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Lunenburg Town

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COURT HOUSE

FOR ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Seven Municipal Councillors

VOTE TO REJECT THE OFFER

THEY THEN VOTE TO

TAX THE PEOPLE FOR TWO COURT HOUSES

The May session of the municipal council opened at Bridgewater at ten o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday the third instant. At two o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, Councillor Wentzel of Bridgewater rose in his place, with Councilor DeLong seconding, and moved as follows:

MAIN MOTION

Resolved that this council confirm its previous determination to erect the County Court House and Jail in Bridgewater and that the committee appointed, at the last May session, be authorized and empowered to proceed with the work.

After asserting that the act recently passed by the legislature gave the council full power to proceed with the work, Councillor Wentzel took his seat, without intimating to the council one word as to cost, style or location of the proposed new Court House and Jail at Bridgewater.

At this juncture several Councillors claimed that, as the citizens of Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, Chester and other sections should have an opportunity to hear the debate on this question, the discussion on the same should be deferred for a few days, and Coun. Howe, Coun. Brown seconding, accordingly moved in amendment, as follows:

FIRST AMENDMENT.
That Councillor Wentzel's Court House Resolution, submitted this third day of May, 1892, be accepted as a notice of motion and lay on the table till 10 o'clock Thursday forenoon next, that all of its provisions may be carefully investigated and its true inwardness and worth estimated.

After some further discussion as to the necessity of the proposed delay and the fairness of the amendment, Councillor Wentzel called upon the Warden to put the question and Councillor Howe called upon the clerk to record the names, whereupon the Warden put the amendment, councillors voting as follows:

For amendment—Coun. Knaut, Mullock, Brown, Howe, Wentzel of R. Cove and Lohnes—6.
Against amendment—The Warden, Councillors Wentzel of Bridgewater, DeLong, Boliver, Mackie, Hebb and Drew—7.

At this stage of the proceedings, with Councillor Knaut seconding, Councillor Howe moved:

SECOND AMENDMENT.
That all the words in Councillor Wentzel's resolution after the word "that" be struck out and the following substituted:
Whereas the motion made by Coun. Wentzel for the erection of a Court House and Jail at Bridgewater, under the power conferred upon this council by an act recently passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, involves the building of two court houses in and for the county of Lunenburg; and

Whereas the county is now liable on account of Railway Land Damages and costs incurred therefor for at least \$10,000, and the appeals still pending, and to be determined by a board of three commissioners, authorized by an act recently passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, against the amount of the claims to which they have sworn, under the advice of their solicitors and counsel, W. H. Owen, Esq., Q. C., and F. B. Wade, Esq., Q. C., render the county liable to pay a further sum of about \$70,000, making in all a debt of \$110,000; and

Whereas, in view of the present depressed condition of the farming, fishing and lumbering interests in this county and of the fact that many of the ratepayers of the county are leaving it every week to seek homes in the United States, it is the duty of this council to do all in its power to prevent the imposing of unnecessary additional taxation upon the people whose interests they are sent here to represent; and

Whereas the Town of Lunenburg has by a unanimous vote of its Town Council made an offer to this council respecting a court house and County offices for the County of Lunenburg and this Municipality, which, if accepted by this Council, under the act first above mentioned, will relieve the county from any taxation for the erection of a County Court House for at least seven years to come; therefore resolved that this council accept the proposition of the Town of Lunenburg as contained in the certified copy of a resolution of its Town Council passed on the 30th day of April, 1892, which reads as follows:

COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

PROPOSITION TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUNENBURG FROM THE TOWN OF LUNENBURG.

