

THE HURON SIGNAL

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH, 1883.

IS IT A "RECOUP?"

The latest phase of Tory persecution in East Huron has been developed in the prosecution of Mr. Richard Pollard, who acted as deputy-returning officer at Walton polling division on the 27th of February last.

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COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of the Regular June Session.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, June 7th.

Council met pursuant to adjournment from yesterday.

All the members present. Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

A communication from the County Clerk of Ontario in reference to railway crossings, was read and referred to the road and bridge committee.

The following from the county treasurer was read and referred to the finance committee:

THE TRESURER'S STATEMENT.

County Treasurer's Office, Godrich, June 5th, 1883.

The Warden and Council of the County of Huron:

GENTLEMEN,—I submit herewith statement of collections from non-resident lands to April 30th, and statement of cash on hand and available to meet current expenditure at this date, \$15,904.

Since the January meeting the sum of \$5,500 of the sinking fund account has been placed in mortgages, viz: one mortgage of \$4,000, and one of \$2,500, running ten years with interest at 6 1/2% which will be submitted to your finance committee. It will be necessary to grant to the warden and treasurer power to borrow say \$10,000 from the bank to meet current expenditure before the taxes are collected.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR 1883.

Administration of Justice..... \$1,900.00

Inquests..... 109.00

Goal..... 1,500.00

Jury..... 2,200.00

School management..... 1,900.00

Lunatics and charities..... 500.00

Salaries and council fees..... 4,500.00

Repair county buildings..... 400.00

Contingencies..... 900.00

Stationery and printing..... 600.00

Crown witnesses..... 250.00

Agricultural Societies..... 300.00

High schools..... 2,100.00

Model schools..... 400.00

Public schools..... 6,935.00

Repairs bridges..... 3,000.00

Roads and bridges..... 11,000.00

Over expenditure 1882..... 1,292.00

\$39,982.00

Less estimated revenue from Registry office..... \$2,018

Pedlars licenses..... 200

Amount..... 830

Interest..... 350

3,178.00

\$36,804.00

Special accounts

Gravel rd dep. int. \$15,850

sink fund 5,300

N. G. R. dep. int. 775

sink fund 1,000

22,925.00

\$59,729.00

Statement of cash in hand and available to meet current expenditure, June 5th, 1883.

Cash in bank..... \$18,436.56

County rates due from Town of Clinton..... \$682.15

Village of Blyth..... 143.77

W. Wawanosh..... 3,000.00

Village of Brussels..... 280.52

1,392.00

\$20,456.96

Less due to municipalities from non-resident taxes collected..... \$3,103.12

City seal, gratuity, unpaid..... 298.40

Sink fund on hand for investment..... 1,120.82

4,522.34

Available for current expenditure..... \$15,934.62

Statement of collections from non-resident lands January 1st to April 30th, 1883.

