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COUNTY COUNCIL FINISHES LABORS

Building New Court House Rejected—Dogs Versus Sheep—Board of Health Bills Cut Down—New Valuation Ordered.

THURSDAY FORENOON
Northumberland County Council reassembled at 10 o'clock. Derby parish was assessed \$400 for roads.
The jail visiting committee reported jail clean. Better ventilation was needed. Objection was raised to the keeper buying paint on his own responsibility, but all agreed that the work was necessary and the bill for \$20.50 finally passed.
Glencly was assessed \$683.50 for roads.

Coun. Doyle, from the committee to investigate claims for the payment of damages caused by the killing of sheep by dogs, reported, reading the opinion of the attorney general on the subject, that the claims are not paid and that the Council take some steps to protect the sheep.

Mr. T. W. Butler, who was asked to speak said the attorney general had given a politician's opinion only that it was arguable and had not dealt with the facts of this particular case. The county was clearly liable, but he would not sue it to recover his loss. Something should be done, as the question had come to this—Will we keep sheep or dogs?

The Sec.-Treasurer said the Council, having received petitions against dog taxes from nearly every parish had exempted the county from the operation of the provincial law on the subject.

Mr. Butler—It isn't in your bye laws. The law is that you may not enact such a bye-law and you haven't done so.

Coun. Flett—A Nelson man who signed the petition against taxation lost his flock of sheep by dogs.

The discussion was postponed till two o'clock.

On motion of Coun. Johnston the matter was postponed till 2 o'clock.

On motion of Coun. Pond the following county accounts passed—Daniel Daigle, \$16.96; Sec.-Treasurer land account \$2092.81 on hand; from lessees or cancel their leases; John O'Brien \$144; Stothart Merc. Co., \$6.55; E. P. Williston, Scott Act \$440.96; clerk of the peace \$190 registrar of births etc. \$162; John Menzies estate \$47.45; D. Baldwin, travelling expenses, \$157.85; T. W. Butler Scott Act fees \$195.

Coun. Pond read the Scott Act Inspector's report. 29 informations were laid during the year, which, with 6 on hand, made 35 prosecutions during the year. The six cases on hand resulted in convictions. Eleven other convictions were obtained, of which eight had paid. Two are at large with warrants in officer's hands. One has served time and one case is pending. There was very little complaint of violation of the law. He could learn of no illegal selling in the lower parishes. Beer is sold, showing two per cent of alcohol and he had been advised that the sellers were liable to conviction. The expenses for the year were \$1201.85, and the income including \$290.96 on hand at the first of the year, \$990.96, leaving a deficit of \$110.89, to which must be added the \$47.48 just voted to pay Mr. Menzies' house hire, making \$158.37 in all.

Coun. Lewis had ridden down with a Bay du Vin man who had a 4 gallon jug and five cases of whiskey in the rig. Where did they come from? Couldn't steps be taken to prevent the distribution of whiskey in this way?

Coun. Underhill—My parish is not pleased with the Scott Act enforcement last year. I saw more drinking in the trains during the year than for five years.

Coun. Flett wanted an expression of opinion from the council as to whether it wanted the act enforced for suppression or for revenue. The inspector had made a fair showing or a new man. He asked would Council stand behind the inspector if he should come in with \$1000 deficit? He needed encouragement from the Council. There are many loopholes in the law.

Coun. Vanderbeck—Not a drop was sold in Derby last year. I am well satisfied with Inspector Baldwin's enforcement of the law.

Report was adopted.

On motion of Coun. Lewis the Council declared that the C. T. Act should be enforced for suppression of the liquor traffic and not for revenue.

AFTERNOON
\$600 was assessed for C. T. A. purposes.
Council refused to lend the Nelson Highway Board \$500.
Coun. Cameron presented the report of the Almshouse visiting committee. They had found the place kept in first class style, very clean and the 11 male and 13 female inmates happy and contented with no complaints to make.

Adopted.
H. H. Mott, having been invited within the rail, said he had the plans here that he had made for a committee of a former Council, and some additional plans which he was ready to show, and he would be happy to give the Council any information that might be asked for.

Coun. O'Donnell moved that the new court house be built, to cost not exceeding \$25,000.
The motion was lost.

Coun. Underhill moved to postpone for one year, and give candidates for council a chance to run their elections on it—for or against.
The motion to build was lost—Yeas—Lamont, Benson, Clarke, Walsh, Cameron, O'Donnell, Pond, Mersereau, Hayes, Johnston—10; nays—Doyle, Connors, Flett, Allain, Anderson, Lewis, McNaughton, McKail, Chaisson, Muljin, Forsythe, Gillis, Vanderbeck, Swim, Underhill, Halsey, Abbott—17.

CRIMINAL LIBEL ON KING CHARGED

Action taken Against Publisher Who Circulated Story of Alleged Morganatic Marriage of George V.

