

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.

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antage over our own people.

Coun. Miller—I move to extend the season to Dec. 31st for residents only. Carried.

Mr. John McCoin was heard on the mussel mud question. He said the Government was going to subsidize a mud digger, and suggested that the Council might do something about it.

On the resumption of business Coun. McNaughton presented a by-law fixing the fee of the Newcastle parish clerk at \$6. Adopted.

On motion of Coun. Pond county accounts were passed as follows: Auditor Davidson, balance of salary \$15. Frank Hickey, 9 sheep killed by dogs, \$33; T. W. Butler, 9 sheep do, \$45, were referred to a committee. J. L. Stewart's bill for advertising the meeting of Council was thrown out, as not having been ordered by Sec.-Treasurer. The committee recommended the purchase of a loose-leaf ledger for the sec.-treasurer, and after considerable talk; Mayor Miller, condemning the loose leaf system. The sec.-treasurer, auditor and Coun. Cassidy were appointed a committee to get either a loose-leaf or bound ledger. The following bill passed: Stothart Mer Co \$2.28. The Board of Health bills vouched for by the chairman only, were referred to the full board.

Coun. Vanderbeck said he had not been consulted about them.

Coun. Vanderbeck reported from the committee on bridge lighting that Chief Com'r Morrissey said if the Council would give \$30 towards lighting the Redbank and North West bridges the Government and Newcastle will do the rest.

Coun. Doyle thought it would be a bad precedent to establish. The Government would be asking us to repair its bridges next.

Coun. Miller did not think it fair to ask Newcastle to contribute. She would cheerfully pay her part of any county appropriation for any county bridge.

Coun. Anderson couldn't see why Alnwick should pay for lighting these bridges.

Coun. Connors said the Government should pay for the lighting or it should be a parish charge. Chatham is putting two lights on the Morrison bridge and has three on river landings. When Chatham is doing so much for the benefit of people coming to town it was a small matter for a great corporation to ask the Council for help to light these bridges. He moved that the lighting of covered bridges be left to the Government or the parishes interested.

Coun. Miller said Newcastle had lighted the ferry slip and the public wharf. If the Government wouldn't light the bridges we should do the next best thing by accepting its offer to assist.

Coun. Flett—Chatham caters to the country people to get them to town. It has only two old bark mills now to depend upon. Newcastle with its big and busy industries, doesn't care to encourage the country people to visit it. Even the Nelson people were shut out by the closing of the ferry early last fall, while Chatham kept its ferry running till Xmas. While I am opposed to the County paying for the lighting of Government bridges I am willing to vote this \$30, as these are long and dangerous bridges.

Coun. Benson would vote for \$30. A serious accident had occurred the other night on the N. W. bridge.

Coun. Mersereau—It is not the amount but the principle that I look at. If the county is to light the bridges I want the Doaktown bridge to be lighted.

Coun. Miller moved that the Chief Com'r be heard. Carried.

Hon Mr. Morrissey advised the lighting of the bridges as necessary and said it would take nearly all the revenue to light all the bridges in the province. He could see no force in the objection to the principle, as principles were taken every day. They should look to the necessity in each case. The county and town should pay something to assist in

this work.

Coun. Connors said it was evident, as he had thought, that this was an entering wedge for the lighting of all the bridges.

The amendment was lost, 12 to 15, and the proposal to pay \$30 adopted.

Coun. Lewis submitted the report of the Jail Visiting Committee. A prisoner had been found there who should be in the Municipal Home at the expense of Chatham. The purchase of a dozen stretchers and the repair of the old ones were recommended. The payment of \$30 for an addition that had been built to the stable was recommended. Adjourned.

FRIDAY :

After routine Coun. Doyle moved that the return of J. E. T. Lindon, Patrick Keane, John Delaney, col. of rates; pauper lunatic account (\$8 on hand) and highway board, pass. Carried.

The jail report was taken up section by section.

1. Everything found clean and in good order and one prisoner who should be in the Municipal Home. Adopted.

2. Section recommending the purchase of stretchers was left to the Jail Committee.

3. That the stable repairs be paid for—it was moved by Coun. Williams that it be referred to the Jail Committee.

Coun. Lewis said that the work had cost more than \$30. He asked that Mr. Irving be heard. Carried.

Deputy Sheriff Irving said that the committee had not ordered it, but it was needed and he had to have it. If the Council wouldn't pay for it he could. It had cost him \$50.

