

willing hand was always ready to render assistance; will ever be remembered. Our esteemed friend, Mr. Edward Lee, who sat at this Council board for many years, has also been called away since last session; one who was highly esteemed and respected by all.

He regretted to say the accounts of the county were not audited in time to have them printed before the meeting of the council. The delay was caused by Mr. George Lewis, of Fort Erie, refusing to act as auditor, which was not made known to him until the 2nd of March, and he did not think it proper to call the council for that purpose only. The Attorney-General was made acquainted with the fact, and an act passed giving the Warden power to make the appointment and on the 30th of April he appointed Mr. Fletcher Swayzie, Auditor, and would recommend a by-law to be passed, confirming the appointment. The Auditors have had several meetings, but owing to some irregularity in the school money, could not get them completed.

On the 10th of March last, the Manager of the Imperial Bank, wished the note of \$18,000 given by the Warden of 1886 cancelled, as the indebtedness of the county was very much reduced. He found the county owed the Imperial Bank at that date \$9651.39, and about \$700 due the county, from the different municipalities, consequently the \$18,000 note was cancelled, and a new note given for \$10,000, which will be due December next.

He found by going to the Treasurer's office to-day, that our over-drawn account amounts to \$2,368.00, and out of the \$700 due the county in March last, only \$150 had been paid. The county's indebtedness up to date is \$12,368.

The business to be brought before you is merely the ordinary business of the county. The Equalization of the Assessment Rolls of the different municipalities will require your attention, and to make provision for raising, by taxation, such a sum of money as may be necessary to carry on the business; and to provide for the payment of temporary loan, made in behalf of the county. Also the letting of the contract for printing for the ensuing year, and some annual revision of the Insane Destitute List.

It will be necessary for you to appoint a trustee for the Stamford High School, to fill the vacancy of Mr. George Goldsborough.

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