

County Council or not. The Sheriff will therefore instruct the jailer to admit the prisoners to the jail except under a legal process.

Extracts from the minutes of a late meeting of the Alameda County Council, setting forth the dangerous condition of the bridge over the Mississippi canal, and the duty of the County Council to repair it.

Extracts read from the Journal of Education, Toronto, giving the most important portions of the different municipalities in the County as follows:—

Bathurst	\$475 00
Beckwith	290 00
Burgess, North	260 00
Dalhousie	118 00
Drummond	364 00
Kinsley, North	209 00
Lanark	335 00
Lanark	70 00
Montague	358 00
Pakenham	475 00
Ramsay, North	60 00
Sharnbrook	145 00
South	277 00
Town of Perth—Public School	74 00
do Separate School	307 00
Village of Almonte	178 00
do Carleton Place	170 00
do Smith's Falls	110 00
do Lanark	110 00

Total \$8056 00

Petitions from W. S. Miller, Wm. Miller, and others, praying the road leading from Lanark village to Claryville, Almonte, and all other points north and east, is a very public road, and that part of it at Lot No. 6, E. 1 of 6th con., at James McKinnon's is an almost impassable condition—that the Council order a new survey of the road, as it has been altered since the original survey by H. Curry, P. L. S. in 1874.

Mr Byrne gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill providing for the payment of all money granted or allowed during the session; also a bill to levy a rate for school purposes—the amount to equal the grant of the previous year.

The Warden named the following Committee to strike the different standing committees:—Messrs. Byrne, Gould, Jamieson, Clark, and Campbell.

They having retired for that purpose, returned shortly with the following Committee, list, which was accepted:—
Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Scott, Stone, Dobbin, McIntyre, and Graham.
Finance—Messrs. Gould, Byrne, Drummond, Clarke, and Campbell.
Education—Messrs. Conn, Rintoul, Noonan, Affleck, and Deacon.
Contingencies—Messrs. Jamieson, Scott, Dobbin, Noonan, and Affleck.
Assessment Revision—Messrs. Drummond, Rintoul, Conn, Byrne, Jamieson, Scott, and Gould.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

The Council resumed at 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. Deacon, of S. Sherbrooke, present in addition to those named yesterday.

The County Treasurer submitted his annual statement, the more important part of which we copy below:—
In connection with this report, I beg to submit to your consideration an estimate of the probable expenditure of the County from the 1st July, 1874, to 1st July, 1875, based upon the actual average expenditure of the last two financial years; and also an estimate of the probable expenditure for the half year ending 31st Dec. 1875.

From a comparison of my report at last June session with the present one, it will be seen that the estimate for the ensuing year is somewhat in excess of that of last year. This estimated increase is based upon the fact that there has been a considerable increase in payments under the heads of "Orders of Magistrates," "Administration of Criminal Justice," "County Grants to High Schools," "Jury's Mileage and Attendance," "Indigent Witnesses," and in several minor heads.

"The liabilities of the Merchants' Bank, existing at time of my report in January last, have been paid off, and I have on hand at the present time county funds amounting to \$894.92. This shows a somewhat better state of finance, as at this time last year there was only \$500.00 on hand.

The balance on hand at present will, however, be more than taken up by the early part of next month, in meeting the payments to County Councilors, Co. Officials, &c., and proper authority will be required to enable the Warden and myself to borrow such funds as may be necessary for the County until the taxes begin to come in—say \$5,900. The actual ordinary expenditure of the County last year was about \$12,000, and this year it is likely to be very nearly as high. The amount raised by County and Registry Office last year, including \$800 for the Town of Perth, was \$12,356.50, from which it will be seen that if the County wishes to avoid discounting, and to make the current year's funds meet the current year's expenses, an increase of taxation will be necessary.

The estimates were read by the Clerk, showing the amount to be raised from the ratepayers for county purposes for the year ending 1st July, 1875, to be \$6,143. Communication read from Henry Tuck, stating his intention, if assured of proper encouragement before, to compile a work on the law tariff of Criminal expenditures—very necessary for county and township officials. He would require each county to take 30 copies at \$1.00 each.

Petition from Mr. John Lee, Turokey, for an increase of salary to \$400 a year, for the reason that an increased cost of living and a growing family made it difficult for him to "make both ends meet." The application was backed by a recommendation from Sheriff Thompson.

ACCOUNTS.

From Alvin Livingston, Lock-up Keeper, Carleton Place—last year's salary to 1st June, \$20; meals to prisoners, &c., \$11.85—total, \$31.85.

From Henry Patterson, Lock-up Keeper, Almonte—year's salary ending 1st June, \$40; meals, &c., \$20.50—total, \$60.50.

From John Smith, Lock-up Keeper, Smith's Falls—salary, 7 months to 1st June, \$23.30; meals and woods, \$7.50—total, \$30.83.

From the Gaoler, R. McKellock, (a part which was for meals for the aged and infirm) \$151.25.

From John Menzies, Almonte, Registrar, James and shelling for Vanis, \$12; A. Kippin, making prisoner's dock, and painting, \$27; James Poole, advertising Board of Examiners, \$6.70; J. A. Gammell, barrister, professional services, \$22; James, \$6.25; John Gill, cleaning Court-house, \$2; G. L. Walker & Bro., printing pamphlets of 1873 session, \$50; do, advertising Board of Examiners, \$9.85.

Mr. Gould gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to levy a rate for county purposes.

Mr. Conn gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill authorizing the Warden and Registrar to borrow money required by the Council.

Mr. Byrne's bill to levy a rate for public school purposes was read a first time.

