

COUNTY COUNCIL

June 17.—The regular semi-annual meeting of the County Council of the Municipality of Carleton was held at the Court House at 11 o'clock this morning. Warden Fleming in the chair. Officials present, J. C. Hartley, secretary; treasurer, Chas. Comben, auditor; J. P. Maloney, officer; reporter, Sheriff Moore.

On the request of Warden Fleming all united in singing the National Anthem.

The following councillors were present:—

Aberdeen—D. H. Lamont, Chalmers Derrah.

Brighton—Fred Smith, W. D. Keith.

Kent—G. W. Perry, Stephen Kinney.

Northampton—Arthur Giberson, H. A. Phillips.

Peel—E. W. Melville, Frank Tompkins.

Richmond—W. E. Fleming, Wilmot Watson.

Simonds—Ondur Shaw.

Wakefield—Robert Bell, Albert G. Bell.

Wicklow—Carey Estey, Rennie Tracy.

Wilmot—W. F. Anderson, H. P. Carvell.

Woodstock—Charles Clark.

Woodstock Town—H. D. Stevens, J. W. Gallagher, A. S. Benn.

Hardland Town—Frank Hagerman.

Warden Fleming said it gave him much pleasure to see such a large attendance at the last session of the present Council. While there was evidence of unrest in other towns and counties, it was a great satisfaction to know that that spirit of unrest was not noticeable to any great extent in Carleton county. All the people should unite in making this a greater and even a better Canada. Since the January meeting, two of our members, John Perry and Robert Moxon, had passed away, and we all sympathize with their families. The late Coun. Moxon had been succeeded by a former councillor, F. Byron Bull and the Parish of Woodstock had two good representatives at the board. There was a mix-up in Simonds, and, as a result, no one was elected to succeed Coun. Perry. There were important matters to come before the board and he knew they would deal with them in such a way as their merits deserve.

The minutes of the January session were read. Approved.

Mr. Hartley—I prepared warrants for the elections in Woodstock and Simonds parishes. These were issued for June 14th. I have heard from the parish clerk of Woodstock who reports that F. Byron Bull was elected by acclamation to succeed the late Mr. Moxon. Coun. Bull has been sworn in. I learn from Sheriff Foster that there was a mix-up in the Parish of Simonds; two men were nominated, and as it looked as if there would be trouble, a petition was circulated asking both to retire, which they did. Consequently no election was held and no returns were made by the parish clerk.

Coun. Stevens: Perhaps Coun. Shaw can give us fuller information.

Coun. Shaw: The secretary treasurer has it about right.

Coun. Gallagher: I was appointed to confer with the government as to the right of way. I saw Hon. Mr. Veniot and he replied that opposition came from the North Shore so strongly that "turn to the right" would not be put in force this year. Adopted.

Coun. Stevens: As chairman of the monument committee I wish to report progress. We got a design for the monument, and a representative of the firm will be here to-day. The committee will discuss the matter with that representative at 7 o'clock this evening and report to-morrow. Extension of time was granted.

Coun. Stevens: Reference was made by the warden to the death of two of our members; heretofore we have always procured wreaths. When I heard of the death of Coun. Moxon I saw Coun. Robert Bell and we decided to order and send forward a wreath. Up to the death of Coun. Perry, I consulted Coun. Tracy, and we ordered the second wreath. I expect each councillor to contribute an equal amount and pay it over to Coun. Robt. Bell who is the treasurer.

Coun. Perry: As chairman of the Municipal home committee, I wish to report that we have looked over the town farm. I was very favorably impressed and believe we will make no mistake if we buy that farm for the county poor. We have ample room there to accommodate every poor person in the county. I would like the Council to go in a body and look the farm over.

Moved by Coun. Benn, seconded by Coun. Gibson, that we hear a delegation from the agricultural society at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Carried.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 10 o'clock autos were ready and in company of Mayor Nodden and Coun. Bell, chairman of the poor committee of the town, the councillors went to the town farm and thoroughly examined the premises. This farm consists of 175 acres. 75 acres cleared

and is valued at \$6500. The town and parish of Woodstock owned the farm at one time, but the town has had possession about 60 years. The main building is brick and there are three barns in connection. There are eight inmates at present; the food served is of the best and the rooms were found tidy and clean. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Adams are the caretakers. The intention is for the county to buy the farm and the town will pay pro rata for their own inmates.

The councillors then went by auto to the new exhibition buildings on Connell Park and were greatly impressed with what they saw—the beauty of the spot and the progress being made with the buildings. The smaller ones are nearly completed and work on the main building is well under way. Good progress is being made on the race track and the grand stand was well advanced in construction.

