

# County Council Session Closed on Friday

## Coun. Gillis Brought up the Matter of an Overhead Crossing at N. W. Bridge—Much Other Business Transacted.

WEDNESDAY  
 Coun. Schofield reported from the Committee on Alms-house Accounts, recommending the following assessments:

Chatham	100.00
South Esk	75.00
Derby	100.00
Ladlow	100.00
Newcastle	100.00
Glenelg	175.00
Blackville	200.00
Rogersville	150.00
Nelson	225.00
Hardwicke	175.00
Blissfield	200.00
North Esk	200.00
Alawick	150.00

The Committee on the accounts of the Alms-house, reported a balance of \$2 on hand.  
 On motion of Coun. Hurdhill the report was adopted.  
 Coun. Watling asked why it was that Glenelg had been charged so much more for lunatics than larger parishes were taxed.

Sec. Treasurer read the list of patients, including Frank Gillis.  
 Coun. Watling—He is in Chatham parish.

Sec. Treasurer—He is dead.  
 Coun. Watling said a relation of his had paid \$5 a week for his daughter, and yet it appears by this that they have taxed the parish for her.  
 Coun. Arsenau said Rogersville was asked to pay \$235, while it really had only two patients, there besides one whose father was paying for him. The father had paid \$25 and supplied two suits of clothes, as required by Dr. Anglin, and why should the parish be also required to pay him. It seemed to him that the Government was making the Council a mere paying machine, and every Council should kick against it. There was evidently more than one Flemming in the Legislature.

Coun. Vanderbeek—Did we not pass a resolution not to pay this tax?  
 Sec. Treasurer—Yes, but the Government kept it out of the Board of Health fund, and we have to refund it to the Board.  
 Coun. Vanderbeek—This is direct taxation to pay Flemming's salary, which in 1913 was \$6144.00. We should make the Government take this back—out the tail off this bill right behind the ears.

Coun. O'Shaughnessy—We have only one patient from North Esk, and yet we are charged for two.  
 Sec. Treasurer—You had two last year; one of them is dead.  
 Coun. O'Shaughnessy—Then why should we pay for the dead man this year?  
 Sec. Treasurer—I have made a mistake. North Esk should pay only \$130 instead of \$208.

Coun. O'Shaughnessy—Then I've saved the parish \$78.  
 Coun. Comors asked to be excused from acting on the Petitions Committee.  
 Coun. Vanderbeek—I move that he be excused.  
 Carried.

Coun. Fowle—I move that Coun. Watling be appointed to fill the vacancy.  
 Carried.  
 The Warden—The country is at war, the tramp of armed men is borne to our ears by every breeze, the County Council is sitting in this building, and yet the national flag is not flown from the building. I think we should fly our flag, and thereby show our loyalty to the Empire. The constable will please have the flag flown this afternoon.

Constable Irving—There are no halliards and no flag.  
 On motion of Coun. Vanderbeek it was resolved that the Jail Committee be instructed to procure halliards and flag.  
 On motion of Coun. Benson,

Council adjourned till 2 o'clock. Afternoon  
 The Warden read a writ that had been served on him, as Warden of the County, at the instance of Thos. Power, who claims that \$279 is due him, plus \$50 interest on a balance of wages for inspecting the work of construction of the County Court House.

Coun. Burchill said this claim had been referred to a committee at the last session, considered and allowed, he moved that a committee be appointed to consider and report what action should be taken on it.  
 Carried.  
 Committee—Anderson, Vanderbeek, Doyle.

Coun. Schofield presented Blackville default list, and returns of Andrew Craig, Jas. Burchouse and Jas. Hayes (810) 74 line, each with collectors of rates. Passed.  
 Coun. Gillis moved to memorialize the Minister of Railways in regard to the dangerous level crossing at N. W. bridge, and ask for an overhead crossing at that place.

Coun. Vanderbeek said the Government had promised to do this 32 years ago. In 1908, after some earth had been killed there, and there had been many narrow escapes, he had moved a similar resolution to this, and a similar one had been passed every year since then. A high official of the road had told him that the Council was no good. Why, instead of passing resolutions, did they not put their foot down? The Government would rather pay \$20,000 a year to some high official than 50 cents to protect the farmers from danger. They had better wake up before the next election. The Chief Engineer had promised Coun. Parker and himself to build the crossing.

