

HURON COUNTY COUNCIL.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY. The council met pursuant to adjournment, the Warden in the chair.

The reports of Messrs. Girvin and Hardy, as road commissioners, were read and referred to the Road and Bridge Committee; also the list of bridges in Mr. Hardy's division.

REPORT OF MR. GIRVIN, ROAD COM.

On the 25th of June I let a contract to have the approaches to Morris bank bridge repaired and fenced, which was satisfactorily executed at a cost of \$45, and as instructed by the council had a strong bent put under the bridge, which cost \$45 also. Early in November my attention was called to the fact that the heavy floods in August had washed an opening through the approach between the abutment and the approach at the north end of the bridge. I at once let a contract to have it filled, as well as could be done, with stone, which cost \$16.40. I have to say also that on the occasion of the heavy flood on Aug. 20th last, during the night a farmer living close to the bridge discovered that the water was rising and beginning to overflow the roadway at the end of the north approach. He at once began to put earth on the place, believing that if the water should be allowed to go on over the road it would likely soon cut a serious gap in the road, as it was only soil, and thus cause serious damage. He found that the water was rising too rapidly for him to cope with it alone, and called several young men, his neighbors, who at once brought their teams and shovels and teamed on enough material and saved the road. He presented me with a bill for the work, but as the work was not all upon that part of the approach under my care I did not give him an order, but at the same time it is my opinion that their action saved the county what might have been a serious disaster as occurred at Bluevale, 2 1/2 miles further down the same stream, and that this council, by recognizing such timely efforts to protect their property by voluntary work, may save themselves much loss and the general public from serious inconvenience, more especially as such matters must come through your commissioners. His bill for himself and assistance was \$5. The Wingham prairie bridge was completed as per contract, but as it was only finished a short time before the August floods, and the approaches not having yet got solidified, it suffered considerably; it was even reported to me by telegraph that it was washed away, but it was afterwards found that only the approach had been damaged, and the reeve of Wingham at my request had it repaired at a cost of \$67.60. I had considerable negotiation with the warden of Wellington, and several meetings about the bridge on the Howick and Minto boundary, because, as reported in my June report, I could not approve of the plan as prepared. We at last settled it amicably at a cost of \$473, without the approaches. I requested the reeve of Howick to arrange with the reeve of Minto to let contracts for these approaches, which he consented to do, and he informs me that the approach to the north end is finished at a cost of \$325, and the south one is likely to be finished shortly at a cost of \$172. As no doubt the members of the council are aware, a very serious freshet occurred in the northern part of the county on August 20th last, by which the Brussels bridge was very much injured, and the road between the Bluevale bridge, which was in progress, was swept away, scattered here and there, some of which was never recovered, as well as cutting an immense chasm in the south approach. The Brussels bridge was repaired according to instructions by your warden's committee, which I request the clerk to call together that I might have their advice and authority for the work which had been suddenly thrown upon us. The repairs to the Brussels bridge cost \$260, which, to one who witnessed it in its wrecked and twisted condition, seems a very reasonable figure. I had, previous to the disaster, let a contract for \$50 to have a bent put under it, which I withdrew as it was part of the contract in repairing the bridge. It is now apparently good and will stand some years, if no such freshet again occurs. The contract for filling the approach to the Bluevale bridge, which required 2200 yds. to fill, as nearly as I could estimate, cost a little over \$700. Since this approach was finished according to original contract, there has been very heavy water in the river and has attacked the embankment, though well protected with stone. I was called to examine it and found it necessary to let a small contract to put more stone at the place, which is now being done for \$215 per cord, and I found that that part of the embankment is settling so that the fence has swung out a good deal, and will no doubt be attended to next summer, when it may be hoped the settling will be over; but as the embankment was 17 ft. high, and all the bottom covered with water some places 3 ft. deep, it is not a matter of surprise if it settles. The approaches to the Wroster bridge I had repaired at a cost of \$25.75, which includes some repairs to structure. I had the approaches to the bridge on the 8th con. Howick, repaired and fenced at a cost of \$30. My attention was called to the condition of the approaches on the boundary between Grey and Howick, which I examined and let a contract to repair, which has been done at a cost of \$19.70. The reeve of Grey informed me that there was a large quantity of flood wood lodged against the bridge between Grey and Elma. I at once wrote to one of the council of Elma, but after waiting nearly a month I asked the reeve of Grey what he thought was best to do, as I had not received any reply; he thought it was best to write the deputy-reeve, which I did, but as yet have not received a reply. It is not wish to be understood to be charging those parties with remissness, as it may be possible that I have not received the proper address. Mr. Weir, deputy reeve of Howick, pointed out to me that the approaches to the bridge on the gravel road north of Wroster needed repairs. I authorized him to have the work done, which he did at a cost of \$4.73. I was called to examine Jamestown bridge, as the floor was frequently breaking in small holes. I found the floor to be no longer safe, and it will require to be repaired at once if the weather continues open. Some of

