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NORTH COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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sent charged to that parish those who did not belong there.

On motion of Coun. Harriman, the accounts of the Parish Clerk \$22, pound rent, \$12, returns of Collectors of rates, and Parish Officers Chatham passed.

Coun. Doyle drew attention to the fact that there were 7 patients charged to Newcastle in the Provincial Hospital, and only three belonged here.

On motion of Coun. Anderson it was decided that there be no July Session and that the Warden appoint a Committee to pass Accounts in

July.
Coun. McNaughton moved that default list for Gleneg, be handed back to collectors for further collections to be finished by April 1st and urged that every effort be made by the other parishes to clear up the default before the new taxes commenced.

Coun. Fletcher moved that Cecil Flett be refunded \$25 paid for Pedlers license as he did not think he could be called a pedler.

Coun. Tweedie, Parker and Baldwin agreed with Coun. Fletcher.

Coun. Savoy thought that if license were abolished in one Parish it should be abolished in all. There was a cripple in Rogersville who paid a license and if Flett were exempt he would ask that the man in his parish be exempt too.

Coun. Allain said that there were many pedlers in the County and very few paid license. Officers should see that licenses were collected.

After some further discussion the motion to refund was lost.

Coun. Sinclair drew attention to the fact that North Esk was assessed \$350 for Alms House Account while the Parish of South Esk with an equal valuation was only assessed \$100. Neither Parish had any inmates in the County Home and he thought it was an injustice to North Esk to ask them to pay so much more. He asked that \$300 be assessed for Alms House purposes.

On motion council adjourned until 10 a.m., Friday.

Council resumed at ten a.m.
Coun. Cripps said he had been informed that the Council had no power to stipulate any length of time to be taken in making the valuation.

Coun. Anderson asked if it was not right that the Council should stipulate time that should be taken.

Clerk of the Peace Whelan said that it was quite right that the Council should stipulate when the Valuation should be completed, but might not be able to say that it should be done in 52 days. They could not bind valuers to any specified length of time.

Coun. Cripps thought that the Council had taken drastic attitude towards three respectable men. Did they think the men were going to loaf on the job or was the work going to be slighted.

Coun. Bransfield could not understand why three men would require more than 52 days to do the work. The assessors do the work and the valuers merely come into the Parish and hold courts. Surely they would be guided by the voice of the Council. He remembered a few years ago when they appointed a Scott Act Inspector.

Coun. Cripps—"Was that Fred Carvell?" Much laughter.

Coun. Bransfield—No. But the Scott Act Inspector has had an injunction placed against him and he neither did any work, but as he never was discharged he came and drew his pay.

Coun. Gordon said that the Council could appropriate so much money for the valuation but they could not fix the time in which they would do the work. Let them take a lump sum or leave it.

Coun. Tweedie said that they must base the rate on some length of time. The work should be carried on as speedily as possible and if not finished in the allotted time it would be necessary to give them an extension of time.

Coun. Anderson thought it best to stipulate time so that the valuation would be valuable to work at next year.

Coun. Fletcher said that if the Valuation was done as Coun. Bransfield

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had said it could be easily done in the time stated, but if the Valuers were to make a thorough valuation it could not be done in that time. It was just as important to fix the rate with the assessors as with the valuers as the assessor's work was the most important. It would be impossible for any three men to get a proper valuation in 52 days, but it would largely depend on the thoroughness in which the work was done.

Coun. Bransfield said that the way it was always done was for the assessors to make the valuation and the Valuers came and held court and heard the complaints. The assessors were not bound to go by the valuation fixed by the valuers.

Secty-Treas. said that the mode of valuation was clearly set out in the Act and read same for the Council.

Coun. Sinclair asked if law stated that the Board of Valuers shall give notice of the courts they propose to hold in the Parish so that the property holders could attend. Or do they only meet the Assessors?

Coun. Gordon said that one of the valuers had told him that they proposed to hold courts and that the ratepayers would be invited there and they would go from one section to another and see if the assessors had done their work. If the assessors had to do all the work what was the need of a Board of Valuers. Let the assessors do the work and pay them for it.

Coun. Doyle thought the Committee were perfectly justified in fixing the number of days that they would pay the Valuers for. If they did not they might start work today and not finish until Oct. 1st next and draw \$7 for all that time.

