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COUNTY COUNCIL.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

When the County Council met for the June session on Tuesday afternoon, Warden Hubbell expressed his delight at meeting all the membes again, looking hale and hearty after a hard spring's work

This session is a very busy one

Many events have taken place since the last session The saddest was the loss of the Empress of Ireland

In one portion of the county a financial institution went down Marmora village was visited with a serious fire

But the prospects are good throughout the county

The bridge committee has seen fit not to continue as vigorously in bridge building This is wise in the face of our financial conditions and those of the county generally

The Good Roads Commission's report is important Whatever party is returned on June 24, 1914, it will be compelled to devote attention to good roads

Correspondence from the Hydro-Electric Radial Union was taken as read No action was taken

The correspondence on the condition of the Frankford—Trenton road recently diverted by the Dominion Government will be forwarded to Ottawa

The Ontario Municipal Association communication was referred

Dr J. A. Faulkner, physician of the House of Refuge, wrote requesting an increase in salary The members in keeping at the refuge has grown from about fifty to ninety since his appointment but the salary is unchanged

Wednesday, June 10.

MORNING SESSION

Council resumed at 10 o'clock Warden Hubbell presiding

Minutes of Tuesday afternoon session read and confirmed.

Mr. Vermilyea gave notice of a by-law to equalize the assessment of the minor municipalities for the year 1914.

Mr. Coulter gave notice of a by-law to levy certain rates on the minor municipalities of the county.

Considerable discussion took place over the colonization road grants to northern municipalities.

It was moved by U. A. Hubbell, seconded by W. J. Douglas that the treasurer be and is hereby instructed to pay grants to townships passing bylaws under the Colonization Road Act on certificate of clerk of townships or the word of reeves for 1914."—Carried

Weaver-Douglas —"That owing to the fact that the municipalities of Bangor, Wicklow and McClure and Bancroft have not passed any bylaw under the Colonization Road Act, the treasurer be instructed to pay the said municipalities the grants given them on roads by this council."—Carried

Ketcheson — Vandewater— "That the continuation class work at Frankford receive the same consideration as Tweed re the three hundred dollar county grant and the number of pupils be the basis of payment and referred to the Ways and Means committee"—Carried

Rollins — Fox—"That Mr. Kirk, Mr. Tummon, Mr. Moore, be a committee to look into the equalization of the village of Tweed "as a special case" and compare it with other equalization of the county and report to the council before it goes into committee as a whole on equalization

There was much discussion over this

Mr. Ketcheson thought a commission should be sent out once in a period to investigate the values in the county

Mr. Coulter thought it might be possible to have the equalization of all the villages considered

Dr. Harper, reeve of Madoc, thought all municipalities' equalizations and assessments should be investigated instead of villages alone

Mr. Vermilyea, reeve of Thurlow, thought that such a commission should be composed of outside men.

Mr. Rollins withdrew his motion with the permission of the council.

A motion was passed that when the council adjourn, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. Thursday

Council went into committee of the whole on Ways and Means, Mr. C. Vanderwater in the chair

A communication from Dr. J. A. Faulkner, physician of the House of Refuge was laid on the table for subsequent meeting of the committee.

Membership in the Ontario Municipal Association was ordered to be taken out, the warden and clerk to be delegates

G. L. Sills	36.50
Marmora Herald	16.00
Morton and Herity	130.70
E. T. Cherry	1.45

The committee arose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again

Thursday morning, June 11

MORNING SESSION

When the County Council resumed on Thursday morning, a communication was read by the clerk from Mr Ed F. Turley, Frankford complaining of conditions alleged to have been brought about by the Trent Canal construction The bridge had been built and an approach had been constructed The latter causes the difficulty

Messrs Chas. Ketcheson, A M. Chapman and N Vermilyea spoke on this matter

A motion was carried authorising the clerk to forward Mr Turley's letter to the Hon Frank Cochrane Minister of Railways and Canals

A petition was read from Herchimer Avenue residents asking the council to construct a road through from Herchimer Avenue to Victoria Acenue The petition detailed certain grievances over the prevention of traffic over certain land

