

HURON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Jan. 28th, 1885. The council met pursuant to adjournment, the warden in the chair. All the councillors present.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Report of Mr. Strachan, of his expenditure on road and bridge committee during the year was read.

Report of Mr. Hays of his expenditure on road and bridge committee during the year was read.

Report of the school and printing committee was read.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Bassett, that the report of the school and printing committee be amended by striking out the name of Mr. Turnbull, and inserting the name of John E. Tom, as inspector for West Huron. Carried on a division by a majority of 3.

The report, as amended, was again submitted to the council and adopted.

Report of salaries committee was read and approved.

Report of finance committee was read.

Moved by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hemmings, that the report of the finance committee be laid on the table until the first session tomorrow for examination. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Strachan, that the sum of twenty-five dollars be granted to each electoral district in the county, for the purpose of establishing farmers' institutes therein, said grant to be made in accordance with the regulations contained in a circular from the Commissioner of Agriculture. Referred to the finance committee.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Coates, that the warden and Thomas Kidd, Seaforth, be appointed high school trustees for their respective schools. Carried.

Moved by Mr. B. S. Cook, seconded by Mr. Rogers, that this council do now adjourn, to meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock p.m. Carried.

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The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Report of road and court house committee was read and approved.

Report of the finance committee was read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Kaine, that the warden and clerk memorialize the Local Legislature to amend the Line Fence Act that municipal councils shall pay the award of fence viewers, and that said award of fence viewers, if not forthwith paid by the owners of land affected, shall be placed upon the collector's roll chargeable against the land affected by said award, as in the case of engineer awards under the Ditches and Watercourse Act of 1883. Carried.

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and by-law, defining the duties of road inspector, the title he becomes a county officer, and other matters referring to the office, and report as soon as possible. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Murchie, seconded by Mr. Griffin, that the road commissioner be instructed to build the Port Albert bridge as early in spring as possible, according to Mr. Griffin's report. Referred to the road and bridge committee.

Moved by Mr. Kaine, seconded by Mr. Beacom, that this council do now adjourn to meet again at 7 o'clock p.m. Carried.

7 O'CLOCK P.M. Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Bassett, that, as the county treasurer has paid the south half of lot 100 in B-units for \$1,400, which is covered by the county's mortgage, and desires that such mortgage be discharged as to said parcel, and offers to substitute in lieu thereof other satisfactory real estate security, that his application be granted, and that the warden and county solicitor be instructed to see the arrangement carried out; and upon its being carried out that the warden do execute the necessary discharge of said mortgage as aforesaid. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Coates, seconded by Dr. Rollins, that a grant of \$12 be made to be expended on planting flowers, &c., around the courthouses, under the supervision of Mr. Adams, and that the rule be suspended for this purpose. Carried.

The supplementary report of the finance committee was read.

Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Bryan, that No. 69 of the road and bridge report be amended, by a-adding the tender of Mr. Jas. McIntosh, for building the stone abutments of Egmondville bridge. Lost on a division by a majority of 16.

Moved by Dr. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Kiber, in amendment to No. 102 of the road and bridge report, that the road commissioner be instructed to examine Beaulieu bridge, and report in full as soon as possible to the warden, and that the warden and his committee have full power to instruct the commissioner as to what course to be taken in reference to the matter. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the report of the road and bridge committee be amended by substituting an iron bridge at Port Albert, instead of the wooden one recommended in said report. Carried on a division by a majority of 5.

Moved by Mr. Kaine, seconded by Mr. Kiber, that the road commissioner be instructed to examine at once the Bleak and Mud Creek bridges between Hays and Stephen, and have the same repaired as soon as possible. Carried.

Report of special committee was read and adopted.

By law No. 1, appointing auditors, was read and passed.

By law No. 2, appointing board of auditors, was read and passed.

By law No. 3, appointing an inspector of schools for West Huron, was read and passed.

By law No. 4, appointing a road commissioner, was read and passed.

Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Kelly, Cameron, McMillan, Strachan and Wilson, prepare and lay before this council, at its meeting in June next, a statement of the cost of a suitable site for a poor-house in this county, together with all the information relating thereto. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. McPherson, that this council do now adjourn to the first Tuesday in June next. Carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Letter from Alex. McD. Allan, relative to grain, seeds, etc., for the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, in London, Eng. Recommended that the request of said letter be granted, namely, that the review of each township send samples of grain and seeds as requested.

Memorial from the County of Perth, relative to width of alleys, trees, etc., and also to amend the ditch and watercourse act of 1883, which relates to where railways cross any ditch or water course. Recommended that this council co-operate with the County of Perth.

Petition from the county council of Grey, asking co-operation to ask Minister of Education to shorten the midsummer holidays in rural districts. Recommended that this council co-operate with the county of Grey.

Petition of council of the township of York, asking to co-operate to have the municipal act grant increased power to municipal corporations to open new streets. Recommended no action.