Coun. Cripps said he was speaking from a legal standpoint, he agreed with all except the time limit of 52 days. It was impossible to get a full and complete valuation in that time.

Coun. L. Doyle said that Council were perfectly justified in fixing a time limit. He did not think the men appointed were going to take an unfair advantage of the county. The assessors made out a list of all a man's property and the valuers duty was to put the value on it.

Most of the work was done in the office. They would not have to go into a back man's lot. Carleton County had done the work in 26 days, and this county should be able to have it done in twice the time. Our men are just as capable as the men in that county.

Coun. Pond said that it was the assessors duty to value the property and valuers duty was to see that the assessments were equal.

Coun. Manderville did not think that there was a man on the Board capable of giving a correct estimate of the value of the timberland of this county. They should have a practical man on the board.

On motion of Coun. Fletcher the sum of \$30 was ordered assessed on District No. 1, Nelson for clearing sidewalks.

Coun. Cripps read the following report of the committee to visit the jail.

Your committee appointed to visit the jail beg leave to report as follows:

1. We find the building in a clean and sanitary condition.
2. We find that the prisoners cells are absolutely unprovided with cot-

and mattresses fit for human use.

3. The furnace is without proper foundation and is settling and in a fair way of destroying the piping system connected therewith and the smoke-pipe is a veritable firetrap.

4. The windows are all in a dilapidated condition and the stairway leading to the basement unfit for use. The gratings on the windows have been loosened from their fastenings and the cement picked away. One grating entirely forced off of the bottom and a portion of the stone broken off, rendering it useless for the security of prisoners.

5. The locks on the corridors and cell doors are so arranged that they are entirely at the will of the prisoners and we understand that the prisoners have availed themselves of this and several escapes have resulted therefrom.

We recommend that the fence erected last year be painted with two coats of paint. That the jailer be authorized to have proper fastenings placed on the cell doors, and for this purpose to engage some one competent to do it, and the other matters mentioned herein to be given immediate attention.

Coun. L. Doyle said that when the present jailer took possession he made application for cots and he only asked for two, nine pairs of blankets were purchased just before he took over the jail and last July they got 6 pair more. Last summer he had fixed up the windows and a plumber had done all the work necessary to the furnace. They had gotten every thing that the jailer asked for and he did not think that any more was necessary.

Coun. Cripps said that the criticism of the report was uncalled for. They had only set down the condition as they found them. If the Council doubts that, let the Warden appoint a new committee to visit the jail and make a report.

Coun. Allain agreed with Coun. Cripps, the conditions were just as set out in the report.

Coun. Gordon said that the Committee had gone over the jail thoroughly and all that was recommended was needed badly. If this was not done the people would have to bond this county again soon and build a new jail. The Warden and Mr. Doyle had been appointed committee to have work done last summer and never had it done. It was useless burning coal to heat the whole outdoors. Let the councillors go up and see for themselves. The doors were locked with handcuffs.

Coun. Sinclair said that had been the case for the last 8 years.

Coun. Pond said that they must either adopt the report of the committee or appoint a new committee. Report adopted.

On motion of Coun. Allain, Parish Clerk's account, \$6 Alnwick passed.

Coun. Pond moved that Mary E. Sutherland, pauper lunatic, be charged to Newcastle, and the Parish be refund the amount already paid for her support.

Coun. L. Doyle moved in amendment that the patient be charged to Newcastle, but that no refund be made.

Motion carried and amendment was lost.

Petitions Committee reported that

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the Mechanics Institute be offered for sale by public tender.

Coun. Cripps said that there was an agreement between the Council and the War Veterans to have the building for \$1 a year. If they still want the building it was a small matter considering what they had done for us. The county should make a present to the War Veterans of the building.

Coun. Gordon said that he understood that the war veterans had done work on the building. The reason why he had asked that the building be offered for sale was that he found that a man was encroaching on the property and trying to get it over on his own. The line would have to be established and tell Mr. Man to get out and keep off. He would not stand and see the County property gobbled up by any man.

On motion of Coun. Cripps the War Veterans were given a lease of the building for a period of 21 yrs. at a rental of \$1 a year and also that the line be defined and the War Veterans be required to protect the County interests.

Coun. D. Doyle said that Coun. Gordon was to see that the County (Continued on page 4)

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