

JUNE SESSION LAMBTON COUNTY COUNCIL

A Grist of By-laws Passed. Important Legislative re Good Roads. Grants Made to Corn Growers and Plowmen

The June session of the Lambton county council opened in the council chamber at the court house Sarnia, Monday afternoon with Warden W. J. Davis of Euphemia presiding, and continued all week. The opening meeting was largely given over to the reading of communications and other routine business.

Telegrams protesting against the proposed excise tax of forty-nine cents a hundred pounds on beet sugar as brought down in the federal budget, will be forwarded to R. V. LeSueur M. P., for West Lambton, B. W. Fansher, M. P., for East Lambton and Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, by the Lambton county council, in accordance with a motion introduced and adopted at Tuesday morning's session.

The motion was proposed by reeve H. V. McLeod of Petrolia, and seconded by reeve F. R. Rilett of Alvinston. An amendment that no action be taken, fathered by deputy reeve Thomas Burnley of Plympton, was defeated. The telegrams will ask reconsideration of the tax by the government.

Provincial Highway
A large deputation from West Lambton waited upon the council to enlist their assistance and co-operation with the county council of Kent in a proposal to have a provincial highway constructed with terminals at Chatham and Sarnia.

Magistrate J. J. Jarvis of Moore, one of the spokesmen for the delegation, stated that such a highway would link up with the highways from London to Windsor, and Sarnia to London. The road suggested for designation as the provincial road, was known as 15-16 running from Lambton, almost directly to the town of Wallaceburg. The northern part of that road was gravelled, and at the present time was in very good condition, but the other end was only good in June, July and August when fine weather prevailed. The highway with which this road would connect was already paved.

The speaker also declared that the district at the south part of the proposed highway was unexcelled for productivity, but it was almost impossible to market the produce except when the roads were in good condition.

J. Coughlin, the second speaker, also pointed out that the district at the south end of the county had no proper outlet for produce, further that the road would link up with the Longwoods road on which work was now progressing favorably.

The request of the deputation was referred to the advisory board, after reeve William Miller of Moore, had stated that he did not believe the council would hesitate in endorsing the request. Reeve Victor Green of Sombra said that he had attended a meeting held recently in the promotion of the road, and at that session it had been suggested that each county appoint a committee and that such a joint body wait upon Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works and highways.

Road to Grand Bend
A deputation from the police village of Grand Bend asked financial assistance in the construction of a permanent road about one hundred rods in length near that village for which the ratepayers had already subscribed about \$1100.

Notices were given during the session of a bylaw to provide for expenditures on the highways of the county and to make a grant to the county board of agriculture.

A large deputation from Petrolia and district appeared before the council Tuesday afternoon and asked that application be made to the provincial government, to designate as a provincial highway the road running south from Reece's corner on the London road through Wyoming, past Petrolia and Oil Springs, on down to Rutherford, the connection with the Longwoods road from the latter point to be left to the discretion of the minister of highways.

After several members of the deputation had cited their arguments in favor of the proposal, it was referred to the advisory board for consideration along with the proposal submitted by the first deputation.

J. E. Armstrong, former M. P., for East Lambton was a member and one of the spokesmen of the Petrolia and district deputation.

W. P. McDonald, district agricultural representative, the first speaker, stated that the deputation had no selfish motive in appearing before the council but were presenting what they considered a clean cut business proposition. The county contained two provincial highways, one at the north on the London road and the Longwoods on the south, but there

was no connecting link. The speaker urged therefore that the council make application to the provincial government to designate the road extending from Reece's corner on the London Road to Rutherford. Such a road would pass virtually through the centre of the county and would give service that could not be obtained in any other way. It was not a scheme for linking any towns together, but to open up and assist in the development of a fertile territory.

Other speakers on the question were Thomas Simpson of Enniskillen a former warden, John McDonald of South Dawn; J. Webster of Dawn; John Anderson of Oil Springs and Wm. Nesbit, Sarnia.

The council passed a vote of thanks to the visiting deputation for their efforts to secure good roads on motion of Reeve H. V. McLeod of Petrolia.

Legislative Committee Report

The report of legislative committee submitted by reeve F. R. Rilett of Alvinston and adopted, recommended that the Ontario government be petitioned to amend the Highway Improvement Act so that county councils would not be compelled to employ graduate engineers as county road superintendents, and restore the old rights to employ any man they chose, subject to the approval of the department. The report also recommended that the Mothers' Allowance act be amended so that the Ontario commission would deal directly with municipal representatives and not with the county board as now in vogue.