The council unanimously decided to take no action

A number of bylaws were introduced

Mr Tummon moved, seconded by Mr J. A. Moore 'That whereas an act relating to hospitals and charitable institutions passed in 1912, section 14, sub section 1 and 2 provides (1) the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may designate the hospitals, refuges, orphanages and infants' homes to which aid may be granted, but no institution shall be so designated unless the inspector reports that it has all the proper requirements for one of its nature and abjects and that it ought to be sided under this act. (2) The Order-in-Council shall be laid before the assembly as soon as conveniently may be and shall not be operative unless and until it has been satisfied by the Assembly

"Resolved that the House of Refuge Committee for 1914 inquire if any Houses of Refuge in the province are receiving aid and to press the claim of Hasting County"

Mr Vermilyea said Bellevilie was receiving a grant of two hundred dollars for just such work as Hasting's is doing

The motion carried

A committee on estimates was appointed

After the suspension of the rules Council went into committee of the whole on Bylaws, Mr Naylor in the chair

Bylaws read were: To levy certain rates for public, separate and high schools; to provide for taking the assessment which may be taken between first day of February and the first day of July

The latter was discussed with considerable interest Mr Montgomery asked, how is an assessor able to tell the value of land when there is two feet of snow on the ground"

The bylaw was given its reading

A bylaw was read to equalise the assessments

Mr. Rollins spoke at some length on the equalisation of Tweed's assessment. The equalisation was made at a time when things were prosperous. Now from 35 to 40 houses are vacant in Tweed. The powder plant is no linger in operation. Deseronto had a reduction for such a reason. Mr. Rollins suggested that there be a reduction of $50,000. The equalisation of Tweed in $488,000

Mr. McLarent thought similar conditions ruled in all villages

Mr. Vermilyea thought every municipality is richer than it was at the time the equalisation was set. The properties are in better condition

Tweed assessors think the values have not been declining. Deseronto is perhaps overassessed because unless it were so, the levy necessary would not be possible

He moved that the equalisation be the same as in 1914

Warden Hubbell reviewed conditions in Marmora. Two fires have swept the village in which taxes were lost. He thought there ought to be some consideration for Marmora village

Mr. Vermilyea thought fires in Thurlow had done perhaps $100,000 damage in the year. Mr. McLaren Mr. Ketcheson and Mr. Montgomery spoke in the same strain

Mr. Kirk thought the equalisation was not fair. Hungerford has lost the powder works and the Marlbank cement works are closed.

The equalisation was left as for 1913

The assessment for each local municipality within the County of Hastings has been equalized for the purpose of the different County rates for the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen hereinafter stated,

The Township of Sidney at	2 814 500.00
Township of Thurlow at	2,818,000.00
Township Tyendinaga at	1,852,400.00
Township Rawdon at	1,926,000.00
Township Huntingdon at	1,146,000.00
Township Hungerford at	1,800,000.00
The Municipality of Marmora and Lake at	650,000.00
The Township of Madoc at	1,250,000.00
The Municipality of Elzevir and Grimsthorpe at	280,000.00
The Municipality of Tudor and Cashel at	75,000.00
Township Wollaston at	70,000.00
Township Limerick at	45,000.00
Township Faraday at	65,000.00
Township Dungannon at	65,000.00
Township Mayo at	45,000.00
The Municipality of Montegle and Herschel at	120,000.00
Township Carlow at	75,000.00
Municipality of Bangor, Wicklow and McClure at	85,000.00
Town Peseronto at	650,000.00
Village Stirling at	325,000.00
Village Madoc at	370,000.00
Village Tweed at	488,000.00
Village Marmora at	275,000.00
Village Bancroft at	117,000.00
	$17,407,400.00

Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again

At 12.10 council adjourned until 10 a.m. Friday

Friday Morning, June 12, 1914

Mr McLaren asked if Engineer L. E Allen was still in service of the council

Mr Gunter said that no arrangement had been made this year for his services However, some of the work decided upon last year had not yet been completed

Mr McLaren asked if any of the money the council is said to have lost in Hunt's bridge transaction had been returned

The information came "No"

Some discussion took place on bridge building and the expenditure

Mr Vermilyea thought there should be a return of money spent on current account which had been borrowed under the bylaw for approved bridges

Mr Ketchcson said there had been a diversion of money This can be returned, the council only being out the interest on the money which had been spent on unapproved bridges and current account

Mr. Sills thought the large bridges should be rebuilt first

Mr Vermilyea said not a cent had been raised by taxes for bridges for ten years in the county The money raised by debentures, grants of the government and Belleville, shares of the county boundary bridge totalled $648 000 Of this only $295 000 has been used on bridges The council has taken $50,000 from the bridge money and spent it on current account This should be returned to the fund for the purpose for which it was raised and then the county would get their share back from the government In future there should be more careful examination of reports on bridges and in methods of procedure in the council

Mr Gunter speaking of Glenmyre's bridge which had been rebuilt, said any deplorable accidents which had occurred in the past were at bridges which were on unapproved roads

Mr Walsh thought a judicial investigation the only thing to clear the situation What has been done with the $95,000 borrowed for bridges in 1913?

