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Township Councils.

meeting of the municipal council of the township of Harwich was held in township hall on Friday, Aug. 10th, 1908, for the usual business and court of revision on drains. Members all present.

by-law on the Brown drain from Harwich was served on the ree for the repair of the drain. Communications were read as follows: G. W. Kelly, re repair of Key-Wilson ditch; L. E. & D. E. R. re gravel for township, and all in regard to ditching along the concession road south of Blenheim; county clerk, with copy of reparation recommendations by the auditor; Wm. Snow, re the Brown drain; W. C. Morrison, re road to a culvert across side road 18 and 19 not being deep enough; Coltart & Wilson, re burial of man killed on G. T. R. track.

A petition was presented by J. Stohoff and others at Fargo re a few feet—Laid over.

B. L. Syth made application for the position of collector for the year 1908. Moved by Buchanan and McCormick, that R. L. Syth be appointed collector for the year 1908 at the same rate as previous year, one-half of one per cent. of amount collected.—Carried.

The committee on drains made the report as follows: The following drains are standing at debit for survey, etc., and afterwards dropped—Hall creek, \$47.75; Great \$28; Laird, \$21.25; Middle level and Tap, \$21.50. Total, \$124.50; the following stand at debit after completion, Ferguson, \$20.89; Eastlake, \$2; McArthur, \$42.47; McKinlay, \$21.68; White, \$3.12; Taff, \$21.12; Gray & Donovan, \$4.71; Welford, \$1.50; Ferguson, \$1.86; Proctor, \$16.53; Mull & Brach, \$21.21; Mud and India creek, \$26.75; Raleigh Plains, \$47.48. Total, \$949.51.

The Lucas-McGregor outlet has a debit of \$439.52, which is an amount on account of not receiving its credit for collections in the year 1888.

Following drains have credits: Curtis, 90c Field's Creek, \$6.11; Lauris, 98c; Lucas ext., \$3.34; Brown, Harwich, \$12.13; Tyhurst, 11c; Hinton, \$5.95; Gregory, 6c; Locke, 17c; Hutchinson, \$73.21; Walker, \$675.83.

We, your committee appointed to report on drains, would recommend as follows:

1. That the amount of deficit on drains which are completed and which cannot be refunded on lands, as per the report, \$1,076, be placed in the estimates of 1903 and levied from the whole rateable property and credited to the several drains and thus balance them.

2. That the deficit as appears in the Lucas drain, \$439.52, be charged to the general fund and credited to the drain, as the report showed that it did not get its proper credit at the time.

3. That the surplus standing to credit of the Hutchinson and Walker drains be refunded to the ratepayers said drain pro rata according to their several assessments.

4. That the small credits of the other drains per report, be transferred from the drain account to the general fund and thus balance the account.

(Signed), PETER MORRISON, Reeve.

GEO. M. BAIRD, Clerk.

On motion of Buchanan and McCormick the report was adopted.

On motion of Bentley and Buchanan, that in regard to the complaint of Messrs. Casey and Atkins in regard to damage to land by passage over their lands on account of the building of the bridge over the creek, the pro and con be referred to the engineer and Commissioners McCormick and Campbell be appointed to investigate the matter with power to act.—Carried.

On motion of Campbell and McCormick, that a committee composed of the whole council meet at Red's bridge, river road, with W. C. McGee, C. E., on Wednesday, Aug. 19th, to consider the advisability of building a steel bridge over the ravine.

The engineer's report on the McPhail drain was presented.

Moved by Bentley, seconded by Buchanan, that the report of the engineer of McPhail drain be accepted and the clerk prepare a by-law on same.—Carried.

Moved by Buchanan, seconded by McCormick, that the council grant a month's extension of time for the completion of the Duke and Howard drains.—Carried.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

John Crum, ditching on Story ditch, \$19.00; Ed. Chaney, work Liddy's ditch, \$6; Ed. Chaney, work Eagle & Shanks' ditch, \$15.95; Philip Green, work McCully's bridge, \$30; Philip Green, new bridge, 10, \$30; Philip Green, ditching 18 and 19 side road, \$10.00; Fred Alexander, cutting thistles, \$10, to be charged to south half east half lot 7, T. L. R.; J. P. Atkins, on account work on Chase's bridge, grading, \$25; F. A. Young, lumber and posts, \$18; and fort, \$61.38; Geo. M. Baird, postage, \$3.55; Geo. M. Baird, blanks for draughts, \$7.90; Geo. M. Baird, salary, \$55; Geo. M. Baird, printing and serving by-law Lewis drain, \$16; Geo. M. Baird, attending sale of Howard and Duke drains, \$1; Stephens, advertising posting voters' lists, \$5.85; T. Pickering, 5,000 envelopes, \$8.75; A. J. M. Denholm, advertising notice of court of revision, \$5.40; St. Joseph's Hospital, keep of A. Pels, \$17.85;