London, England, Jan. 29—Edward Mylius, said to be connected with the Paris paper called "The Liberator" is under arrest, charged with libelling King George V. by publishing rumors which have been freely circulated for years that His Majesty, when Prince

of Wales, was morganatically married to a daughter of an admiral at Malta. The government wish to have an end put to this story which has been officially denied by the chief official of King Georges household. Mylius has been held in default of \$100,000 bail.

reduced to \$22; Dr. McKenzie \$12; Dr. Burette \$820 reduced to \$420. Coun. Lewis—Why was the account cut down?

Coun. Vanderbeck—I told Dr. Burette he would receive \$3 a day, and he was satisfied. Mr. Maltby saw him later and told him he'd get \$10 a day and he has charged \$10 for every day from the beginning to the end.

Accounts continued—Thomas Sherard \$10.83; J. Poirier \$1; John Maloney \$6; Robichaud \$1; M. Chaisson \$3; Dr. Wallace \$37.50; L. Doyle \$17; John Flett \$33.09; R. L. Maltby \$20 reduced to \$10 (In reply to a question Coun. Vanderbeck said he was in Indiantown looking after a reported small-pox case and Mr. Maltby drove up, saw there was nothing to do, drove home and put \$10 in his bill for the drive); Dr. Wallace \$29; A. Arseneau \$61.70; D. Melanson \$454.25; R. L. Maltby \$181.70, reduced to \$135.70. In reply to questions Coun. Vanderbeck explained that this board had cancelled the contract to pay Mr. Maltby \$5 a day and had allowed only \$3 subsequently; Board of Health account showing deficit of \$2,884.53; Wm. Irving \$10.

Coun. Anderson moved a vote of thanks to the board for their careful and efficient service during the year—Carried.

Coun. Doyle—The man who merely does his duty deserves no thanks. I have tried as far I know how to do what was right to everyone; to prevent the spread of disease, and to provide the destitute patients with all the supplies that were necessary.

Coun. Vanderbeck thanked the Council for their expression of confidence, and said he would like to have Coun. Benson in his place next year.

Coun. Connors moved that a committee be appointed to confer with a committee of the Chatham (Continued on page 8)

FRIDAY MORNING, Jan. 20th
The resignation of Coun. T. W. Flett was accepted, the take effect at end of the session.

Coun. Johnston's motion to pay the claims of farmers who had their sheep killed by dogs, passed 12 to 10.

Coun. Connors here announced that after a perusal of the minutes of 1897, he claimed that a by-law to exempt the county from this dog tax was adopted in regular form, though it did not appear in the printed by-laws.

The resolution to pay sheep bills was rescinded and the report of the committee was adopted.

AFTERNOON
An amended by-law, relating to the running at large of cattle in Ludlow and Blissfield was passed.

A by-law to establish a new polling station in Glenelg was adopted.

On motion of Coun. Underhill, it was ordered that Inspector Baldwin be asked by this council to publish in the N. S. Leader, Commercial and World, monthly the names of all persons convicted as violators of the Scott Act in this county for 1911.

On motion of Coun. Pond, the following Board of Health accounts passed:—J. H. Hallen \$17.75, reduced to \$14; F. Arseneau 10.25; Dr. Ollique \$36; George Joseph \$10.87; A. E. Shaw, \$50.22; J. W. Anderson, 29.64; C. Vouchie, \$22 reduced to \$12; R. L. Maltby, telephone \$5.30; W. Allain \$113 reduced to \$88 (Coun. Allain asked why this account had been reduced and Coun. Doyle explained that one of the items was too high in comparison with payments to others for the same service); Dr. Wallace \$20.50; Susie J. Holt \$20; North Shore Leader \$11.50; Dr. Hayes \$30.60, reduced to \$25.60; T. J. Durick \$279.79; W. Scott \$9; F. Richards \$2; Dr. McBride \$421.85 reduced to \$200; R. H. Gremley \$9; Dr. Duffy \$15, reduced to \$4 (Coun. Pond said, in reply to Coun. Halsey that \$4 was the legal allowance for the distance travelled); Dr. Pedolin, \$75 reduced to \$65; Dickison & Troy \$32.70; Mir. Farm Imp. Co. \$12; C. P. Hickey \$10.80; F.

SPECIAL MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

Reject Ald. Butler's Motions Re Property Qualification and Tax Exemption—Finance, Water & Light & Police and Scott Act Reports Read

Town Council met yesterday afternoon, Ald. Clark in chair. Others present: Aids. Butler, Falconer, Morrison, Russell and Sergeant.

Following bills passed:
Financial Committee—Newsome & Gilbert, Toronto, Printing and Stationery, \$21.00.
Public Works—James Falconer, \$1.00.

Fire & Light—Can. Gen. Elec. Co. \$6.14; Miller's Foundry, \$6.99; Colonial Lubricating Co. \$29.05.

It was resolved to tax G. N. W. Telegraph Co. for last 4 years on \$925 a year.—\$500 income and \$425 personal property.