Returning to the Court House, Council resumed its session at 3.30 p.m. Councillors all present, warden in the chair.

The warden appointed the following a committee on bills and accounts. Couns. Melville, Gibson, Anderson.

The following report of the Board of Health was read:—

Dr.

To appropriation \$400 00

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Cr.

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" " Estey & Curtis Co Ltd 85 15

" " Dr. I. B. Curtis 94 00

" " Dr. G. W. Somerville 26 65

" " Ira Corey 20 00

" " Postage and telephone 2 91

\$448 50

Balance due chairman of late Board, Dr. Curtis \$ 26 00

Moved by Coun. Melville, seconded by Coun. Phillips, that the bill of Dr. Curtis for \$26, balance due, be paid. Carried.

Coun. Carvell: Has the secretary any information about the new jury act?

Mr. Hartley: The government pays \$1 a day to the petit jurors and nothing to the grand jurors. The Council has the right to pay \$2 more to the petit jurors, besides mileage, and the same to the grand jurors if it wants to do so.

Coun. Smith: I think we ought to pay \$2 more to the petit jurors and \$2 to the grand jurors.

Coun. Watson: Have the petit jurors last serving received their pay?

Mr. Hartley: Yes. The jury was summoned under the old law and was only entitled to what they received. The new law had not then come into effect.

Coun. Tompkins: It seems to me that the grand jurors should get the same pay as petit jurors.

Coun. Melville—Oh no. The grand jurors are mostly from the town and they only meet a few hours when they are dismissed. I think the grand jury is more for ornament than use, and some of the best legal talent think it should be abolished.

Mr. Hartley—The grand jury in the past by throwing out trivial cases has saved the county thousands of dollars.

Coun. Gallagher—The grand jury should get the same pay as petit jurors, then we might be able to get some country people on the grand jury. As it is now, the grand jurors get no pay and the town people are summoned and liable to a fine if they don't attend. It has got to be a confounded nuisance to the business men of the town. The town people would be glad to get rid of serving.

Coun. Anderson—The town people can save money at \$2 a day, when the country people would lose money at \$3 a day and mileage.

Coun. Hagerman—There was a peculiar thing happened at the last sitting of the court. Man after man, good men all, and probably better than those selected, were stood aside by the lawyers. Is there any possible way to keep politics out of the court room. It was so plain that everybody could see it. Politics is the curse of this county.

Coun. Melville—I understood that the jury list has been made up. I read it in the papers. Are the 500 men selected for one year or five years? Will the list be published?

The warden—Judge Carleton, Sheriff Foster and myself have met, decided the number to be summoned, but have not selected the names. I do not know whether or not the names will be published. We will meet again July 7th and select the names.

On request of Mr. Hartley, the matter dropped until he examines the jury act.

A delegation from the Carleton County Agricultural Society was heard before the board.

E. W. Mair—The question of an exhibition is a matter of interest to all of us; exhibitions promote rivalry and has a great tendency to produce a better article. After selling our land to the Valley Railway, we looked around to see where we could get suitable land for exhibition buildings. We bought a piece of land on River street

for \$3500 but the war coming kept us from going ahead. A. B. Connell and the mayor of the town of Woodstock are the trustees for Connell Park. They have given us the whole island if we want it. We now have a lease of the island for 21 years at \$1 a year, with the option of another 21 years, and so on. Our experience is that things managed on a small scale are no good. We had confidence that if we made this Exhibition a big thing it would pay. We went to the government, told it our plans, and the members of the government said, so far as Carleton county agriculture was concerned, it was in a class by itself. We got the best architect in Canada to draw the plans, the best landscape architect in Canada was consulted, and we have the best grounds in Canada for an exhibition. Now, here is our financial standing: We sold our land for \$2000 (losing \$1500), had \$1000 worth of lumber and \$500 in the bank. It will cost \$40,000 to complete the buildings (\$100,000 will be spent on Connell Park in the future from other sources); the government will give us \$10,000—\$3500 at once, \$3500 next October, and \$3000 later still; Woodstock citizens subscribed \$5000, which gave us about \$20,000. Twenty men went on the bonds for that amount. As I said the people of Woodstock contributed \$5000 to the Exhibition and \$4000 to the race track; the town of Woodstock has voted \$1000 to build the abutments for the approach to the island and the town will likely give us free water and assist in other ways. If the attendance is only half as good as at Presque Isle Exhibition, the affair will pay. If the worst comes to the worst, it is expected that the government will give us further help. This exhibition is of interest to the whole County, and is the biggest advertisement the county could have. We feel that it is only fair that the County Council should assist Agricultural Society No. 41, in its great efforts. We understand that it is too late this year for you to do anything, but we would like to get the assurance that you will do it. The main building will be 205x85 feet, two stories high, and there are 96 acres in the island. I might also say that Woodstock is the only town in New Brunswick that has taken up the Vocational Training scheme.