On Motion of Mr. Noonan, the names of Messrs. A. G. Dobbin and Donald McIntyre were added to the Committee for the revision of the rolls.

Adjourned till 10 A. M., to-morrow.

THE SESSIONS.

(Continued.)

The time of the Sessions was principally taken up in trying Appeals from Magistrates' Court, several having been entered on the appeal docket.

Jackson, Appellant, and Free, Respondent.—The appellant was convicted of C. Rice, J. P., with having used abusive language towards the Respondent, contrary to the provisions of the County by-law. The appeal was allowed on the same ground as the case of Gray and Plagg.

Jackson, Appellant, and Free, Respondent.—Appeal from a conviction made by C. Rice, J. P., whereby the Appellant was convicted of assault on the Respondent, by shaking his fist in his face, accompanied by threatening gestures and language. Conviction quashed without costs, on the ground that the assault was of so trifling a nature as not to merit punishment.

Fair, Appellant, and Campbell, Respondent.—Appeal from a conviction made by C. Rice, J. P., whereby the appellant was convicted of having assaulted the Respondent at his residence in Dalhousie, in December last. Campbell had refused to pay his taxes because the Municipal Council had failed to open up the town line between Dalhousie and Bathurst, enabling him to get into and out from his premises without having to cross any road.

The collector of the Township called a sale of some stock at Campbell's place for taxes, and he and a number of other men repaired there on the day of sale. No formal seizure had been made by the collector, and Campbell resisted the sale, and tried to prevent the stock being driven off. A good deal of altercation and scuffling was the result, and afterwards Campbell had three of the parties hauled up for assault, of whom the Appellant in this case was one. Convictions quashed without costs.

Heard, Appellant, and Campbell, Respondent.—Appeal from a conviction made by C. Rice, J. P., for assault, on the occasion referred to in the above case. Conviction quashed by consent, with costs.

Hunter, Appellant, and Campbell, Respondent.—This was the third Appeal from a conviction by the same Justice arising out of the same circumstances. The Appellant in this case was the collector, who, when attempting to drive off a cow, was resisted by Campbell, when the men got into a scuffle, and fell. When the got up, Hunter drew a pistol and pointed it at Campbell in a threatening manner, with the remark, "Do you see that?" The Court ruled that the Appellant's own witness proved an assault, yet the Jury, through some unaccountable perversity, quashed the conviction, but the Court refused to award costs.

QUEEN VS. BRENNAN.—The Deft was indicted for an assault on George Curry, a peace officer, while in the execution of his duty in trying to take John Brennan to the lock-up for disobedience of a Court order. The trial was held on the 24th May last. An account of the affair has already appeared in our columns. It is only necessary to add, that the witnesses for the prosecution proved three several assaults on the constable, while those for the defence proved that the assaults were made by the Deft, but by John Brennan. Some of the Deft's witnesses proved that at the time of one of the alleged assaults, Deft was six feet from the constable, while others proved that he was close up and had hold of John Brennan, trying to pull him away from the constable, whom he was attacking. Another witness, however, bridged over the difficulty, by testifying that at the time of the alleged assault the Deft was six feet off, but cleared the space at a bound, although the place was jammed full of people, and took hold of John Brennan, who he then proceeded to attack for all practical purposes he was six feet off and close up at the same instant of time; but no other person seemed to have witnessed this extraordinary acrobatic feat. The Jury gave the Deft, the benefit of any doubt arising out of the conflicting evidence, and found a verdict of not guilty.

The grand jury ignored the Bill against John Brennan for assault on constable Curry, although there was an overwhelming mass of evidence to prove repeated assaults—the constable having had his eyes blackened, and otherwise bruised and battered.

RAMSAY COUNCIL.

RAMSAY, 13th June, 1874.

Pursuant to adjournment the council met in the council room in the village of Almonte this day at 10 o'clock a.m. Present the Reeve and full council.

Minutes of last meeting were read and being approved were signed by the Reeve.

Communications were received and read as follows: Mr. Black presented the petition of the committee of the Directors of the North Lanark Agricultural Society for municipal aid towards the funds of the society, in order to enlarge the prize list. Dr. Mostyn, the President, and Major Gemmill, one of the Directors of the society, were heard before the council in support of the petition; Mr. Black also presented the petition of Wm. Patterson and others for small grant to assist in repairing the bridge between lots 20 and 21 in the 6th con., near Mr. Naismith's; also the petition of Alex. Stevenson and others for aid to Bernard Mooney, who is in indigent and helpless circumstances; Mr. P. Drummond presented the petition of John Grace and others for a small grant to repair the road on the 11th line opposite lot No. 17; Mr. McCrory presented the petition of Wm. Henry and others for a grant to improve the road on Lot 4 in the 6th con.

Letter from E. Foster, asking the removal of fence and the allowance of road between lots 20 and 21 in 1st con., later from Joseph Yull resigning his office of overseer of highways and recommending William Yull in his place; the council accepted his resignation and appointed Mr. William Yull; and on Mr. Foster's letter instructed the clerk to write to Mr. Evans to remove his fence of the place referred to; Mr. J. Rea, trustee of S. S. No. 9, presented a certified statement of the amount levied on and collected off said school section during the years 1871, 72 and 73.

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Moved by Mr. P. Drummond, seconded

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the Directors of the North Lanark Agricul-

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be and is hereby granted for that purpose

and that the Reeve grant an order in

favour of the Treasurer of said society

for that sum. Carried.

Moved by Mr. P. Drummond, seconded

by Mr. Snedden, that the sum of \$20

be granted to H. L. Black, Esq., in

support of Schools, to be applied in

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Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCrory, that in answer

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