Resolved that the Town of Lunenburg will lease to the municipality of Lunenburg for a County Court House and for County and Municipal purposes during the term of seven years from the first day of June 1892, at the yearly rent of One Dollar, the undermentioned rooms in the new public building recently erected in the Town of Lunenburg, namely:

The four rooms on the western side of the ground floor, commencing with the fireproof vault connected with two of said rooms; also the northern room on the eastern side of the same floor, with the fireproof vault connected with said room; the said five rooms being suitable for county offices; also the rooms on the first floor of said building, being Court Room, two Jury rooms, Judge's Room, Barristers' Room and Witnesses Room, with the use of all entrances, halls, passages, stairways and water closets necessary or convenient for the proper and beneficial use of the above mentioned rooms for the purposes above specified.

Provided that no assessment be imposed upon the county of Lunenburg, during the continuance of said lease, for the payment of interest on any debentures for Court House purposes.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution passed unanimously by the council of the Town of Lunenburg, at a meeting held on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1892.

W. T. LINDSAY
Town Clerk.

Coun. Knaut, Wentzel of R. Cove, Brown, Howe, and others spoke warmly in support of the offer of the town, showing that, if accepted, the county would have a first class court house at a cost to the taxpayers of only ONE DOLLAR A YEAR, but, if not accepted, the taxpayers would have to pay for two court houses and at a time too when taxation was heavier, money tighter, and times harder than ever before known in the history of Lunenburg county.

To all of these arguments the sturdy sense, above recorded, made no reply. They sat as silent and dumb as Hindoo gods. But Mr. F. B. Wade, the mouthpiece of the seven wise (?) councillors, was on hand—like a wart. He orated at great length, talking about everything but the real question, namely:

"Whether better to accept the Lunenburg Town offer, thereby securing a court house for a dollar a year or reject said offer and build two court houses, thus rolling up unnecessary taxation."

This phase of the question, Mr. Wade did not condescend to discuss, but he did everything within his power to conceal and cover up his seven hardy minions said "amen" to every statement falling from his lips. Six o'clock came while the discussion was waxing warm on the Town offer and councillors Brown and Knaut moved the adjournment of the debate, but the sturdy seven objected to such adjournment.

"Question" was called, the vote taken and recorded thus:
For adjournment—Knaut, Mullock, Brown, Howe, Wentzel of R. Cove and Lohnes—6.
Against adjournment—Wentzel of Bridgewater, DeLong, Boliver, Mackie, Hebb, Drew and the Warden—7.

After some further discussion in connection with the amendment setting forth the Town offer, providing for the erection of a Court House at ONE DOLLAR A YEAR, Councillor Wentzel of Bridgewater called for the question and "The hon. gentleman for Tanook" asked the Clerk to record the names, whereupon the Warden put the amendment with the following result:

For a Court House at one dollar a year—Knaut, Mullock, Brown, Howe, Wentzel of R. Cove and Lohnes—6.
Against a Court House at One Dollar a year—Wentzel of Bridgewater, DeLong, Boliver, Mackie, Hebb, Drew and The Warden—7.

THIRD AMENDMENT.
Moved in amendment by Coun. Howe, seconded by Coun. Wentzel of Ritcey's Cove.

That all the words in W. J. Wentzel's resolution after the word "that" be struck out and the following substituted:
That a convention—embracing all the members of the Council of this municipality, the warden and two members of the Council of the Municipality of Chester, and the Mayor and one member of the Lunenburg Town Council—be called by the Warden of the ensuing municipal elections within this municipality, to sit in convention and by a majority vote thereof determine as to how many Court Houses shall be built in this county and where the same shall be located.

After the mover of this amendment had shown that the population and assessment of the whole county had an almost perfect representation in the proposed convention—after it had been made plain that Messrs. Church and Sperry and a committee of the provincial legislature had recently endorsed settlement of the Court House question by such a convention, the vote was taken, resulting as follows:

For Convention—Howe, Brown, Knaut, Wentzel of R. Cove, Mullock and Lohnes—6.
Against Convention—The Warden, Wentzel of Bridgewater, DeLong, Drew, Mackie, Hebb and Boliver—7.

FOURTH AMENDMENT.