Coun. Doyle asked why Mr. Irving had not applied to the committee. If the committee had refused, then he could have come to the Council.

Motion to refer carried—15 to 11. Report adopted.

Coun. Connors reported from the committee on claims for sheep destroyed by dogs, that a committee be appointed to take legal advice and investigate the claims. Adopted.

Coun. Connors moved that dogs be prohibited from running at large between sunset and daylight, under a penalty of \$10, and that anyone may kill such dogs on sight. Laid on the table.

Coun. Allain moved the addition of \$50 to the sec.-treasurer's pay. Carried—15 to 5.

Coun. Connors said Judge McLatchey had ordered \$40 to be paid to the sheriff for summoning grand and petit juries, and the sec.-treasurer had refused to pay more than \$20. He moved that the payment be \$20, or such less sum as the Judge may order, for each jury. Referred to a committee—Miller, Vanderbeck and Johnston.

Coun. Anderson moved for the appointment of the Jail, Land Printing and Finance Committee. Carried.

Committee—Doyle, Flett, Lamont.

Coun. Miller moved that the Government be memorialized to subsidize a dredge to dig mussel mud to be supplied to farmers at cost. Carried.

Coun. Connors moved that Couns. Doyle, Lamont and Flett be a committee to deal with the claims of Messrs. Butler and Hickey for sheep killed by dogs. Carried.

Coun. Flett presented a bill of \$20.38, for Nelson assessors, assessing under the old act, and moved that assessors be paid for the two assessments. Carried.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON

Coun. Swini reported for the Almshouse Committee.

Books kept in correct and neat manner—adopted.

We find that for the parish of Rogersville a charge of \$10 for Michael Savoy, paid to Dr. Bourret for medical services to Mrs. Thibedeau, which we consider is not correctly chargeable to Rogersville, because Mrs. Thibedeau is not a resident of Kent County.

Also a charge of \$12 for fare for Mrs. Sandy Dorrien, from Rogersville to P. E. Island, which is not correct because this woman was not sent to P. E. Island. We also find a bill of \$10.70 charged to Blissfield by H. M. Attridge, Com'r, which we consider not properly chargeable, because the goods were supplied to a man well able to earn his living, and the nature of the goods was such as were not applicable to a person in need of parish aid.

Adopted and sec.-treasurer ordered to write the almshouse com'r's in reference to the charges.

Almshouse assessment for 1910: Chatham, \$1100; Newcastle \$350; Nelson, \$400; Northesk, \$100; Southesk, \$125; Glenelg, \$200; Hardwicke, \$200; Alnwick, \$225; Derby, \$100; Blackville, \$325; Blissfield, \$75; Ludlow, \$150; Rogersville, \$300. Passed.

Coun. Miller, from the dredging committee, reported a resolution strongly appealing to Hon. Wm. Pugsley to dredge the Miramichi river so as to permit the passage of ships drawing 25 ft. as soon as possible. Adopted.

Coun. Flett presented the report of the Barnaby River boom, asking for an increase from 7 to 10 cents. He moved that it be fixed at 8 1/2 cents. Passed.

Coun. Pond moved that the following pass—Wm. Irving, cleaning jail, \$24; sec.-treasurer's Scott Act fund; T. W. Butler, Scott Act counsel, balance of account, \$146; Inspector's report. Carried. The report showed 40 prosecutions, 20 convictions, 16 fines (\$800) collected; balance on hand, \$301.

Coun. Johnston moved for the publication of a detailed Scott Act report. Carried.

The return of R. L. Maltby, Scott Act fines, passed.

Coun. Miller asked about his costs, saying that his charges against the town were excessive.

Coun. Benson moved that delegates from the Automobile Association be heard. Carried.

S. D. Heckbert, R. A. Snowball and W. L. T. Weldon addressed the Council, deprecating the restrictions proposed by the resolution.

Coun. Benson complained that motor cars were often out just after dark, without lights.

The resolution was declared carried.

Coun. Miller moved that the sheriff be paid \$20 for each jury summoned by him. Carried.

Coun. Miller moved to extend John Russell's lease of the Newcastle Nelson ferry for ten years. The motion was amended to read "if the Council has the power to do so," and passed.

The Warden read a telegram from H. C. Read, of Sackville, asking that the assessment valuation of his 1000 acres of land back of Rosebank be reduced to \$200. It was referred to the committee on petitions.

Coun. Lamont said he had sold land there at \$1 an acre.