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Coltart & Wilson, burying man killed on G.T.R., \$9.50; Dr. A. R. Hanks, examination insane man, \$5; Dr. C. B. Langford, examination insane man, \$5; Thos. Knott, repairing bridge 18 and 19 side road, \$5.67; Jas. A. Knott, bridge Cameron and Walker drains, \$7.25; Jas. A. Knott, sewer pipe, culvert, \$4.50; J. Knott, drawing tile, \$5; J. A. Patterson, pipe, culvert, \$5; R. Hazleton, repairing Lucas, McDougal creek and Indian creek bridges, \$12.45; Henry Jewell, repairing two bridges, \$11.50; Wm. Jewell, drawing material for bridge, \$3; Wm. Fields, ditching and grading Cathcart street, \$21.50; S. Rumble, new pipe culvert and front on pipe, \$8.24; I. Rumble, repairing culvert, con. 4, street, 50c; H. L. Merritt, lumber, \$3.48; Art. Allison, work on culvert, \$2; O. Hartford, repairing culvert, \$1; B. Burns, work on Roe road, \$1.50; A. McBrayne, repairing culvert, con. 2, 50c; G. F. Powell, ditching on com. road, \$7.75; S. Moore, ditching on com. road, \$6; W. Whittington, burying dead horse, \$3; D. Perrin, sheep killed, \$8; W. Packard, sheep killed, \$10.33; N. A. McGee, sheep killed, \$5.33; Geo. Donald, sheep killed, \$4; A. McArthur, sheep killed, \$52; W. G. George, survey, plans, etc., McPhail drain, \$49.50; D. McColl, assistance survey, McPhail drain, \$7.50; W. Mead, assistance survey, McPhail drain, \$3.75; H. Wynyard, assistance survey, McPhail drain, \$3.75.

The court of revision on the Lewis drain was taken up and no appeals being urged it was moved by Buchanan, seconded by Bentley, that the court of revision do now close.—Carried.

The court of revision of the Doyle drain was taken up and evidence of parties objecting to the changes made by the court of revision was taken, when it was moved by McCormick, seconded by Campbell, that the assessments on the Doyle drain be changed as follows: That the assessment made on lot 28, con. 3, W. C. R., W. Richardson, \$3, on northwest half lot 27, con. 1, W. C. R., A. Smyth, \$2, and on southeast half lot 27, con. 1, W. C. R., Robertson, \$2, be struck off, and that A. Martin, centre parts lots 1 and 2, 5, be assessed for \$2, and the shortage of \$4 be spread pro rata over the whole drain, and the court of revision do now close.—Carried.

The adjourned court of revision on the Duke drain was taken up and the appellants heard, when it was moved by Buchanan, seconded by Bentley, that the assessments as left by the court of revision be changed as follows:

A. Campbell, west half 10, 3, W. C. R., be reduced to \$45; C. Johnson, west half west half 13, W. C. R., be reduced to \$54; W. McCoubrey, east half west half 13, W. C. R., be reduced to \$32; Jno. Irving, southeast half 13, 4, W. C. R., be reduced to \$33; S. Irving, northeast half 13, W. C. R., be reduced to \$27, and that the amount of reduction be spread pro rata over the whole drain, and the court of revision do now close.—Carried.

The adjourned court of revision on the Howard drain was taken up and the following changes in the court of revision made:

W. C. Ransom, south half west 100 of 12th con., W. C. R., benefit reduced to \$8; J. H. Everett, north part 12, W. C. R., benefit reduced to \$9, and the \$4 thus reduced be spread pro rata over the whole drain, and the court of revision do now close.—Carried.

A by-law for raising the current expenses of the township for the year 1903 was passed and the rate fixed at 4 1/2 mills on the dollar.

Council adjourned.

GEO. M. BAIRD, Clerk.

AFTER WAITING 27 YEARS

For Reconciliation With Her Husband, Lady Cowell-Stepney at Last Obtains Divorce From Him for Desertion.

