

The Municipal Council.

All Business Transacted. Council Adjourned Friday Evening.

SCOTT ACT REPORT.

To the Hon. J. M. Ward, n. and Councilors of the Municipal Council of Northumberland County.

John Menzies, Inspector under the "Canada Temperance Act" in and for the said county, beg leave to submit his report for the year ending the 31st day of December, A. D. 1903.

During the year 1903, thirty-three prosecutions were instituted, three of which failed because the defendants succeeded in avoiding service. Four search warrants were obtained in pursuing the other prosecutions, each of which was executed and resulted in the discovery of liquor to the value of \$100.

Of the thirty cases in which the defendants were convicted, three were fined and three were committed to jail. Two of these were for third offences, and the defendants are now serving time under the provisions of the Act. The remaining 25 were fined \$50 and \$100, three months imprisonment. Twenty of the latter paid their fines in full, with all costs and one paid \$45 and costs. The remaining four are still standing against the defendants.

Besides this there was collected on account of the prosecution of former years \$150, making a total collection of fines for the year of \$1195, and to this the assessment for the year, \$250, and the surplus from last year, \$378.67 brings the gross fund up to \$1823.67. From this fund I am informed that \$25 was paid by order of the council for purposes other than the enforcement of the Act, thus leaving the gross fund only \$1798.67.

The expenses for the year chargeable to the County are as follows:

Unsub. Justices	\$29 00
" Constable "	63 25
" Witness "	10 00
Inspector's salary	500 00
" travelling expenses	203 30
T. W. Butler's acct. counsel fees	232 00
	\$1037 55

Thus leaving a surplus in the fund at the close of the year A. D. 1903 of \$ 761 12. The law has been enforced with the utmost possible vigilance; but the nearness of places beyond my jurisdiction such as Bathurst, Harewood and Fredericton, from which liquor can be procured at very short notice, renders the complete suppression of the traffic almost impossible, if not quite so.

All of which I respectfully submit,

JOHN MENZIES,

Inspector.

Newcastle N. B., Dec. 31, 1903.

In discussing the Scott Act accounts Coun. Doyle said that there was considerable opposition from the lower end of the county about the way the inspector looked after Scott Act matters in these parishes. In looking over the account he noticed that only five visits had been made to the lower end of Newcastle parish and two of these were to visit Alnwick, yet in the same time the inspector had made sixty-four visits to Northesk. He was of the opinion that the inspector depended too much on friends of temperance and of the Act in the different parishes to supply information and suggested that Mr. Menzies be more on the alert in future. He should visit all parishes. By the look of this account it must be much more pleasant to enforce the Act in Northesk than any other parish, yet he noticed that here had not been a conviction secured in that parish.

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Coun. Watt agreed with Doyle. The parish of Northesk. If the inspector was attending to private business he did not think the county should pay the bill. He was not complaining about the size of the bill as he thought it was very reasonable.

Coun. Flett said he would like to ask the council if the Scott Act was being run for the suppression of the liquor traffic or for revenue. In the parish of Nelson parties had been fined and fined on first offence and paid the necessary \$50 and then returned to their work of selling.

They could make money even with the Scott Act. As proof of this he said that he had not been to jail for years. It is impossible to get a drop of anything strong there now and the other day when a man came out of the woods they had to send to Coun. Morrison's town for a supply. He moved the following resolution:

Resolved: That this council is not satisfied with manner in which the Scott Act is enforced and would instruct inspector to enforce the Act in future according to law and prosecute third offences when possible.

Coun. Sullivan said that a great many ratepayers were complaining at the way the Scott Act was being enforced and were asking what was the good of the Act. That each year the people were assessed to carry it out. Now when a year came when no assessment was needed this council was finding fault with the inspector. He had been nineteen years a member of the council and some years ago he heard Coun. Flett rebuke the inspector because the expenses were so high and the revenue small. Now he wanted him to enforce the act whether there was any revenue or not derived from it.

Coun. Watt said that this was the question. If the council wanted the act enforced for revenue then it would be better to go back to license when ten times the revenue could be made. He thought that it would be much better if we had to assess the necessary amount and totally suppress the traffic, then the people would have the money in their pockets they usually spent in this way.

Couns. Sullivan, Doyle, Lewis, McLachlan and others spoke on this matter and it was resolved to ask Mr. Menzies to address the council in his defence.

Mr. Menzies said that he explained to Coun. Flett why he did not put Nelson offenders in jail on third offences. One of these parties he could have put in at any time but the other he could not procure certificate of conviction on second offence and that was necessary before a third offence could be prosecuted. In his prosecution of the Scott Act he had ever tried to treat all alike and he did not think it fair to put one of these parties in jail and allow the other freedom. Just as soon as he procured the necessary certificate he proceeded on a third offence and sent both to jail. It is also difficult to get witnesses for a third offence as they did everything possible to prevent the serving of the necessary papers. In these cases it was necessary to procure a search warrant and seize the liquor in stock, thus procuring bonafide evidence for keeping for sale.

In reply to Coun. Doyle in reference to trips to Northesk he wished to state that in these Nelson cases many of the witnesses lived on the Northwest and he was obliged to make many trips there to secure necessary witnesses. Then his home is in Northesk and the council surely could not complain of his charging for going to his home. In reference to the down river parishes he did not think that there were any violators of the Act.

Coun. Watt said it was an absurdity to say there was no violations of the Act in the down river parishes. He had been in these parishes and knew that there were many violations of the Act.

Coun. Doyle: Then the Inspector's account for 61 trips to Northesk was no correct, just a collection of book keeping. Most of these men should have read from Northesk to Newcastle.

This matter was further discussed by Couns. McLachlan, Sullivan, Morrison, Flett and others.

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