Coun. Benson—The Railway made plans for the crossing, the County to close the two level crossings, and the Council has not closed them. Why not carry out the plans of the Railway engineer?  
 Sec. Treasurer said he had sent the resolution, passed last session, to Mr. Gutelius, and had received no reply.  
 Coun. Arsenau—The Government doesn't care to do anything to remedy bad crossings. Two men were killed at a crossing near Rogersville, and the officials had promised to do something. All they had done was to tear down a snowfence and a pile of sleepers.

Coun. Lavoie—I am told that a contract has been let for an overhead bridge at that place.  
 Coun. Parker—It was Coun. Vanderbeek's amendment to the resolution to close the level at the N. W. bridge that kept the Government from building an overhead crossing there.  
 Coun. Vanderbeek—That was three years ago. You can't get that off on me.

Coun. Benson—I move for a committee of three to look into this matter.  
 Carried.  
 Committee—Parker, Benson, Anderson.  
 Coun. O'Shaughnessy said the crossing at Jones' was even more dangerous than at the N. W. bridge, as the trains ran faster. He asked that a memorial be enlarged to include a subway at Jones'.

On motion of Coun. Vanderbeek the whole matter was postponed till 2 o'clock Thursday.  
 On motion of Coun. Anderson the following County Accounts were passed: Sec. Treasurer, filling school lists, \$47.10; J. F. Benson, advertising, \$11.25; Dr. Losier, certificate of lunacy, \$4; D. P. MacLachlan, revising, \$9; M. Bannon, jail, \$13.50; M. S.

UN. Co. 819.85; Sec. Treasurer, stationery, 880; W. P. Troy, printer's board, 87.41; Coroner O'Brien, 822; Dr. McGrath, 86, referred to Board of Health, H. H. Carroll, 89; M. S. Benson, lunatic horse hire, 83; Board of Health \$129.37; Dr. D'Orliqui, certificate of lunacy, \$4.70; Stouhart Mex. Co., wharf, \$58.91; do. coal, \$15.18; Public Wharf, \$115.90 on hand; \$913.80 due. Ordered that the rates be collected at once; Court House, \$114.23 do. to be transferred to Land Fund; Dr. McGrath, certificate of lunacy and telephone messages to Dr. Anglin, \$10.80.

Mayor Morrissey thought the County Accounts Committee should have inquired of Dr. McGrath and thereby saved friction.  
 Coun. Parker said the County had no right to pay for the doctor's messages.  
 Coun. O'Shaughnessy—What about patients whose friends pay for? Would messages in regard to them be charged to the county by the doctors?  
 Coun. Arsenau—I had to telephone to Dr. Anglin and I paid for my messages.  
 Mayor Morrissey—I paid for one of them—one that you sent from our office. It was charged on our account.

Coun. Arsenau—That was your own fault. I offered you a \$5 bill to pay for it and you could not or didn't make the change.  
 Coun. Watling—The County has no right to pay the doctor's bills. It is all it can do to pay its own.  
 Coun. Comors—Such messages are sent only to save the expense of keeping patients. It is not the doctor's business but the public's.  
 Coun. Watling—A boy was kept a week in Loggieville.

Coun. Comors—Kept to see if he would not get better.  
 The following accounts passed:  
 Dr. Marven, 2 cert. of lunacy, \$8; Dr. Duffy, cert. of lunacy, \$4; Contingent Account, \$301.46 on hand; School Fund, \$10, 391.23 on hand; J. L. Stewart, reporting special sitting, \$10.  
 Coun. Anderson said he expected that Mr. Stewart would donate this to the Belgian Fund, as the Councilors had given their pay to that good cause.

Mr. Stewart—Certainly, I told you I intended to do so.  
 On motion of Coun. Benson a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Stewart, which he briefly acknowledged, saying that the poor Belgians, their country overrun, their homes destroyed, men, women and children starving, needed and deserved all the help that could be given to them.  
 On motion of Coun. Schofield the Alms-house Account passed. Balance on hand, \$1900.73.  
 Coun. Vanderbeek called attention to the fact that there was still no flag flying over the building. The committee should wake up.

Coun. Watling asked for information about collecting taxes from estates. Could executions be issued against them? The law exempted widows to the amount of \$500, but the assessors did not appear to be inclined to carry out the law. The collectors had a great deal of trouble in collecting from estates.  
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