Resignation Accepted

Acceptance of the resignation of Neil McDougall, B.A., as public school inspector for East Lambton, was recommended in the report of the educational committee read by Reeve Stevens of Dawn. The report also recommended the appointment of a committee to draft a letter of appreciation to Mr. McDougall for his services and Warden Davis named Reeves Miller of Moore, Sproule of Oil Springs and Sitter of Boanquet to constitute the committee.

Road at Grand Bend

After some discussion the council rescinded the motion referring the request of the Grand Bend deputation for a grant to aid in the construction of a permanent road to the finance committee and left the matter open for discussion and decision by the whole body. Reeve Sitter moved that a grant of \$200 be made and after some further brief discussion the motion was carried by a good majority.

Advisory Board Report

The report of the advisory board, submitted and read by reeve Joseph Hackett, of Enniskillen, furnished one of the most interesting items of the morning program and was adopted without dissent. It was recommended that the construction of a new bridge, designated as number nine, near the village of Bridgen, be laid over for another year; that in respect to the purchase of certain land on the river road in Sombra township for road purposes, where a satisfactory purchase could not be arranged, the matter be settled by arbitration, with Judge Albert E. Taylor as arbitrator; that the amount of money to be expended on a three mile stretch of road on the county line between Lambton and Kent be left in the hands of the county road superintendents of the respective counties.

In this connection warden Davis outlined for the benefit of the council the conferences held with the Kent advisory board respecting this road.

Help Sanitarium

A deputation appeared before the council on behalf of the National Sanitarium at Muskoka, and asked for a capital grant of \$8,000 to aid in financing the erection of a new structure at Muskoka, to replace the one destroyed by fire last year. J. Reid, business manager of the sanitarium association stated that the requested appropriation from Lambton had been figured out at 25c per capita.

In reply to a question from a member of the council, he said that thirteen patients had been admitted from Lambton in the last five years.

Financial Report

John E. Leckie, county treasurer, presented an interim report for the period extending from December 31, 1921, to May 31, 1922, showing that total receipts including a balance amounted to \$180,014.49 and the expenditures for the same period \$172,022.31, leaving a balance of \$7,992.18 to May 31. The expenditures included an item of \$35,417.37. The treasurer also advised the council that approximately \$15,000 more would be required from the total levy this year than last to carry on.

Road Subsidy

A letter from the Ontario minister of public works and highways advised that the government subsidy to the amount expended on good roads in Lambton last year was \$90,015.82 and that a cheque would be sent forward from the provincial treasurer's office in the course of a few days.

Thank the Warden

Wednesday the members of the council were the guests of Warden W. J. Davis on a trip to Belle Isle, leaving on the early morning boat and returning at night, and the members were unanimous in stating that they had had a very enjoyable outing, and a resolution was adopted expressing appreciation of the entertainment provided by the warden. The latter replied briefly, thanking the councillors for their expression.

Grants of \$100 each to the Lambton corn growers association and the Lambton ploughmen's association, were recommended in the report of the finance committee submitted and adopted. The report, which was read by reeve H. V. McLeod of Petrolia, also recommended that no action be taken in the case of an aged invalid lady who had resided in the village of Arkona, brought to the attention of the council by reeve Fred Eastman of that place. It was suggested, however, that the case be laid before the mother's allowance board.

A resolution addressed to the board of trustees of the Charlotte Englehart hospital, Petrolia, and the Chamber of Commerce of that town expressing appreciation for the banquet and entertainment provided for the county legislators, was introduced by reeve W. Miller of Moore, and unanimously endorsed.

The Highway Policy

The road building and highway policy established by the Ontario government was lauded by county road superintendent John McCallum, in a short general talk on the county road system given after he had been requested to explain to the council a letter received from the highways de-

partment declining to designate road number one in the southern end of the county a provincial county road. Mr. McCallum stated that the more he studied the provincial highway policy the more he liked it.

In Michigan there were magnificent state roads but beyond that nothing at all.

In Ontario provincial county roads were established with a view to the development of the country's resources and such a policy helped everybody.

Touching on the request of the deputations from the county which had waited upon the county council during the session in connection with road proposals, he said that the projects outlined were the best he had heard of for the benefit of the county as a whole.

Reports

The report of the public buildings committee read by reeve Victor Green of Sombra, recommended the purchase of several pieces of office furniture for the registry office and the erection of a flagpole on the ground at the court house. It was adopted.

The action on the application of the National sanitarium association was the recommendation contained in the report of the finance committee, which was adopted.

Ex-mayor William Nesbit of Sarnia, chairman of the Sarnia General Hospital board addressed the council respecting an account for the care of an aged lady who had been admitted to the hospital from the house of refuge, amounting to about \$1800. This matter was referred to the finance committee.