Ashted..... 8 54.00

Colborne..... 183.00

Godrich township..... 166.63

Grey..... 42.89

Hay..... 1,241.84

Howick..... 12.44

Hullett..... 34.73

Morris..... 274.55

McPhillip..... 74.59

Stanley..... 1,319.96

Turnberry..... 26.59

E. Wawanosh..... 46.62

W. Wawanosh..... 63.19

Bayfield..... 6.62

Exeter..... 4.61

Wroxeter..... 61.68

\$3,737.49

A. M. Ross, Co. Treasurer.

The following report from Mr. Hardy, road commissioner, was read and referred to road and bridge committee:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with instructions received at last meeting of the Council, I prepared plans and specifications for Crediton bridge, advertised and received tenders, and let contract for the same of \$820. This bridge consists of one span, 35 feet in the clear, and rests on cedar pile abutments driven to a depth of 9 and 10 feet. The timbers for the superstructure are framed and ready for raising, and will be finished about the middle of June. I have also let the contract for Woodham bridge, on the county boundary between Huron and Perth, to the Toronto Bridge Co., who are to furnish all material requisite and necessary to complete in a workmanlike manner, and ready for travel, the superstructure for a wrought iron bridge, 50 feet long, for the sum of \$700. The stone abutments are good yet, but must be raised 10 feet higher, which will cost me \$3,100. I had my road laid on a small bridge between Usborne and Tuckersmith, costing \$21. Kippen bridge, between Stanley and Hay, will require some repairs, or will probably have to be rebuilt this summer. The present structure is 50 feet long, but will do 15 or 20 feet shorter. Bruce's bridge, on the Bayfield road, will require some repairs. With regard to the bridge on the Grand Bend bridge, I have to report that I examined the bridge as soon as I was aware of the injury, and found some of the timbers considerably buried, and should be removed and new timbers of similar quality put in their place. The quantity of material in the pieces that are partly buried and should be removed is 725 feet. Some of it is very long, consequently very costly. I believe the pieces could be laid on the place, if I knew where I could find them, for something between \$20 or \$30, and the bridge being heavy would require to be supported by temporary and strong pieces of scaffolding underneath, while the old buried pieces are being removed and the new pieces replaced. It would require great care and skill in doing the work, and I do not think it would be safe to name a less sum than \$60 for the whole work. I notified Mr. Adamson of the fact, and he laid the claim at that amount before Mr. Johnston, the agent in town, who stated to me that the company were willing to do what was right and fair in the matter, and I believe, as the company has a very good reputation, that there will not likely be much difficulty about the matter.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. HARDY, Commissioner.

The following report of Mr. Girvin, road commissioner, was read and referred to road and bridge committee:

I have the honor to report as follows: In the month of April last I examined the bridges on the Lake Shore road. Graham's bridge is this road is 151 feet span, but it is evidently too short a span, as the abutment on the north side is very much undermined. I would recommend that when it comes to be rebuilt, the span should be enlarged to the north at least 8 or 10 feet. The bridge itself is in good repair, but it may require a little repair on the approaches. Port Albert bridge has two spans, making, with the centre abutment, 58 feet. This abutment in the centre very much obstructs the passage of the water, and catches sticks and other work coming down the stream. I would recommend that when it is required to be rebuilt the span be made 50 feet. There is a good rock bottom at this place for a firm foundation. The bridge is in good condition and will stand for some years to come. Kingsbridge bridge, as you are aware, was rebuilt last year, and is in good order, and will likely not need anything more than some repairs to the approaches. Kintail bridge is one span of 20 feet, with the floor 22 feet long. The floor will need to be renewed at once, and may possibly need some new stringers. Eighteen Mile river bridge, Lake Shore, is 94 feet long, which I believe is unnecessarily long; it is in good order, excepting some of the flooring, which requires to be nailed down, and possibly the approaches may need some little gravel. Amberley bridge is 22 1/2 feet long, one span; in good order excepting a plank or two in the floor. The bridge on the boundary between Ashfield and Huron is 20 feet span. The Reeve of the township of Huron has let a contract to lay a new floor on this bridge of which this county will pay one-half. The new bridge on the Eighteen Mile river on the same road, and which you ordered at the January meeting to be rebuilt, is completed and ready for travel at a total cost of \$370, of which this county pays \$185; it is of one span of 50 feet. The bridge on same road between West Wawanosh and Kintail is 24 feet span, which might safely be reduced to 20 feet. It is in good repair and will not need much for repairs excepting the approaches, which may require a little gravel. Nine Mile river bridge, still on the road, is one span of 24 feet, while the floor is 28 feet long. I would recommend the bridge should be reduced to not more than 20 feet. The bridge on the Lucknow road, opposite the 3rd con., is 32 feet long. This is a very old bridge, and although it is still safe to carry any day and should be rebuilt in 1884, if it does not break down before that time. Power should be given to the Commissioners to rebuild as soon as possible, if it should break down. Philip's bridge, Lucknow road, is one span 32 feet long, with a head in the centre; the floor is 32 feet long, but the span and with some slight repairs will be safe for some years to come. Nine Mile river bridge, same road, is 119 feet long; stands on six bents at unequal distances, and though not a very old bridge is very much decayed and will need considerable repairs this season. The bridge on the line between West Wawanosh and Colborne, on Young's creek is 154 feet span, but should be enlarged to 20 feet span. This bridge was built in 1853 and was frequently the cause of the water overflowing and cutting the road, there being but few years when the approaches did not have to be repaired on this account. A new one of 250 feet span, with a total cost of \$240 was granted, by the late Engineer's suggestion, for rebuilding this bridge but for some reason which I do not know the work was never done, but it has been ebbled and patched with some of the timber that was taken out of the old bridge at Manchester, and has become rotten in some of the principal timbers until now, it would require to be rebuilt at once, and the span should be enlarged to not less than 20 feet at least. Young's bridge, on 8th con. of Colborne, is one span of 50 feet, with stone abutments and wooden tops, and is in good repair. Manchester bridge has one span of 42 feet at the east end and the centre span is 150 feet clear, and a span of 42 feet at the west end. All the abutments are of stone work. This bridge was repaired, as you are aware, last winter, and would require to have the bolts tightened, as the workmen, when repairing last winter, said to me that the frost and ice in the timber and on the floor prevented the work from doing as much as was needed. It is, however, in good order, and I believe will now stand for a number of years. I may here say that the fears expressed in my report in January last seen to have been groundless as the water was very high during the spring freshet and on the 14th of April 1883, the ironwork underneath the bridge, of which cost \$15, exclusive of pile-poles, I let on the 4th May a contract to remove a bank of driftwood from Bonmillier's bridge, which has not yet been done, but expect it will be shortly, as I saw the man on Monday. This bridge is of four spans making a total length of 338 feet; stands on wooden abutments; the spans are all considerably sagged in