Moved in amendment by Coun. Howe and seconded by Coun. Mullock.

That all the words in Coun. W. J. Wentzel's resolution after the word "that" be struck out and the following substituted:
That no further action be taken by this municipality in relation to the erection of a new Court House and Jail during the present year; and

That a direct vote of the electors of this municipality be taken in connection with the next general election of Municipal Councillors for this municipality upon the following questions:

Shall the new Court House and Jail on the county of Lunenburg be erected at Lunenburg or Bridgewater?
That the ballot to be used in taking such vote be in the following form:

LUNENBURG
BRIDGEWATER

And that the electors shall vote by striking the mark X opposite the name of the place for which they vote.
After the friends of this proposition had shown that it simply took the location of the new Court House and Jail out of the hands of seven reckless and stubborn councillors and passed it over to the people, the vote was taken and recorded thus:

For Knaut, Howe, Brown, Lohnes, Mullock, and Wentzel of Ritcey's Cove—6.
Against—Wentzel of Bridgewater, Mackie, W. DeLong, Drew, Hebb Boliver and the Warden—7.

FIFTH AMENDMENT.
Moved in amendment by Coun. Howe and seconded by Coun. Knaut.

That all the words in Coun. Wentzel's resolution after the word "that" be struck out and the following substituted:
That no further action be taken by this municipality in relation to the erection of a new Court House and Jail until the next January session of the municipal council, in order that the ratepayers of the municipality may have an opportunity to express their views upon the same.

Before the friends of this amendment had time to explain its meaning, Councillors DeLong, Hebb and others jumped up and loudly asserted that such a proposition was not in order, and should not be tolerated by the Council. They at a glance saw that to vote for it meant to kill the game of their boss—Mr. Wade, while voting against it would be construed as an insult to the intelligence and rights of the electors.

This amendment drove them into a tight corner and their long and loud protestations against its appearance among the minutes of the council was proof that they fully realized its true weight and power. But when the question was put they pulled themselves together—the wise and hardy seven did—and voted the amendment down, the vote being cast as follows:

For Amendment—Brown, Lohnes, Knaut, Howe, Mullock and Wentzel of Ritcey's Cove—6.
Against Amendment—The Warden, Drew, Wentzel of Bridgewater, Boliver, Mackie, DeLong and Hebb—7.

Councillor Wentzel's original motion was then put with the following result:
For—Wentzel of Bridgewater, DeLong, Hebb, Mackie, Drew, Boliver and the Warden—7.
Against—Howe, Knaut, Brown, Lohnes, Mullock and Wentzel of R. Cove—6.

This last vote was taken at seven o'clock in the evening, the debate on the court house question occupying over five hours.
Just before the final adjournment of the council, on Saturday last, Coun. Wentzel (Bridgewater) moved, with Coun. DeLong seconding, as follows:

Whereas by resolution of this council dated 7th day of May, 1891, it was resolved to erect a new court house and Jail in Bridgewater; and whereas a committee was subsequently appointed to purchase a site and carry on the work which committee purchased a lot of land for a site for said court house and were proceeding to arrange for the erection of said court house and Jail, when they and the council were restrained by the supreme court from proceeding further upon the ground that under the law as it then stood this municipality had not the power to erect said court house in Bridgewater; and

That the committee was authorized to proceed with the purchase of a site and erect a court house and Jail in any town or place where the same shall be located; and

That the said Court House shall be built upon the site of the plan of same submitted by Councillor Wentzel at the May sitting, 1891, but the Committee hereafter named shall have power to alter said plans provided the cost is not thereby increased or the committee of five appointed in May, 1891, viz—Councillors Mackie, Hebb, DeLong, Drew and Wentzel be a committee and they are hereby empowered to erect said court house upon the land purchased for that purpose in Bridgewater aforesaid and to purchase in the name of the municipality lands in Bridgewater and thereupon erect a Jail and to fit the same for occupation and for these purposes they are hereby clothed with full power in the premises and any three of said Committee shall have all the power possessed by the whole;

And it is further resolved that said Committee and the individual members of the council shall be saved harmless and reimbursed any loss, cost or damage they have or may hereinafter incur or suffer in consequence of anything done or that may hereafter be done by them in passing or carrying into effect these resolutions and the other resolutions herein referred to.