Bylaws Adopted

With Reeve Nicholas Sitter of Boanquet in the chair, the council went into committee of the whole on by-laws and adopted the following measures; to borrow an additional sum of \$45,000 to meet current expenditures, to provide the sum of \$80,000 for expenditures under the highway improvement act, to grant \$100 to the Lambton Ploughmen's Association, to provide \$2,500 for the payment of grand and petit jurors, to grant \$500 to the Ontario board of agriculture for Lambton county, to grant \$25 to the Queen Mary hospital for consumptive children; to authorize the borrowing of \$10,000 to meet the cost of improving the road on the county line between the townships of Euphemia in Lambton, and the township of Zone in Kent; to authorize the improvement of the aforesaid road and to authorize the paving of a portion of the 15-16 sideroad in the township of Sombra.

BIDS FAREWELL TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Neil McDougall, B.A., of Petrolia, whose resignation as public school inspector for East Lambton to accept the post of general school inspector for Ontario under the department of education was tendered and accepted this week, bade farewell in his official capacity to the Lambton county council at Friday afternoon's session.

In a brief address he expressed feelingly his appreciation of the co-operation of every member of the council, of the loyalty of the teachers in his inspectorate, and the assistance and interest of the school trustees and parents in the different municipalities in East Lambton.

In view of the fact that his parents were pioneer settlers in Lambton, and that he had taught in the public schools and had been an inspector for over fifteen years, he regretted that he was to leave the county but the chance of promotion he had received might not come again and he decided to accept it. Recently he had visited parts of the province that he had never before seen and had come back to Lambton convinced that, both from an educational and agricultural viewpoint, it was the best.

Mr. McDougall also referred to the revival in education which he said had been quite noticeable during the last two years, the most striking evidence of which was the increased attendance at educational conventions.

Reeve William Miller, of Moore, chairman of the educational committee of the council, read a resolution at the close of Mr. McDougall's address which, in substance, extended to the departing inspector congratulations on his promotion, best wishes for success in his new field, and expressed appreciation of his work as inspector. The resolution was presented to Mr. McDougall and in accepting it he again thanked the council for their co-operation and their tangible expression of appreciation of his services.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

FOUNDERS IN CANADA

ON Place d'Armes in the City of Montreal stands a monument to Sieur de Maisonneuve who, landing near this spot in the year 1642, founded the settlement which is now the City of Montreal.

Facing Place d'Armes stands the Bank of Montreal, which opened its doors for business a short distance from the same spot over one hundred years ago.

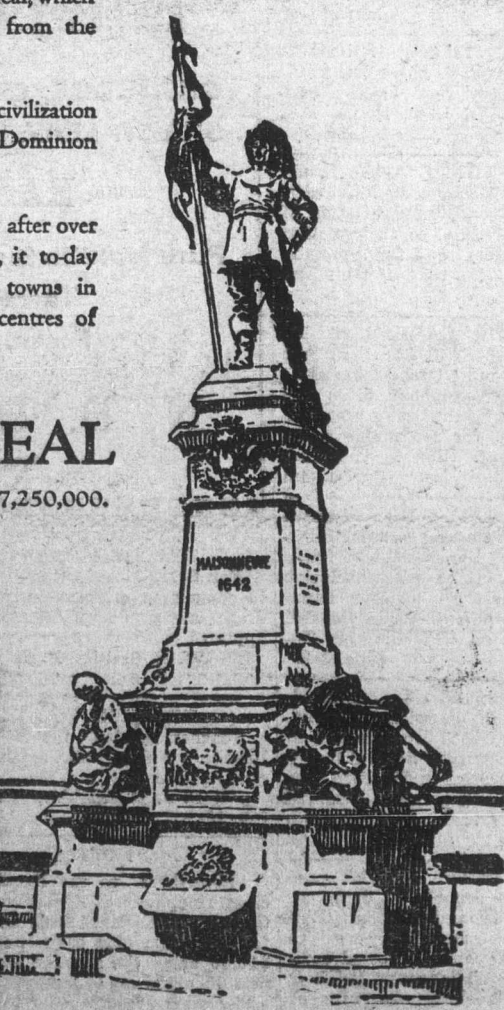
From the Settlement founded by Maisonneuve, civilization has spread to the east and west until to-day the Dominion of Canada extends from Halifax to Vancouver.

Likewise the Bank of Montreal has grown, until after over a century of steady and conservative progress, it to-day has branches in all of the cities and larger towns in Canada, with offices in the principal financial centres of the world, and correspondents in every country.

BANK of MONTREAL

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