the main joists are decayed and will require to be replaced. There was a bent put under the superstructure, which has very materially strengthened it. ALEX. GIBSON, Road Com.

REPORT OF CHAS. GIRVIN, ROAD COM.

In the month of July, according to instructions from the council, I had the improvements that had been ordered painted, the rollers examined and dirt cleaned out, and oiled and covers fitted to prevent the accumulation of dirt, which prevents their proper working; also the dirt that had gathered on the floor removed, at a rate of \$28.37. I have had a good deal of labor in keeping up the Manchester bridge on five or six occasions, at a cost of \$70.14, exclusive of the accounts for material, which is laid before you. I have now to say that this bridge in my opinion is no longer safe, and will require to be replaced as early as can be next season with a new superstructure, as it has required more attention than all the other bridges in my division for the last six months. Graham's bridge required repairs to the approaches, and as instructed by you in June the approaches were fenced, all of which cost \$4.45. As instructed, I had a new floor put on Benmiller's bridge, which required 16,000 ft. and cost \$240. Driftwood had to be cleaned away several different times, at a cost of \$12, and it will now be safe for a number of years. The bridge at Kintail had a new floor and stringers, which cost \$56, and makes it safe for a few years to come. Help's bridge required the approaches repaired, as it was seriously injured by the August freshet, and driftwood had to be removed two different times, costing \$24, and is now in good order with the exception of iron work to be tightened, which is now being done. Dunlop's bridge was carried away in August, and the Warden's committee having referred to Mr. Mason and myself to examine the matter as to whether it was the duty of the council to replace it, we found there had been previously at this place on bridge of 20 ft. and another of 25 ft. span, so we deemed it the duty of the council to replace, and accordingly a contract was let at a cost of \$322.40 for the bridge and repairs to the approaches, and for making a temporary passing place, \$90.40. The approaches to Port Albert bridge were repaired at a cost of \$16, and this bridge is now in good condition. One of the piers on the 18 mile river bridge, Lake Shore road, Ashfield, had been undermined, which I had repaired, also the approaches, at a cost of \$24.50; this bridge is 9 or 10 years old, but is in fair condition. I examined all the bridges on the boundary between Huron and Bruce, and let a contract to repair Johnston's bridge at a cost of something like \$15, but the account has not yet been rendered; one half of this will have to be paid by this council, and some slight repairs on the bridge known as Chamber's bridge, which is not yet paid. I examined the bridge on the Lucknow Road and found serious repairs necessary, only at the bridge opposite the 3rd con. between Ashfield and Wawanosh, which may break down any day. Some slight repairs on Young's bridge, between Wawanosh and Colborne, has been ordered, but is not yet executed, at a cost of about \$10, which will make it in good order. The following bridges in my division are kept up by the county, and are not upon boundary lines: Amberly bridge, 22 ft. long, 9 ft. high; Kintail bridge, 22 ft. long, 9 ft. high; Kingsbridge bridge, 21 ft. long, 7 ft. high; Port Albert bridge, 84 ft. long, 14 ft. high; Graham's bridge, 12 ft. long; these bridges are all on Lake Shore Ashfield. Dunlop's bridge, Colborne, 20 ft. long, 16 ft. 4 in. high; Young's bridge, 8 con., Colborne, 30 ft. long, 7 ft. high; both these bridges in Colborne are on the Northern Gravel Road. CHAS. GIRVIN, Road Com.