Coun. Howe moved in amendment, with Coun. Brown seconding.
That a committee embracing Councillors Knaut, Wentzel (R. Cove) and Brown be appointed by the Town Council for the use of the new brick and stone building at Lunenburg for municipal and county purposes.

For Amendment—Knaut, Brown, Lohnes, Wentzel (R. Cove) Mullock and Howe—6.
Against Amendment—Wentzel (Bridgewater) DeLong, Drew, Hebb, Boliver, Mackie and The Warden—7.

The resolution was carried by the same seven voting "for" and the same six voting "against".
In this way the council disposed of the court house question. The sum and substance of this matter will be found in the statement that a majority of the Councillors present the building of two court houses and an enormous taxation to the matter of accepting the offer of Lunenburg Town which provided a court house for

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

NOTES

By perusing the fifth amendment it will be seen that the Councillors were asked to call a halt, stay proceedings and take the tax payers into their confidence in connection with this transaction. The fifth amendment suggested that it would be wise, in view of hard times and scarcity of money, for the councillors to ask their constituents what had better be done with the court house difficulty. It asked the Councillors to insist until such a time as their masters—the tax payers—had told them at the polls how to settle the court house problem. The fifth amendment offered not only justice to the people as a whole, but it actually provided protection for the councillors as such. To the councillors it pointed out a way by which they could shift the court house burden from their own shoulders to the shoulders of the taxpayers. But a majority of the councillors could not see the matter in this light. We are bound to admit, however, that Councillors Hebb and DeLong made a sort of an effort to see it in this light. A glance at the vote on the fifth amendment will show that DeLong and Hebb were of the last of the crew—iron seven—to vote against the plea of questioning the people on this important business. Verily, they did procrastinate. Yes, they did pout and tarry by the wayside. They did hesitate to openly vote against an amendment which they knew expressed the views and desires of a large majority of their constituents. But, at last, after much cogitation, they put on a false countenance and voted to provide for two court houses no matter what their constituents might want or think. They dare not, however, do other, for Mr. Wade was on hand with his little whip. From the opening of the debate on the court house question till the taking of the last vote on the question, Mr. Wade never left the council chamber for an instant, nor did he allow one of the seven to leave the chamber. In fact, he did not allow them to express their views on the matter. Mr. Wade did the talking and the seven worthies did the voting.

The taxpayers will be pleased to know that the action of the seven is not final. The Bridgewater Court House Committee will not be allowed to waste \$11,500 this summer. We would kindly remind them that about the middle of last June, deputy Sheriff McGuire served each of them with an order granted by the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia forbidding them to build a court house and Jail in Bridgewater until that order was dissolved or the injunction suit ended. That order has not been dissolved and the injunction suit is not ended. If they have the document at home we advise them to read it. If the recent act will enable them to do so, which is doubtful, they may be able to get that order dissolved, but if they attempt to carry out the vote of the stalwart seven, without dissolving the injunction, the sheriff will be sent after them again, and this time he will carry a warrant instead of an order. The proceeding in that case will be for contempt of court, and the supreme court will not raise any of the nice questions which upset the warrant in the case of Mayor Thomas.

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G. M. TOOMEY
W. E. HARRINGTON
E. L. BROWN.
Referring to above the undersigned have this day entered into co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on the WHOLESALE BUSINESS of the business heretofore conducted by Baldwin & Co., at the old stand, under the name and style of BROWN, HARRINGTON & CO.
E. L. BROWN,
W. E. HARRINGTON
J. G. BISHOP.
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