

Report of Special Committee re Incorporation of the Village of Chesterville.

Present—A. Harkness, D. A. McArthur, G. P. Grabam, Hugh Kearns and A. Sweet.

Your Committee appointed to consider the petition of the inhabitants of the unincorporated Village of Chesterville, praying to be erected into an incorporated Village, separate from the Township of Winchester, under the name of the "Village of Chesterville," beg to report as follows, viz:—

Your Committee, having examined the said petition and also the report of the Commissioner appointed to take the census, find that the petition is signed by the requisite number of householders and freeholders, and that the population is sufficiently large to entitle them to incorporation. Your Committee therefore recommend that a By-Law be passed giving effect to the prayer of the said petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
A. SWEET, Chairman.
Cornwall, June 19, 1889.

Report of Road Committee.

Members present: Messrs. Stewart, Whitaker, Coons, Everetts, Patton, Fulton, Hodgins, Thompson, Warner, Kerr and Campbell.

Your Committee have had before them a petition from the Municipal Council of Winchester asking permission to open certain streets of forty feet width in the Village of Morewood, in said township.

It is recommended by your Committee that the prayer of this petition be granted, and that for this purpose a By-Law be introduced at the present session of this Council.

Your Committee also had a petition from the Reeve of Winchester, asking that steps be taken to build an iron bridge over the Castor River, between the Townships of Winchester and Russell. The petition was not approved of by your Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
GEO. KERR, Chairman.

Report of the Scott Act Committee.

All the members present except J. M. Campbell.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that owing to a suit which is now pending against this Council in reference to a fine alleged to have been imposed for violation of the second part of the Canada Temperance Act, and other reasons, we are not at present able to fully conclude and finish the matters submitted for our consideration, but would recommend that James Dingwall, County Crown Attorney, be authorized to consult eminent counsel as to the rights, liabilities and powers of Council in reference to the balance of Scott Act fines deposited with the Treasurer and not used for the enforcement of the Act—such opinion to be communicated to this Council at the October Session thereof. Your Committee also recommend the ratification of the action of the County Treasurer in engaging James Dingwall, Esq., County Crown Attorney, to defend the suit above referred to.

For the reasons above stated, we report progress, and ask leave to sit again at the October Session of this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
D. A. MCARTHUR, Chairman.
Committee Rooms, Cornwall, June 18, 1889.

Report of the Nation River Drainage Committee.

To the Warden and Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

GENTLEMEN:

Soon after the meeting of your Council, held in June, 1888, a meeting of the Committee was called at Cass's Bridge, for the purpose of considering whether in view of the grant from the Dominion Government of four thousand dollars and the facility for doing work while the dredge was in the river, anything should be done to improve the channel already excavated. This meeting was held on the 2nd of July, the members being all present.

Though the money was granted to complete the work, it was believed the Government would allow it to be used for improving the work already done, by enlarging the channel up the river, even though the dam would remain in the river, and this it was believed would give a measure of relief.

After considerable discussion it was moved by Dr. Stacey and seconded by Mr. Fulton, that inasmuch as the grant from the Dominion was made for completing the work as at first contemplated, this Committee does not feel warranted in making improvements not contemplated in the plan and agreement, unless such as come within the province of the Engineer to meet local circumstances, but would recommend that as far as possible, subject to these conditions, the work at Cass's Bridge be improved.

In accordance with this, the Engineer recommended that in consequence of the river at that point being spanned by a bridge, the cut be made the full depth of the centre cut and as wide as it could be safely made between abutments.

As this work was not of sufficient magnitude to warrant fitting up the dredge, an effort was made to complete this as well as the block that remains in the South Branch with teams and scrapers. Work was commenced in the Branch and continued for about a week, but the many rains in August made it impossible to prosecute it further and nothing has been done since.

It will be remembered that \$3000 was granted to this work on request of this Council some three years ago. At last report \$2000 of this had been paid, the balance to be paid when the work would be completed. We are pleased to be able to report that on a report from the chairman, made during the winter, this money has been paid. We regret, however, to have to add that the \$4000 granted for completing the work has not been re-voted, and that it will consequently lapse at the close of this month.

Without going into exact figures now, it may suffice to say that it will require about \$1000 to complete the excavations. There are now \$11,000 not provided for by debentures. Interest and expenses, until the work is completed, may add several hundred dollars to this. We may therefore ask the Council to amend the By-Law so as to provide sufficient to meet all liabilities and complete the work under contract.

We would recommend that if practicable these Debentures be issued, and the money provided for their payment by continuing the present assessment a sufficient number of years to meet it, and not by increasing the present rate.

A. HARKNESS, Chairman.
Cornwall, June 20th., 1889.