REPORT OF L. HARDY, ROAD COM.

I beg to submit a statement of work done under my supervision since last June. The Crediton bridge has been completed, the cost of the superstructure and abutments has amounted to \$820. Owing to the amount of floods in the spring the contractor for the approaches was unable to proceed with the work as fast as desired. It took about 1,450 yards of earth, which cost including fencing \$235. The cost of a temporary bridge for the accommodation of the public while the new one was under construction, amounted to \$52, making a total of \$1,107. The iron bridge spanning the stream at Fish creek, at Woodham, has been completed. The old abutments built of stone some 12 years ago placed on a span of 17 1/2 ft. to a 14 ft. roadway, and the new bridge being some wider, it was unable to get it parallel to the road. The superstructure including the plank for covering the roadway, amounted to \$700. The removing of the old superstructure, masonry work, making deviation road, building a temporary bridge, and making approaches to new bridge, \$140 making a total of \$840, the county of Perth paying one half. According to instructions received I have built cedar culverts built on the boundary between Logan and McKillop, at a cost of \$112, the county of Huron's share being \$56. I have had a new floor laid on the bridge between Hay and Stanley, near Kippen, at a cost of \$40. The timber in this bridge is becoming very much decayed, and I am of the opinion that a new structure will have to be built next year. Last June I received instructions to have a fence built along the approaches of the Black Creek bridge, on the town line between Hay and Stephen, and had it built at a cost of \$18, and repairing road of bridge \$5. I have also had the Exeter bridge tightened and the fences of the approaches repaired, which cost \$20. The Collingwood bridge between Hay and Stephen has also required some repairs, which cost about \$5. This bridge was built 12 years ago, and will have to be replaced next year. The bridge at Grand Bend, between the counties of Huron and Lambton, which was damaged by fire last spring, had the timber replaced, and the bridge being a Howe truss bridge, I found the bolts being quite loose, I had them tightened at a cost of \$70, including new timber. The Bannockburn bridge is the most unsatisfactory of any under my care, and I think that it should be replaced next summer, it being very much settled down in the centre, and think it might be repaired but do not consider it advisable. It consists of a span of 90 ft. on cedar abutments, which appear to be

quite fresh, and believe it would last the life of a Howe truss superstructure. Should they appear to give way, they could be cheaply supported by placing bents against those abutments. The Stanley and Collingwood bridge very low, would recommend stone abutments, as there are good gravel roads leading to the quarry and within reasonable distance. I believe stone abutments, could be built under these bridges for \$1,200 or \$1,300. L. HARDY, Road Com.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Dettor, that the warden and clerk, do sign and forward to the Minister of Marine at Ottawa a petition in reference to the erection of a life-saving station at Goderich. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Kay, seconded by Mr. Shier, that this council instruct the treasurer to pay to the county of Perth the sum of \$420, one-half the cost of the erection of the new iron bridge on the boundary between Blanshard and Uxbridge. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ratz, seconded by Mr. Eilber, that this council do confirm by-law No. 3 of 1883, of the Township of Stephen, for closing road allowance between lots 7 and 8, 22d con. of said township, and transferring the same to the Canada Land Co., in lieu of a new road allowance granted by the said Co. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dettor, seconded by Mr. Corbett, that the usual county grant to the Model Schools be paid over to the respective school boards of Goderich and Clinton. Carried.

A number of accounts were read and referred to the Finance committee. Moved by Mr. Strachan, seconded by Mr. Kay, that a portion of the by-law assuming bridges on roads within townships be repealed, and that no bridges be kept up or built by the county, except boundary lines between townships and counties. Referred to Road and Bridge committee.

Council then adjourned until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. THURSDAY AFTERNOON. 4 o'clock p. m. The council resumed, the warden in the chair. The resignation of Archibald Dewar, P. S. I., was read and referred to the school committee.

