

North'd County Council Meeting

Newcastle, Jan. 18—Council resumed at ten a. m.

Coun. Gordon moved that lease of the Mechanics Institute be cancelled and that the property be disposed of by public tender.

On motion of Coun. Anderson the matter was referred to the Land Committee.

On motion of Coun. Fletcher, Thos Lynch, parish clerk, account Nelson passed.

On motion of Coun. Savoy, the sum of \$660 was ordered assessed on Rogersville parish for Pauper lunatics. The returns of the collectors of rates and Parish Officers, Rogersville, also passed.

On motion of Coun. Gordon the returns of the collectors of rates North Esk, and Parish Officers passed and the sum of \$260 was ordered assessed on North Esk for Pauper lunatics.

On motion of Coun. Gill the returns of the collectors of rates and Parish Officers, Nelson passed and the sum of \$520 was ordered assessed on the Parish of Nelson for pauper lunatics.

On motion of Coun. Wilson the returns of John McAleer, collector of rates, Ludlow passed and the list was ordered handed back to the collector for further collection.

On motion of Coun. Wilson the returns of Albah Weaver, collector of rates, passed also Ludlow Parish Officers.

On motion of Coun. Gill the default lists of Nelson parish were ordered handed back to the collectors for further collection.

On motion of Coun. Bransfield default lists of Hardwicke were ordered handed back to the collectors for further collection.

On motion of Coun. Holmes the returns of the collectors of rates and Blissfield Parish Officers passed.

On motion of Coun. L. Doyle the returns of the collectors of rates, Newcastle parish passed.

On motion of Coun. Anderson the salary of the Valuator and fixed at \$7.00 per day to include board and the total time not to exceed 52 days. The charge for conveyance to be \$520.00 a total of \$1,612 also that Valuator use County Court House as office and the valuation to be completed not later than Oct. 31st. 1923. Also that the assessors be requested to make a fair valuation of their respective parishes for use of the valuator.

Coun. Gill of the Petition Committee recommended the following payments for sheep killed by dogs. George S. Morrison, Alnwick \$5.00 per sheep.

Archie Cameron, 1 sheep and two lambs, \$9.00, which on an amendment moved by Couns. McNaughton and Quinn was increased to \$15.

Mrs. Howard Amos claim be handed back to the Ludlow Councillors to be completed as the claim had been sworn to.

Coun. Gill of Petitions Committee recommended that no action be taken in regard to petition of cattle running at large in Bolestown as this was not covered by the new Herd Bye-Law.

Coun. Holmes read report of Resolution Committee on the death of late Couns. Watling and Sutherland which on motion was received and adopted and ordered printed in the local papers.

Coun. Holmes read petition of Mrs. Hurley for sheep killed by dogs, which on motion was handed to Petition Committee.

Warden on behalf of the Trustees of the Miramichi Hospital invited the Councillors to visit that institution.

Council adjourned until 2 p. m.

On resuming on motion of Coun. Sutherland, the Parish Clerk's Account, \$6.00, South Esk Parish passed, also the returns of the collectors of rates and the sum of \$130 was ordered assessed on that parish for pauper lunatics.

On motion of Coun. Parker the returns of Everett Allison, collector of rates, Derby, passed also the Derby Parish Officers.

On motion of Coun. L. Doyle the local representatives in the legislature were heard:

Coun. Bransfield said that the representatives had been asked for \$300 for the extension of the road up Eel River. He had no power to have the road extended, but the local members might have the power.

The road was needed to meet the need of the settlers who had settled up the branches of the Eel River. The Government had asked the Municipal council to assess these people to buy the land that this road might be extended. The road only goes up so far and then stops at a man's farm, but there are people further up who have no road at all. The grant should be made and expended by a man in that section as it was not necessary to bring a man from out of another district to do the work. Mr. Fowle had given him



to understand that settlers would have to buy the land to have the road extended.

John S. Martin, M.L.A., then addressed the council. He was pleased to be present and meet the representatives of the different sections of the County. He was willing to discuss matters appertaining to the County. Regarding the matter mentioned by Mr. Bransfield he was sorry that Mr. Fowle was not present as he would be better able to give information about that district as it was the section that he had represented. Mr. Fowle had received a grant of \$225 for that road but they were not able to get a special supervisor. The present Government had given the Bay du Vin district more money for roads than they ever received before viz over \$3,500.

He thought that the residents of Eel River and Coun. Bransfield had not gone about the right way to get any grant, they should have gone to the representatives but Mr. Bransfield had gone over their heads and had the County Council pass a resolution asking for the grant. On the main road in Escuminac, all the residents had given land for the main road but one had said that he would not give any land unless a special friend of his was given the job of building the road.

Coun. Bransfield said that for years he was road supervisor and a few years ago he had taken Mr. Veniot, Mr. Burchill and Mr. Alford and shown them a piece of road that had been washed out by the sea. The Minister had promised to have the engineer come and see about making necessary repairs and he had not come, next fall he wrote Mr. Veniot and another commissioner was put in, who bought land all the way to his place but never came and asked him for his land.

Mr. C. J. Morrissy, M.L.A., thanked the council for the opportunity of attending and hearing the views of the different sections of the County. It was the first time he had heard of the Eel River Road, and as he knew nothing about it he could not give any answer, but the Municipal grant in Hardwicke was the lowest in the County. He read a list of expenditures on roads in the County showing a total of \$46,161 had been expended on the roads in the past year. The revenue in the province was not as much as it had been in former years yet in spite of this they had succeeded in getting larger grants for this county. The trouble he found was that when there was a liberal Commissioner appointed, he and his conservative neighbor fought among themselves to the detriment of the whole county. He was sorry Mr. Fowle was not present as he was the one that should look after that end of the County. Mr. Fowle had a habit of getting sick just when he was wanted. He was sick on Nominating day, sick when Declaration day came around and now when Eel River Road needed explaining he was sick again. He should look after the matters appertaining to his section of the county and the residents would not have to come complaining to the other members. Personally he and his colleagues would do all in their power to do what the representatives in the County Council wanted. They were anxious to do what was right irrespective of party politics.

Coun. Bransfield read an extract from a local paper about the Health Act printed during the campaign of 1920. The members had been elected against that measure and yet had never raised their voice to protest against it.

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