Committee on Curfew Bell (Ald. Butler, Clark and Morrison) reported that they could find no legislation empowering Council to deal with the subject. They had met twice with a committee of the W. C. T. U. at the last meeting of which the ladies had decided to take action through their branches in the province to have legislation passed in N. B. similar to that recently passed by Ontario. The police men had reported the children of this town of high moral standard and not very troublesome. Report was adopted.

Ald. Butler moved that a committee be appointed to apply for legislation:

1. To so amend the Towns Incorporation Act as regards the Town of Newcastle that candidates for aldermen shall subscribe their nomination paper and a declaration before the Town Clerk that they are ratepayers in the town for the preceding year and are not indebted to the Town for taxes or otherwise.

2. That no property qualification be required of candidates for aldermen.

3. To exempt from taxation income of householders (that is, heads of families, whether owners of houses or not) up to \$300 per year.

4. To exempt from taxation money lent upon real estate or for industries in the town or invested in town debentures by persons other than corporations.

Sec. 1 was adopted with addition of "But allowing a person to be nominated in his absence by filing a declaration of his qualification and consent to act by two ratepayers."

Sec. 2 received a seconder merely to bring it up for discussion. It was ably defended by its mover, Ald. Butler, but it was lost by a vote of 1 to 4.

Sec. 3 received no seconder, and an amendment was substituted exempting all incomes up to \$200 a year, as has, though not legally, been the custom hitherto.

Sec. 4 passed.

It was also decided to ask, on motion of Ald. Morrison, to have poll tax reduced from one-sixth the entire assessment to a flat rate of \$5.00. It now amounts to \$8.85.

It was decided to have default taxes on real estate collected at once, by arranging to sell all properties in arrears.

The annual Water & Light report submitted by Ald. Morrison, showed:

Light Department—12 new lights installed; 7 in town, 1 in Nordin, 4 in Douglastown, and 4 incandescents added to street lights. From \$800 to \$1,000 a year could be saved in fuel by introducing a condensing plant at cost of \$4,000, which should be done soon. Fuel had cost \$700 more this year than last. Receipts during year \$6,550.

Water Department—Ten new installations, as against 6 in 1909. \$810 allowed this plant for fire protection is less than half large enough. Receipts during year, \$3704.54, expenses, \$4049.38—Deficit \$344.84.

Total surplus on combined plants to help pay interest on bonds \$1668.56.

Ald. Butler said that not enough allowance was made for depreciation of plant in Capital accounts. Report was adopted.

The Finance Committee's report showed a bonded indebtedness of \$177,000 with \$14,000 on deposit; net \$163,000. It recommended issuing \$30,000 bonds to clear up floating indebtedness. \$2,522.20 had been saved in the year's transactions. During the year, \$1950 worth of property had been bought, and \$600 paid to Campbellton.

Adopted.

Chairman Russell submitted Police and Scott Act reports. The former showed that during 1910, eighty-three complaints (obstructing sidewalk 1, having cross dogs 1, vagrancy 3, abusive language 1, interfering with police 1, cruelty to animals 1, assault 1, raising disturbance 1, drunkenness 73) were laid before Police Magistrate, \$502.25 was collected in fines and costs. Balance of \$230.65 over fees was paid to Town Treasurer.

The Scott Act Report showed that during the year 1910, thirty-six complaints were laid by Inspector Adam Dickison and eight searches were made. Twenty-two resulted in convictions; one was dropped; five dismissed; seven searches were unsuccessful, and one case is pending. Of the three cases left over from last year, one was dismissed and two resulted in convictions, making the total number of convictions in 1910 twenty-four. The financial statement for 1910 was as follows:

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| By balance fines collected in 1909 | \$108.50 |
| By fines and costs in cases 1909 tried in 1910 | 188.00 |
| To costs of above | \$ 16.00 |
| To amount paid Town Clerk | 230.50 |
| | \$246.50 \$246.50 |
| By total amount fines, costs in complaints in 1910 | \$1153.85 |
| To Constable and Witness fees | 25.70 |
| To P. M.'s costs | 110.00 |
| To amount paid Town Clerk | 1018.15 |
| | \$1153.85 \$1153.85 |
| By total amount collected in 1910 | \$1400.35 |
| To total expenses | 151.70 |
| | \$1248.65 |

These reports were held over to receive signature of all members of the committee, Ald. Butler objecting that he had not been consulted in the preparation of the reports.

Aids. Clark, Falconer, and Russell were appointed a committee to confer with Chatham Council re having Chatham isolation hospital opened for Newcastle patients. Adjourned.

LADIES' AID
The Methodist Church Ladies' Aid will be held next Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Hare. Everybody welcome.

CURLERS DEFEATED
Newcastle Curlers were defeated at Bathurst, Tuesday night by the Bathurst team, 83 to 55. A return match will be played at Newcastle.

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