts passed as follows: "Your committee on Alms House Accounts begs leave to report as follows: Your Committee found the accounts correct and kept in good order and recommend the following assessment: (Continued on Page 6)