Mr Coulter could not see that the county had lost by diversion There has been no money misappropriated The council has had every dollar expended His suggestion was to raise the money and pay it back to the account There is nothing to investigate

Mr McLaren said he was in favor of Mr Coulter's idea if the money was returned But if it was not he would hold the men responsible for the loss which would be incurred by not applying the money on bridges or unapproved roads whereby government grants were lost

Mr. Sills and Mr. Ketcheson thought it well to see the money returned

Mr Vermilyea said $72,000 out of the $95,000 borrowed last year, had not been applied on approved bridges Money had been diverted on other occasions but it had been returned

Mr Vermilyea moved seconded by Mr. McLaren —

"Whereas about $72,000 of the $95,000 raised last year for bridges upon approved roads has been spent upon current expenditure by this council, this council hereby resolves to restore to the special bridges' fund the money so taken as soon as we find ourselves financially able to do"

Mr Gunter said the county had been saved a great deal of money by having unapproved bridges rebuilt The motion he thought was not required

The subject stated Mr Vermilyea was important The public was interested

Dr Harper said that all seemed to believe the money should be returned He saw nothing in the resolution blaming anyone

Mr Ketcheson said no wrong had been done in the diversion There is no blame to be placed on anybody

Mr Montgomery saw not meh difference one way or the other

Mr Tummon thought the motion unconsciously reflected on the bridge committee He suggested a change in wording to convey the impressions that the bridge committee had thought it advisable to do as they did

Mr Vermilyea said that if the money had been spent on approved bridges, the county would be $32,000 better off With this the unapproved bridges could this year have been built Individuals were not to blame The whole council did the borrowing

Mr Ketcheson—"If we want in future to build $72,000 in bridges out of current account, would not everything be balanced?"

Mr Vermilyea—'Yes,' and the resolution was just calling for a record of such an attitude of the council If the council deliberately commits itself to the return of the money from one account to another, the money will be returned, but if it does not, likely it will not be

Mr Gunter said $200,000 had been borrowed on approved bridges He believed there had been this much spent

The vote was then taken and the resolution being lost, the yeas and nays being:

Yeas—Vermilyea, Sills, Laycock, N E Hubbell, Weaver, Wilson, Walsh, Mcaren, Harper—9

Nays—Montgomery, Coulter, Walker Hawkins, Douglas, Brinklow, Maxwell White, Ketcheson, Vandewater, Naylor Nugent, Kirk, Gunter, Brown Fox Thompson, Moore and Rollins—19

Ketcheson—Vandewater

"That the committee of the House of Refuge make arrangements for the security of money placed in the hands of the superintendent for burial purposes of any inmate who is in a position to provide for such" Carried

Walsh—McLaren

"That the clerk be athorized to advise the chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission of the inconvenient and dangerous condition of the C P R. crossing on Lonsdale side-road and ask that the board have their engineer inspect the same at his earliest convenience Carried.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

COUNTY ROADS

The report of the superintendent of roads and bridges, Mr. H. G. Bleecker and the chairman of roads and brdiges for Hastings, Mr. Thomas Montgomery, showed "Owing to the favorable conditions during the winter and spring, we find the roads in better condition than usual."

The bridges have also escaped any material damage by ice or freshets.

