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Slavery in Nova Scotia

The following interesting reference to Slavery in Nova Scotia is taken from the Acadia Recorder of the 11th inst.:

A large number of negro slaves reached Shelburne from the revolted colonies. They appeared on the rolls as "servants," but their number, as ordinary servants, was suspiciously large. Stephen Shakespeare was accompanied by twenty, and Charles Oliver Bruff, a goldsmith, by fifteen of them. Isaac Wilkins is also said to have brought a good many. With Captain Andrew Barclay's company of fifty-five men and women and forty nine children, were no less than fifty-seven "servants," thirty-six of whom however, were owned by four families. There is little reason to doubt that nearly all were real slaves. The terms "slave," and "the property of," appear almost as frequently in the official records of early Shelburne as one would expect to see them in those of a southern slave-holding city. A certificate in my possession, bearing date as late as 1850, has reference to the hiring of a slave. In fact slavery near the close of the last century, had a certain legal recognition in this province. It is not more than a hundred years since a Presbyterian divine in Nova Scotia held a slave and defended his conduct in a long series of letters, based for the most part on the teaching of Scripture. It was in 1786 that the excellent Dr. MacGregor, of the same church, agreed to pay fifty pounds for the freedom of a colored girl held in slavery by a member of his congregation, and that he actually paid twenty pounds according to that agreement out of an exceedingly meagre salary.

An interesting trial, having relation to slavery, took place at Shelburne during the following year. One Jesse Gray, of Argyle, had sold to William Mangham, of Shelburne, a colored woman called Mary Postill, for one hundred bushels of potatoes. Gray was charged with "misdeemeanor," it being alleged that he was not the real owner of the woman in question. Proof having, however, been given that Gray had been her owner in the Southern States, the court at once acquitted him, and the woman became as much the property of Mangham for a hundred bushels of potatoes as would a horse or a wagon for the same consideration. One restriction the law provided—that no one could dispose of a slave outside the province, but on more occasions than one slaves were taken from Shelburne and were sold in the West Indies. It was the harsh treatment of a slave by a Loyalist master, who had carried him to London, that elicited the decision of Lord Mansfield that no master was at liberty to send his negro-servant from England to a foreign country, or even to any British colony. The result of this decision was a movement to abolish the slave trade, and the union of Clarkson, and Wilberforce with Granville Sharpe to effect that purpose.

A large number of free negroes also arrived in 1783. About two thousand who had fled to the British lines, and had been set at work on the southern fortifications, were taken thence to New York. Only one negro corps was enrolled for regular military service—that known as the "Black Pioneers," which served faithfully to the close of the war. At the conclusion of peace the colored people saw with terror their former masters arriving at New York from Virginia

and the Carolinas, and seizing their living "property" on the streets, or dragging them from their beds, to carry them back to the South, Sir Guy Carleton, refusing to understand that article that Laurens had had inserted in the treaty, prohibiting the carrying away of slaves or other property, as stipulating the surrender of any slaves who had taken refuge under the British flag—a surrender he thought in the highest degree dishonorable to Great Britain, soon relieved the distress of the colored people by a proclamation that all negroes who had sought refuge from rebel masters within the British lines were free, and by a certificate to that effect given to each former slave. Having caused an accurate list to be taken in view of any demand for indemnity, vessels were soon fitted out, in which they were sent to Burchtown, near Shelburne, where a few weeks later, they were joined by others who had sailed from St. Augustine for Halifax. About eighty men of the Black Pioneer Corps reached Halifax in the Spring fleet. Captains were appointed to attend to the division of the lands and the distribution of the rations, and over the whole Colonel Stephen Black, a mulatto, by appointment exercised a certain supervision. Black, in 1788, entertained Prince William Henry, afterwards William IV., at dinner, at his house, on the Burchtown road. He was about that time schoolmaster to the colored settlement. F. W. business men at the present day affix as fine a signature to a document as he did to one in my possession. What became of him has not been clearly ascertained. Tradition states that an accusation of misappropriation of funds, entrusted to him for the benefit of the colored public, led him to leave home, and make his way toward the Bay of Fundy, and that a fragment of his clothing, picked up some time after, led to the belief that he had been destroyed by some wild animal. In this colored settlement at Burchtown, John Wesley took a deep interest. In one of his earliest letters to Robert Barry he promised to send them some reading matter, and added: "They shall never want books while I live." In subsequent letters he scarcely ever failed to make inquiries about the same settlement.

There were good men among these negroes, whose principles were tested at Shelburne, and still more severely at Sierra Leone, and were not found wanting; but the great majority were better known by the troubles they gave the magistrates, and the demands they made upon the overseers of the poor. Among the earliest ordinances passed by the sessions was one enacting "that fifty handbills be printed immediately, forbidding negro dances and frolics in this town of Shelburne."

To Prevent Potato Scab

The following recommendations for control of powdery scab have been made by the Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa:

- Use only "seed" from a crop free from the disease.
- Disinfect such "seed" to destroy any stray disease germs.
- Use land known to be free from the disease. In most areas this will have to be land not previously planted to potatoes.
- Do not plant potatoes again in land which has shown the disease. If possible, seed such land down to grass.
- Isolate the crop from any field showing the disease, and take all possible precautions to avoid the spores from this crop being scattered where they may infect other potatoes.
- Pay special attention to the cleaning, and, if necessary, disinfection of implements which may carry the disease.

WORK ON PANAMA CANAL IS SET BACK.