After living apart from her husband, Sir Emile Algernon A. K. Cowell-Stepney, for twenty-seven years, Lady Cowell-Stepney has sought and obtained a judicial separation on the ground of desertion.

This step, which it was stated Lady Cowell-Stepney took "with the profoundest reluctance," was brought about by the fact that the baronet recently obtained a divorce in Idaho, United States, the validity of which was now challenged and which might injuriously affect the right of Miss Katherine Cowell-Stepney, the only child of the marriage, to the entailment of estates.

Her Ladyship, a dignified woman past middle age, with a pleasant face, wore a black silk dress, black hat, and a gold chain. Beside her in the Divorce Court sat her daughter, Lord Bathurst, and Sir Charles Ry-

In opening the case the Hon. A. Lyttleton, K.C., M.P., said that Sir Emile was a large landowner in Wales, formerly M.P. for Carmarthen, and had houses at Llanelly and Ascot. He was forty-one when, in August, 1875, he married the Hon. Margaret Warren, daughter of the second Lord De Tabley, his present wife.

His Eccentricities.

There were certain eccentricities, continued counsel, about the baronet that his wife overlooked. He absented himself from home, made vague insinuations against her, and dismissed her maid without giving a reason. He showed the greatest delight, however, when his daughter was born, in September, 1876, but within three weeks of that event he left his home, and had never since lived with his wife.

Certain suggestions made at the time by Sir Emile against Lady Cowell-Stepney were investigated, and were found to be absolutely baseless. They were the result really of mental delusion, for which he was treated by Sir William Gull and Dr. Maudsley. This resulted in his being sent abroad with a doctor in 1877.

In 1882 husband and wife met, and he showed them, as at all times, great affection for his daughter. In 1890 he fell under the strange delusion that certain pictures of an improper kind were being made of his daughter, and he wrote to Lady Cowell-Stepney to the effect that such portraiture would be damaging to the future welfare of their child.

Lady Stepney wrote back, treating this as a transitory delusion. "You may go abroad with a quiet mind," she said in the letter. "You know well that my whole life has been devoted to her since she was born. It is not likely I should allow such a thing."

Mr. Gladstone Intervenes.

The husband, however, took Chancery proceedings to secure custody of the daughter. His case was met by affidavits by his own personal friends, including Lord Currie and the late Mr. Gladstone, and the action was abandoned.

There was an incident of a luncheon at which Sir Emile entertained his tenants in 1889, and at which he introduced Miss Cowell-Stepney with words to the company. Respecting that his wife wrote:

"I know that in taking her there you meant to do all that was right and kind, but only think how it must hurt her going into society should be without her mother. Forgive me if I say that it must be a false position for her, which she may regret. . . . If I were now silent I might let you think that I cheerfully agreed to our separation."

Friends made good-natured but ineffectual efforts to bring about a reconciliation. At length on Jan. 1, 1901, the baronet wrote from Dakota informing his daughter that he had commenced the new century in a way that might startle her.

New "Mr. Stepney."

He had, he said, become an American citizen, and letters to him should be addressed "E. Stepney."

His wife he invited to come out and join him, leaving their daughter in England, but that invitation, said counsel, was clearly insincere. Sir Emile next went to Idaho with the object of getting a divorce. His longest stay there was two and a half months.

He returned in March last he obtained a divorce decree on the sole ground of his wife's desertion of him for over a year.

"I always hoped things would come right," said Lady Cowell-Stepney, giving evidence in a low, clear voice. She had no other complaint than desertion to make against her husband, she added.

Of his net revenues of £5,000 a year he allowed her and their daughter £2,000 a year.

Miss Cowell-Stepney, stylishly dressed in black, stated that when, in 1901, she asked her father whether he intended to get a divorce in America, he said "Yes."

He also told her that he wrote asking her mother to join him merely to "satisfy his conscience."

Mr. Lawson Walton, K.C., who defended, said he could not call Sir Emile, and therefore could not prove the American divorce. Sir Emile wished to state that he made no charge against his wife.

In granting a judicial separation, with costs, Sir Francis Jeune observed that the desertion on the part of the husband was proved, but, on the other hand, no evidence had been given that he acquired the American domicile necessary for the Idaho divorce. It was not necessary, therefore, to consider the point whether a husband could succeed who, against the will of his wife, sought to obtain a foreign domicile for the purpose of obtaining a divorce.

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