J. R. Brown—Mr. Mair has gone into the matter very fully. We have started into this thing and cannot turn back. We want to show the people of New Brunswick that the good old county of Carleton is still on the map. You are all interested. Not the merchants of the town alone, but the farmers will reap the benefit of the Exhibition. We undertook the work about four years ago, then the war came and nothing was done. Complaints kept coming in, and people said: Why does not Woodstock do something; Houlton, Presque Isle, Caribou, Fort Fairfield are alive—what's the matter with Woodstock? We are into it now with both feet. Woodstock has subscribed \$5000 to the Exhibition and \$4000 to the race track; we are financing \$20,000. The Town Council has given \$1000, and we will need water for the stock, lavatories, etc., which the town will furnish. You, gentlemen, as representatives of the best farming and richest county in the province should contribute \$5000 to the good work.

Mayor Nodden—I understand your position thoroughly. It is hard to raise money from taxation. Colonel Dibble is at the head of the Agricultural Society and you are all proud of him for he is the right man in the right place. I am sure you are equally proud of such a business man as Mr. Mair. You all know the great successes made across the line with their exhibitions and horse races. The town people have put their hands deeply in their pockets. The exhibition will be of great benefit to town and country. No man likes to live in a country that is not proud of. We are proud of Carleton county and we ask you to give as generously as you can.

Mr. Mair—I might say that we intend to give \$15,000 in prizes.

Coun. Tompkins—How does that compare with other places.

Mr. Mair—Twice as much as the best of them. Fredericton is holding the provincial exhibition this year and will give \$20,000 in prizes.

H. B. Durost—It is a mistake to think that exhibitions are chiefly to make competition; in making up our prize list we had in mind the educational benefit to the community. We are getting together a good list for children. There will be competition in every feature of school work. The baby show will be a big thing. An exhibition is for educational purposes, not chiefly for to win some prize money.

Mr. Mair—I wish to thank the Council for its patient hearing of the delegates.

Coun. Stevens—About how much money would you like to have from the Council.

Mr. Mair—We would like to have \$5000, but we are willing to have the matter decided by the Council. We know you cannot do anything this year, but we wish you could assure us of a grant next year.

The Warden—Does the Council

wish to discuss the matter further.

Coun. Hagerman—There is a great demand upon us for money. I don't know where we are going to get off. Nevertheless I was surprised that such mammoth work is being done on the exhibition buildings.

Moved by Coun. Hagerman, seconded by Coun. Gallagher, that we do assist to the extent of \$3000, to be paid later on.

Coun. Melville—We simply cannot vote the money now; the dying hour of the Council. Let next winter's Council do it.

Coun. Gallagher—We don't expect the money now. We thought if we could get a motion through, so that we could finance it through the banks. The buildings will be up this year and we need all the money to pay the workmen. I am speaking now as a member of the agricultural society.

Coun. Tompkins—I am in favor of the motion. The new Council will have to carry out the wishes of this Council. If we give a motion of credit will the county have to pay the interest on the loan?

Coun. Gallagher—The agricultural society will pay the interest.

Coun. Tompkins—Before I went to the exhibition grounds I was opposed to granting any money, but I have had a change of heart. The exhibition is a big thing. Small exhibitions are no good. We have got to put on a show as good as they do in Annapolis county or we cannot make a success of it. The exhibition is opened to all of Maine and all parts of Canada. I don't see why we should be criticized for giving a motion of credit for \$3000.

Coun. Smith—There is an awful demand upon us for money. I will be willing for the county to pay \$1000 a year for three years.

Coun. Tompkins—Mr. Mair mentioned something about the work costing \$100,000. Will the county be called upon again to contribute?

Coun. Gallagher—The Agricultural Society will not ask for any more money from the Council. The \$100,000 referred to will come from other sources. The upper end of the island has been reserved. There will be a greenhouse, and shrubs will be planted, the \$100,000 to be spent on a public park. That has nothing to do with the exhibition.

Coun. Carvell—We must look at this from a financial standpoint. I will not vote for the motion. I have

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