Panama, April 28.—It has just become known here that in the fresh slide at Cucharucha, an incalculable amount of earth entered the canal almost neutralizing the result of months of dredging. There is only nine feet depth of water in the canal at that spot. Canal officials deny that the condition caused by this latest slide is serious but notwithstanding this the number of dredges working there has been increased.

Proceedings of Municipal Council

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Ordered that Councillor F. R. Elliott be the representative of the municipality to confer with the other towns and municipalities in reference to the undertakings mentioned in the report.

Ordered that the Bye Laws as submitted by the Committee on Bye Laws when approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council be the Bye Laws of this Municipality and that one thousand copies be printed at once and placed in the hands of the Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Elliott, seconded by Councillor Gates that the Revisors as read be the Revisors for this municipality for the ensuing year.

Moved in amendment by Councillor Piggott, seconded by Councillor Troop that the name of E. S. Piggott be substituted in this list for the name of Hennigar Tuppe. Amendment lost. Motion carried.

REPORT OF REVISORS AS READ IN COUNCIL

- Revisal Section—
- No. 1. Ward 1 and 16.
 - I. T. Coulstan
 - F. S. Goucher
 - Z. S. Gates
 - No. 2. Ward 2 and 5
 - F. W. Bishop
 - F. A. Balsor
 - B. M. Armstrong
 - No. 3. Ward 4 and 5
 - Harry G. Parker
 - John F. Titus
 - Geo. Chute
 - No. 4. Ward 6 and 7—
 - C. W. Croscup
 - Frank Winchester
 - Minard D. Bent
 - No. 5. Ward 8, 9 and 14—
 - B. C. Clarke
 - C. F. Morton
 - Adelbert Minard
 - No. 6. Ward 10, 11 and 15—
 - Hennigar Tapper
 - John Todd
 - Avard Milner
 - No. 7. Ward 12 and 13.
 - Norman G. Charlton
 - Otto W. Nixon
 - Charles Marshall

Ordered that all surveyors of Highways be also surveyors of sidewalks. Ordered that the following be the Registrars of Ear Marks for Cattle and Sheep in this Municipality.

Township of Wilmot—Avard C. Chesley.

Township of Granville—Walter Willet.

Township of Annapolis—The Clerk.

Township of Clements—Wm Vroom.

Ordered that John F. Martin of Nictaux be allowed to fence in a piece of unused roadway near Nictaux Falls as permitted by the Councillor of Polling District No 12 and under such conditions as he sees fit to approve.

Ordered that the report of the committees on the road leading from Melvern Square to Kings County be laid over for consideration until the Annual Session, 1915.

Ordered that the Warden and Treasurer be empowered to borrow whatever sums of money that it may be necessary for them to borrow to carry on the business of this municipality.

Ordered that the report of Charles Hayes, John Ring and James Sterns in reference to a change in a road at Victoria Beach be received and adopted.

The following is the report—

REPORT OF C. HAYES AND OTHERS ON BEACH ROAD

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Annapolis County:

Gentlemen—

We your committee appointed to consider matters in connection with said piece of Road to be straightened in District No. 2, Ward No. 7, beg leave to report that we have examined and considered carefully the conditions of said road and find that a road is necessary as the old one is dangerous to traffic and we also find that there is a free right of way to said piece of road. We have, therefore, staked out the alteration required, there being no damage for right of way.

JOHN H. HAYES,
JAMES S. MERRY,
Committee

Victoria Beach, April 18, 1914.

The resignation of the Treasurer being read by the Warden was regretfully accepted by motion. The following is the resignation as read—

RESIGNATION OF W. OUTHIT, TREASURER.

The Warden of the Municipality of Annapolis County.

Sir—

I beg leave to tender hereby my resignation of the trusteeship of the Municipality of Annapolis County. This action is made necessary by my transfer to another province where it will be impossible to keep in as close touch with the County work as I should like to do.

Thanking you and the councillors associated with you both in the past and present, for the invariable courtesy and consideration,

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. OUTHIT.

Ordered that F. R. Elliott and Jos I. Foster be a committee to convey to the Treasurer the regrets of this Council in appropriate language for record, which they did by the following resolution—

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING REGRETS OF COUNCIL ON RESIGNATION OF TREASURER OUTHIT.

To D. M. Outhit:—

Whereas by a resolution of Council we the undersigned were appointed a Committee to prepare and put in suitable language some expression of regret that other duties compelled you to resign the office of Treasurer in this Municipality.

On behalf of this honorable body we would say that in accepting your resignation we feel that this municipality suffers a severe loss.

The efficient manner in which you have always performed your duties and the kind and courteous treatment that the public have always received at your hands has made your services to this Municipality more than valuable.

We bespeak for you in your new sphere of action that same degree of success which has attended your efforts here and congratulate the institution in whatever Province it may be situated upon receiving the service of so valuable and competent an official.

F. R. ELLIOTT,
JOSEPH I. FOSTER.

The office of Treasurer being vacant it was ordered that the Council proceed to the nomination of parties to fill the vacancy. The nominations having ceased it was found that Daniel M. Outhit who had tendered his resignation as councillor was the only nominee. A casting ballot having been on motion deposited in his favor he was declared elected by the Warden to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of his brother, William E. Outhit.

Ordered that Councillor Rawding be a member of the Finance Committee in the place of D. M. Outhit resigned.

Councillor Marshall gave notice that at the Annual Session 1915 he would move that legislation be enacted that would enable the Council to receive \$5.00 per day for services rendered the Council instead of \$3.00.

On motion the Council adjourned sine die.

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Municipal Clerk.

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