Coun. Pond presented the Board of Health bills, signed only by the chairman, and some of them appeared to be excessive. The committee thought the chairman should be a resident of the health district. He moved that the Government be requested to appoint a commissioner to investigate these bills.

Coun. Vanderbeck—I am a member of the board and I have not seen one of these bills before. I would like to see one from each parish on the board, so that the chairman wouldn't consider it necessary for him to go to the far away places to tack up a quarantine card at a cost of \$20.

Coun. Benson said there was something entirely wrong in the way the business was done. He was on the committee last year, and they found that excessive prices had been charged. Bills were presented by the chairman for services for which the persons concerned had personally paid. There was no reason why this sort of thing should be allowed to continue. Thousands were lost every year in this way. It was time to get down to a business basis.

Coun. Doyle said it was hard to find a remedy. If the board worked harmoniously he was confident that the cost would be less. He would say that Coun. Vanderbeck had come, at his own expense, to every meeting that had been held.

Coun. Cassidy asked if it was proposed to give the com'r power

to pay the bills if he found them correct.

Coun. Benson—Why don't the committee call the chairman to explain bills?

Coun. Pond—He is away.

Coun. Williams—The blame lies with the chairman.

Coun. Cassidy moved in amendment that the bills be sent back to the Board of Health, to be paid only when approved by a majority of its members. Lost. Resolution adopted—15 to 7.

Coun. Benson moved to reconsider the automobile resolution. Carried.

Coun. Pond was in favor of it except the clause requiring cars to stop for every team they met which was ridiculous.

Coun. Cassidy—It is absurd for the Council to ask for such a law.

Coun. Williams—The present law has not been enforced. Why condemn it without trial?

Coun. Mersereau—It would take many doctors to cure all the women who have been scared by automobiles. Many of them dare not take a horse on the road for fear of meeting one of them. Horses have run away, wagons have been broken, and persons have been injured. It is only right that they should be kept off the roads one day in the week.

Coun. Vanderbeck—I amend the resolution by inserting Saturday in place of 'one day' and by requiring the cars to stop only when meeting teams driven by women and children.

Coun. Flett—John W. Miller stops for every team he meets.

The resolution was adopted as amended—19 to 4.

Coun. Anderson moved that John Menzies be reappointed Scott Act Inspector at a salary of \$500. Carried.

On motion of Coun. Doyle as assessment of \$6000 was ordered for County Contingencies.

Inspector Menzies was heard, on motion of Coun. Pond, in reply to Coun. Underhill's request for information in regard to the number of his visits to Blackville and the number of convictions he had secured there. Mr. Menzies made a speech, giving a history of his Blackville campaigns and urging that he had done much good there.

Coun. Underhill said he was satisfied, hoped Mr. Menzies would come oftener this year, and promised to help him all he could.

Coun. Connors, from the committee to whom it had been referred, reported a resolution, that dogs be prohibited from running at large between sunset and sunrise; that such dogs may be killed by any person; and that the owner may be fined \$10.

Clerk of the Peace Butler was heard, as a farmer, and made a strong argument in favor of the resolution.

The resolution was adopted with only two nays.

Coun. Swini reported on H. C. Read's petition—That there was no evidence of his having taken the legal steps for redress, and that the sec.-treasurer write him to that effect. Adopted.

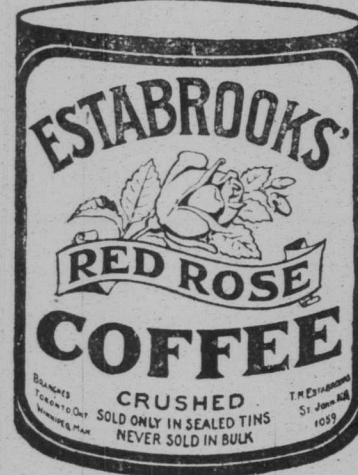
Coun. Flett begged to call the attention of the Council to an important event that would occur in Bay du Vin on Monday next, and moved that the sec.-treasurer be authorized to convey the congratulations of the Council to Coun. Williston. Carried by acclamation.

Coun. Allain was called to the chair, and, on motion of Coun. Anderson, the thanks of the Council were voted to the Warden for the impartial, courteous and efficient manner in which he had presided.

Warden Parker thanked the Council. He had endeavored to do his best in presiding over their deliberations, and hoped to do better next session. (Applause.) Adjourned sine die.

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