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MUNICIPAL COUCL

Newly Elected Council Meets For January Term

The January term of the Municipal Council of Kings County opened at the Court House, Kentville, on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at 10.30 o'clock. The councillors elect took their seats and the clerk produced the election returns of the different wards and the various councillors were then sworn into office as follows:

Ward 1—H. P. Bigelow, J. W. Hubbard. " 2—J. Hamilton Morris. " 3—C. R. Bill. " 4—Ray Clarke. " 5—N. J. Bryden. " 6—A. R. Eisenhaur. " 7—John B. Gertridge. " 8—Geo. L. Bishop. " 9—Err. Gertridge. " 10—F. M. Munro. " 11—Lawrence Gaul. " 12—W. Lamert Nichols. " 13—Alex. Durno. " 14—Lemuel H. Brown.

The first order of business was the election of a Warden. On motion of Councillors Bigelow and Gertridge it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Lawrence Gaul be Warden. Councillor Gaul thanked the Councillors for their vote but respectfully declined to accept the position and ballots were then passed to the different councillors.

The votes were: F. M. Munro 10, Bigelow 2, and one each for Bryden, Gaul, Durno and Err. Gertridge. Mr. Munro having a clear majority was declared elected by the clerk and was sworn into office. On motion of Councillor Err. Gertridge it was resolved that Councillor Bigelow be Deputy Warden.

The minutes of April session were read and approved. Warden Munro took the opportunity to thank the members of the Council for their confidence placed in him. He would undertake to carry on the business as Warden faithfully and impartially and in the interests of the county as a whole and not for party or sect.

Councillor Bill suggested that the Warden had struck the right note in his address and all should work together for the one object, the good of the county. Warden Munro announced the Standing Committees to be as follows: Public Accounts and Finance: Couns. Bigelow, Gaul, E. L. Gertridge. Public Property: Couns. Durno, Clarke, Nichols. License: Couns. Bill, Bryden, Ward, Roads and Bridges: Couns. Bigelow, Morris, Eisenhaur. Assessment: Couns. Bill, J. B. Gertridge, Brown. Lunatics: Couns. Eisenhaur, Brown, Hubbard. Law Amendments: Couns. Gaul, Nichols, Bigelow. Poor: Couns. Clarke, Durno, Bryden. Jail: Couns. Morris, Ward, J. B. Gertridge.

with other municipalities. On motion of Councillor Bill, seconded by Coun. Gaul, report was received and adopted. The report of Robert White, Inspector of N. S. Temperance Act, was read. There had been ten convictions obtained and four of the fines imposed had been paid, three had gone to jail and three were still outstanding. The fines paid amounted to \$1,110.00 and the bills had been paid and the sum of \$508.70 paid over to the treasurer. Mr. White's application for reappointment at the sum of \$400 for the present year was read, also application of Ephraim Haverstock for Inspector at salary paid last year of \$200 for half the county.

On motion of Councillor Durno resolved that report be received. A discussion then arose over dividing the county, and also increasing the salary. Moved by Councillor Nichols seconded by Coun. Bill, that Mr. White be appointed (Continued on Page 6.)

On motion of Councillor Err. Gertridge, seconded by Councillor Morris that the report be received and that he be paid the same salary for the ensuing year. Report read from committee on Cornwallis School Lands received and adopted. Total receipts were \$416.57. Report of Mr. Alfred Corcoran, Chief Forest Ranger, was then read, total expense being \$292.70. Councillor Bill asked for an itemized account of the fire at Billtown. He expressed the idea that there should be some change in the law so that only those ordered out by the Forest Rangers be paid for help. Councillor Eisenhaur also spoke on same subject. On motion of Councillor Durno, seconded by Councillor Brown, it was resolved that the report be received and bills paid. Before being passed there was quite a discussion on the amount to be paid fire fighters and who should be paid.

Mr. F. H. Crane inquired if investigation had been held as to origin of different forest fires. He thought the first consideration should not be the paying of the bills but the prevention of fires starting. Councillor John B. Gertridge thought that any one with true blood in his veins would turn out without pay to save the resources of the county. Councillor Bishop, in answer to Mr. Crane, said a committee had been appointed to look into the matter of origin of fire before recommending that bills be paid.

On motion of Councillor Nichols, seconded by Councillor Gaul that hereafter the fees paid sub-rangers be the same for fighting fire as that paid to other men. On motion a committee of three was selected to consider the bills for fighting fire and report. Committee appointed by Warden was Councillors John Gertridge, Nichols and Morris.

Mr. Outhit, K. C., read the laws as regards fire rangers, also the necessity of obtaining a permit for starting fires or setting up stationary engine. On motion of Councillor Nichols, seconded by Coun. Ward, Mr. Outhit was retained for the ensuing year as solicitor at the usual salary.

Afternoon Session Council resumed work at 2 o'clock, all members present. The report of the Committee on Rates was read, making a suggestion to confer

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