the centre, and the timbers, though some of them are partly decayed, seem able to stand for some years yet. The floor has been laid with double planks and is now breaking here and there in little holes; it will require to have a floor laid as soon as can be done. Help's bridge is of three spans equal length, being 200 feet in all; is in good condition. The protection you instructed me to have placed on the cut-water of each pier, and the Godrich bridge erected last year, a good effect and answers a good purpose. The Godrich bridge erected last year, a good effect and answers a good purpose. The Godrich bridge erected last year, a good effect and answers a good purpose.

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REPORT OF THE EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE.

Your committee, after the most careful consideration, have endeavored to equalize the assessments on a just basis, as to what each municipality should bear to another. We find that the acreage on many of the assessment rolls was in some cases much increased, while in others they were reduced from former years. We would recommend that the clerk of each municipality be very careful in adding the columns of their rolls as an unintentional injustice may be done to municipalities from such cause. We concluded that the township of Godrich be reduced 25 cts per acre on personal property, and a reduction of \$10,000 each be made on the town of Wingham and the village of Wroxeter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS STRACHAN, Chairman.

Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by Mr. Carrie, that the report be amended by reducing the equalization of West Wawanosh to \$32 per acre on real property, and \$2.25 on the personal property. Lost on a division by a majority of 28.

Moved by Mr. Kay, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the report of the equalization committee be amended by reducing the townships of Usborne and Tuckersmith one dollar per acre. Lost on a division by a majority of 24.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Young, that the equalization of the village of Wroxeter be reduced to \$90,000. Lost on a division by a majority of two.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Allan, that the report be amended by adding 25c per acre to the personal property of Godrich township. Lost on a division by a majority of 18.

The warden reported the chair.

Moved by Dr. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the report of the equalization committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ratz, seconded by Mr. Eiber, that Mr. Hardy, road commissioner, be instructed to correspond with the road commissioner of Middlesex, and have the Aux Saubler bridge on the boundary between Stephen and McGillicuddy repaired and cost-tarred as soon as possible, providing Middlesex bears one-half the cost. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by Dr. Buchanan, that in case of appeal by any municipality from the equalization of the assessments, that the appeal be settled by the county judge. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Henning, that the Wroxeter bridge be cost-tarred. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cooper, that this council do not adjourn to meet again this evening at 8 o'clock, p.m. Carried.

8 p. m.

The council resumed, the warden in the chair.

Report of the goal and court house committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF GOAL AND COURT HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Your committee report that they have visited the goal and had seven prisoners therein, one awaiting sentence for larceny, and six awaiting trial. One of the vagrants named Burgess is in a very feeble and pitiable state from a running sore leg and should be removed. We would recommend that the clerk take steps to get him admitted into some hospital as soon as possible.