The report of Mr. Small upon the Court House cupola was read and referred to the Gaol and Court House Committee. The report of the finance committee was read and adopted. ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE. Report of John Mason, Road Com.—recommended that same be adopted, except that portion relating to Holmesville bridge contract; we recommend no action, but that immediate action be taken to rebuild Kothwell's bridge. The report of A. L. Gibson, Chas. Girvin, and L. Hardy, we recommend their adoption. Reports of L. Hardy relative to bridges maintained by County that are not on boundary lines—recommended that it be received. Motion of Mr. Strachan, relative to by-law assuming bridge within Township municipalities, recommend that it be not carried.

JOHN KAINE, Chairman. Moved by Mr. Castle, seconded by Mr. Weir, that the clerk be requested to get a statement of the number of vagrants that have been in the county gaol for the last three years, and from what municipalities they have been sent, and report to-morrow. Carried. Moved by Mr. Hannah, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the clerk prepare a statement showing the amounts paid to the road commissioners for their services during the present year, and lay it before the council at its next sitting. Carried. Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Castle, that the Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to lay before this council at its first session to-morrow a statement of the amount of interest on the credit of said debt, also showing the rate of interest on said debentures, also showing the amount in treasurer's hands to credit of said debentures, and the amount invested to the credit of said debentures. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Holland, that Mr. Mason, road commissioner, be instructed to examine bridge No. 44, con., 11, McKillop gravel road, and have the same put in a proper state of repair. Referred to the road and bridge committee. The council then adjourned. FRIDAY MORNING 10 a. m. The council met pursuant to adjournment the warden in the chair. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. A statement of the debenture debt, etc., was read and ordered to be laid on the table. The application of Mr. Malloch to be appointed inspector of North Huron, in place of Mr. Dewart, who has resigned on account of ill-health, was referred to the school committee.

Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by Mr. Weir, that the warden and clerk be authorized on behalf of the government to petition the Dominion Government to pay over for distribution the land improvement fund accruing from the sale of the crown and school lands in the county of Huron, which is still in their possession. Carried. Moved by Mr. Castle, seconded by Mr. Bescom, that No. 1 of the rules for the election of warden be amended, by noting the time for nomination half an hour. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that a committee consisting of Messrs. D. D. Wilson, Kaine and Corbett wait on the county treasurer to ascertain his views in regard to his resignation, and report at the afternoon session. Carried. The council then adjourned. FRIDAY AFTERNOON. Dec. 6, 4 p. m. The council resumed, the Warden in the chair. The application of Mr. Chadwick, principal of Stratford public school, to be appointed inspector of public schools in North Huron was read, and filed, as he had been appointed to the vacancy had been made before his application was received. Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by

Mr. Kay, that this council having heard with much interest a short recital of the adventures and hardships the volunteers of 1837-8 had undergone in consequence of the disturbances in the country at that time, and believing that those men who are now far advanced in years were justly entitled to some compensation for their efforts to protect the homes of the people, and having learned that a promise was made by Sir Francis Bond head, the then Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, that every man who volunteered and was in actual service, or their heirs, should have 100 acres of land, that the Warden and Clerk be authorized on our behalf to petition the Dominion Government to have the said promise carried into effect, even though it has been so long delayed. Carried.

SCHOOL AND PRINTING COMMITTEE. It is with feelings of regret that your committee received the resignation of Mr. Arch. Dewar, Inspector of Schools for North Huron, on account of ill health, and although sorry to sever our connection with one who has discharged his duties so well and so faithfully for the last 12 years, we consider it our duty to grant the request of Mr. Dewar, and accept his resignation on the terms stated in his letter.

That in regard to applications received for the office of Public School Inspector, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Dewar, your committee recommend that the application of Mr. D. M. Malloch, principal of "Clinton public school, be accepted, and that the clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Malloch of his appointment to the position of Inspector of Public Schools for North Huron, said engagement to take effect Jan. 1, 1884. GEO. BUCHANAN, Chairman.