"We would recommend the sum of $28,756 to be placed in the estimates for the various sections of the county roads in 1914. By municipal boundaries this will be approximately as follows—

Sidney	3,725
Thurlow	5,156
Tyendinaga	2,930
Deseronto	360
Rawdon	2,500
Stirling	375
Huntingdon	2,275
Hungerford	2,700
Tweed	375
Moira and Lake	1,600
Marmora village	325
Madoc	2,600
Madoc village	500
Elzevir	1,050
Tudor	700
Limerick	575
Wollaston	550
For Rolling	500
	$28,765

and being $50 in excess of the appropriation for 1913. For machinery and repairs. $500

BRIDGES

"In addition to the ordinary and usual repairs to wooden bridges, special attention will have to be given to

Bronson's in Rawdon
Woolman's in Marmora
Bogart's in Hungerford
Bell's Creek in 3rd between Thurlow and Tyendinaga. For above and miscellaneous repairs we would recommend the sum of $2,500"

The report was received and adopted.

BRIDGES COMMITTEE REPORT

The bridges committee reported as follows—"That in view of the stringency in the money market and also the report of the Highway Commission on Ontario whereby it is proposed that the governments give greater aid to roads and bridges commencing with 1915, and also that we believe that the most of our high and most dangerous bridges are now constructed.

"Therefore we beg leave to recommend that only the bridges recomded to be built in report of 1913 and Downey's Rapids bridge be constructed this season, said brdiges on last year's list being Green's bridge, Cumming's bridge, and Culvert and McCurdy's bridge in Rawdon, Crookston bridge and bridge north of Moira in Huntingdon; bridge north of Marysville, and Taylor's bridge, Tyendinaga, Downey's Rapids bridge is an old wooden bridge"

Signed
"Judson A. Gunter, chairman
"Chas. H. Vanderwater
"Andrew Kirk
"J. A. Moore."

The report was received and adopted.

ESTIMATES

The committee on Estimates reported as follows—

1 "That whereas the expenditures for the year are estimated as hereinuder—

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

Administration of Justice	14,000.00
Other Roads & Bridges	3,550.00
Salaries	4,220.00
Warden and Councillors	4,490.00
Schools	37,000.00
Court House and Jail	1,400.00
Printing and Stationery	1,400.00
Jury Law	2,600.00
Interest	4,000.00
Snow and Wire Fence	2,000.00
Machinery	300.00
Fuel and Light	2,000.00
Gravel Roads	29,000.00
County Bridges	12,000.00
House of Refuge	8,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,684.82
	$128.644.82

2 And whereas our casual revenue from all sources is estimated as follows—

Administration of Justice	13,000
Schools, Gov. allowance	20.000
Interest	150
House of Refuge	1,500
County Roads and Bridges	18,000
Licenses	350
Registry Office	793
	$53,793

"Thereby leaving a balance to be provided for of $74,851.82.

"Therefore your committee would recommend the levying of a rate of 4 3-10 mills on the dollar upon the equalized assessment of the county for 1914.

"Charles Ketcheson,
"Chairman"

On motion Mr. McIntosh, Agricultural representative was heard at the bar of the council and requested a grant of $50 for rural school fairs in Hastings county.—Referred to Ways and Means

Moved by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. McLaren 'That the reeve and deputy reeve of Tyendinaga along with the clerk be a committee re Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western Railway crossing at Lonsdale side road, Tyendinaga with authority to arrange same"—Carried

Motion— Vermilyea — Sills —"That hereafter the money for wire fences shall not be distributed except in proportion to equalisation, previous to Sept. 1st, thus giving all a fair chance after Sept. 1st and each year, preference should be given to those applying in order of the application" —Carried

Vanderwater — Ketcheson —"That the price paid for wire fence prior to Jan. 1st, 1914, be 35c per rod and thereafter 25c per rod"—Carried

The Warden, Messrs. Coulter, Ketcheson, MacLaren and the Clerk reported verbally on the Children's Shelter

The warden reported that a meeting called by the Children's Shelter committee had been held in the Y.M.C.A. and that a committee was appointed to look after the different sites but as yet the committee had never met. The matter was left to the convenor to call the committee and they could not report to council as to any special site being recommended. He also reported that when in Toronto at the Good Roads Association the committee called upon Mr. Kelso, superintendent of neglected children, who informed them that in his opinion it was not advisable to erect or maintain a very large shelter as the policy of the society was to get children into good foster homes as soon as possible and not to maintain them any longer than necessary He thought a shelter accommodating 35 would be adequate for the requirements and also said that he considered that if the county of Hastings put from four to five thousand dollars in a shelter as their proportion he would consider they were doing their share. Mr. Kelso also informed the committee that he did not know of any greater charge in the province than $2.00 or $2.50 per week for maintenance In discussing sites this committee thought the site most adapted for this work, that had yet been before the committee would be Mr. Mallory's property.