The council then adjourned to 7 o'clock p. m. GAOL AND COURT HOUSE COMMITTEE. 1st. Communication from Joseph Williamson—your committee recommend that the warden and clerk make arrangements to get him admitted into the Middlesex Poor House, or some other suitable place, and that suitable clothing be purchased for him. 2nd. Communication from Grand Jury in regard to providing a suitable house of refuge for this county—no action at present. 3rd. Tenders for wood—the lowest tender, John Sands, of Colborne, at \$3.10 per cord—recommend it be accepted.

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REPORT OF VAGRANTS. For the year ending 30th of Sept., 1881—Goderich town, 4 in all; Brussels, 3; Howick, 2; Ashfield, 3; Morris, 1; Simsford, 1—Total, 14. For the year ending 30th Sept., 1882—Ashfield, 1; Brussels, 1; Durham, 1; Whitby, 1; Hamilton, 1; Palmerston, 1; Howick, 1; Seaforth, 2; Goderich, 1—Total, 11. For the year ending 30th Sept., 1883—Wingham, 1; Seaforth, 3; Brussels, 3; Goderich town, 10; Stephen, 1; London, 1—Total, 19.

You will notice that for the past year there are 10 charged to Goderich; the true state is this; there are only 2 belonging to the town of Goderich, all the others are those that had been sent up from the municipalities and having put in the first term, were re-arrested in Goderich and re-committed, as in the case of Mrs. Ross, from Stephen, and William Burgess, from Brussels. W. DICKSON, Jailor.

The following is the statement of payments to Road Commissioners for services rendered during the year: L. Hardy—Jan. meeting \$16.00 June " 56.00 Dec. " 100.50 \$172.50 C. Girvin—Jan. meeting 8.00 June " 39.00 Dec. " 76.90 123.90 A. L. Gibson—Jan. meet'g 7.00 June " 23.00 Dec. " 85.00 115.00 Jno. Mason—Jan. meeting 9.00 June " 20.00 Dec. " 132.00 161.00 Total \$372.40

The account of Wm. Harston was deferred to next meeting of the council. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. 1. Recommend the Council to petition the Legislature for the introduction of a system similar to the Torrens Land System. 2. That \$20 be granted to the Prisoners' Aid Association. 3. The application of Mr. Jamison for \$100 indemnity for material destroyed by freshet at Bluevale bridge—recommended that \$75 be granted. 4. Recommending payment of a large number of accounts, as specified.

D. D. WILSON, Chairman. By-law No. 9, to confirm by-law No. 3, of the Township of Stephen for 1883, was read and passed. By-law No. 10, to amend the rules of the council, was read and passed. By-law No. 11, to appoint an inspector of public schools in place of Archibald Dewar, Esq., who has resigned. The report of the special committee appointed to confer with the treasurer as to his views in regard to his reported resignation was read and filed. It is as follows: "Your committee beg leave to report that they have waited upon the Treasurer in accordance with your resolution, and after some conversation in regard to the matter, he stated that he desired some time to consider the matter, and that he would place his reply before the council in writing. D. D. WILSON, chairman. THE TREASURER'S LETTER. The reply of the treasurer was read, and filed. Goderich, Dec. 7, 1883. GENTLEMEN,—As you stated in your report to my enquiry as to what was the object of the resolution of the council

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SHERIFF'S SALE OF LANDS. COUNTY OF HURON. By virtue of a Writ of Habeas Corpus, issued out of the County of Huron, and to me directed and delivered against the Lands and Tenements of WILLIAM GIBSON and ALBERT ANTELOM, at the suit of EDWARD TINDALL, I have seized and taken in Execution all the right, title and interest, and equity of redemption of WILLIAM GIBSON, one of the above named defendants in and to that portion or tract of land lying and being in the Township of Morris, County of Huron and Province of Ontario, being composed of one hundred acres of land, more or less, which lands and tenements I shall offer for sale, at my office, in the Court House, in the Town of Goderich, on FRIDAY, the TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1883, at the hour of twelve of the clock, noon. ROBERT GIBBONS, Sheriff, Huron. Sheriff's Office, Goderich, Sept. 12th, 1883. 1908-14

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