Moore — Thompson —"That whereas Wm. McIlroy has been in the county's employ as an efficient road foreman for over 20 years and where as owing to his health failing him he was forced to resign his office as said foreman, after working seven days in the month of January, 1914 and whereas section 247 of the Municipal Act of 1913 provides that a council may grant to any officer who has been in the service of the corporation for at least 20 years and who while in such service has become incapable through illness or old age of efficiently discharging the duties of his office, a sum not exceeding the aggregate of his salary or other remuneration for the next preceding three years, of his service as a gratuity, upon his ceasing to hold the office.

"Therefore the Supt. of Roads be and is hereby instructed to pay the said Mr. McIlroy full time for the month of May, 1914, aforesaid."—Referred to Ways and Means

Mr. J. W. Pearce addressed the council re the oiling of the Front Road, Con. 1 Sidney from the City of Belleville west as an experiment, offering to contribute personally $25 for this purpose—Referred to committee of whole on Ways and Means

Vermilyea — Rollins — "That the committee appointed upon the Children's Shelter in January last be continued till next session and that said committee have power to appropriate so large a sum of money as may be received from the C P R for land across the House of Refuge farm for said purpose"—Carried

Harper — Gunter—"That Madoc village be granted the use of the cement mixer when not required by the county.

Council adjourned

SATURDAY, JUNE 13th.

A letter was read from Mr. L. E Allen, consulting engineer, tendering his resignation as engineer for the County of Hastings owing to business arrangements and other engineering and contract work in hand and the possibility of a business trip to nEngland

J. A. Gunter — N. Vermilyea motion—"That the resignation of Mr. L. E. Allen, C.E., be accepted and that in view of the many splendid modern bridges of steel and reinforced concrete, constructed throughout this county during the past four years, designed and constructed under the supervision of Mr. Allen, this council hereby express their confidence in his engineering ability and wish him success in all his future undertakings."—Carried

Mr. Coulter, chairman of Finance and Public Property reported verbally re the work of the committee since last council and recommended that a verandah be built in front of the gaoler's residence.

Tummon—Rollins—"That the bridges committee or other committee on bridges, appointed by the council, be and is hereby authorized to arrange with an engineer or other competent person acceptable to the Department of Public Works for Ontario, for any necessary work on county bridges" —Carried

Gunter—Montgomery.—' That the foreman on county roads and bridges be instructed to pay only the prevailing wages in the vicinity in which they are working and in no case to exceed the present scale of wages" —Carried

Tummon—Kirk—"That any wire fence arranged by the County Road Superintendent or reeves of the municipalities before this date be paid 35c per rod, the reeves to notify the road superintendent of the names of any parties agreed with up to date and that hereafter the price for wire fences be 25c per rod and the former motion re wird fence be rescinded" — Carried

Ways and means report was received, read and adopted

WAYS And MEANS

No action was taken on request of Mr McIntosh for grant to rural school fall fairs

That a special grant of $200 be added to the Wollaston county road appropriation, for placing crushed stone on the county road in Coe Hill to be taken off the total appropriations on roads and appropriations reduced pro rata.

That no action be taken at present re request of Mr Pearce to oil Front road

That the Superintendent of Roads be instructed to pay Wm McIlroy (for over twenty years county road foreman) full pay for May

That $500 be granted the County Model School at Madoc as usual

N. H. Review	33.00
N. H. Review	71.50
Intelligencer	18 80
J. W. Walker	70.50

That Frankford school section No 11, be paid the same proportion as Tweed Continuation School for continuation class pupils, the number of pupils to be the basis of payment

That no action be taken re request for grant of $300 to S S. No. 4, Sheffield

Marmora Herald	$ 33 70
G L. Sills	9.00
F S. Anderson and Co.	83.31
W McGie	21.80

That the council recommend that the Finance and Public Property Committee build a verandah in front of jailers residence as council recommended in 1913

Tummin—Vanderwater— "That a bylaw to levy certain rates for rural public and (separate schools be now read a third time Signed sealed and numbered 744 —"Carried

Likewise motions with regard to the third readings of other bylaws were carried

No 745—"To grant $500 on the road between Ryan's Corners and Cordova"

No 746—"To oprovide for the taking

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