Motion of Mr. Kelly, asking that by law No. 9, relating to hawkers and peddlers be amended by charging a man one or two hours a license fee of \$25, the same as was on foot. Recommended that the by-law be amended at the end of the current year.

By-law to appoint John Ansley, road commissioner. Recommended that the county solicitor draft said by-law defining the duties of said commissioner. JOHN KAINE, Chairman.

REPORT OF MR. HAYS.

Gentlemen, - I draw plans and specifications of the work of the Egmondville bridge. I intend to put 4 feet on top of the present abutments. Tenders will be received by the Clerk up to 25th inst., for the above work.

The Lonsdale bridge is possible, but not fit for public travel, as the approaches are quite too narrow. The contractor makes good promises, but does no work. In fact I do not think he is in a financial position to go on with the work. I have paid him more than I promised, and perhaps more than I should have done in order to get the work pushed on. I gave him a cheque on the 16th Dec. last for \$75, and he promised to continue the work until he could have the road safe for public travel, but he has done little or nothing since. So I think there will have to be some other means taken to have the contract completed.

JAS. HAYS, Road Commissioner.

REPORT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

Recommended that the tender of Joseph Nagle, for the stone abutments of the Egmondville bridge, being \$350, be accepted. Recommended that the report of Mr. Hays, road commissioner, be accepted, and that the contractor for the filling

of the approaches of the Lonsdale bridge be notified to put them in a safe condition immediately, and that failing to do so the bondsmen be notified by the road commissioner.

Motion of Mr. Britton, that the approaches of the Lonsdale bridge, and the bridge on the Midland river on the boundary between Hault and McKillop, be put in a proper state of repair. Recommended that the inspector attend to the matter referred to.

With respect to the motion of Mr. Beck, asking that the iron bridge be built at Beaulieu. Recommended that wooden superstructure with stone abutments be built.

Motion of Mr. Beacom, asking that a bridge be built on a branch of river at Holmesburg bridge. Recommended that the inspector be instructed to examine and place and report at the June meeting whether it belongs to the county or not.

Motion of D. McMurtrie, concerning the Port Albert bridge. Recommended that a wooden superstructure with stone abutments be built.

Motion of Mr. McMillan, to have opinion of county solicitor as to the value of the agreements of the contractor for the filling of the approaches at the Lonsdale bridge. Mr. Garra's opinion is that the agreement is valid.

A. M. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF JAIL AND COURT HOUSE COMMITTEE.

We have visited the jail and found everything clean and well kept. There are at present 11 inmates, 9 males and 2 females, who are very well satisfied with the treatment they receive.

We recommended that the necessaries required by the sheriff for the jail, and also clothing spoken of in the jailer's report, be granted, and that the jailer's report presented to the committee be printed in the minutes of this council.

We recommended that the heating apparatus in the registry office be accepted, being found satisfactory, and that a pair of handcuffs procured by the clerk be furnished one county constable in each municipality when required, on the certificate of the revve of the municipality.

WM. McPHERSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Correspondence from J. R. Miller, for postage, stationery, etc. We recommended that no allowance be made to the inspector for cost of postage, stationery, etc., in view of late report of the school and printing committee, adopted by this council, setting forth that the expense of the school inspector should be unreasonably high.

We recommend that the following accounts be paid:

G. Elliott, road commissioner, \$5; G. Madel, repairing approaches to Beaulieu bridge, \$12.50; Hays, Signet, printing, \$1; Jas. Inrie, \$50, leaving balance of \$11.25; Jas. Inrie, account, \$39.50; E. J. Inrie, printing, \$3.50; Thomas Haywood, repairing bridge at Elmville, \$3.20; Saunders & Son, supplies for registry office, \$17.90; supplies for court house, \$3.20; Stanlake, account, number, \$66.48; E. Morgan, gravelling approach to Kippen bridge, \$5.75; G. N. Davis, jail supplies and repairs, \$16.60; S. W. Galbraith, printing, \$1; Buchanan Lawson & Robinson, lumber, \$27.75; J. W. Stewart, printing, \$7.44; expense entrance examination at Seaforth, \$6.75; do Wingham, \$51.20; do Clinton, \$20.90; do Hays, road commissioner, \$17; entrance examination at Goderich and Exeter, \$8.10; Alexander Inrie, printing, \$1; William Cooper, stationery for model school examination at Clinton, \$5.80; Jas. Inrie, stationery, \$2.70; J. Jordan, drugs, etc., \$1.67; R. W. McKennie, hardware, \$108.29; Thomas Nash, printing, \$1; J. W. Stewart, printing, \$7.44; expense approach to county bridge, \$11; G. E. Star, printing, \$1; J. J. Walker, repairs to road, \$3.50; Dr. Coleman, examining lunatic, \$5; News Reporter, printing, \$3; D. Gordon, burial passer, \$2; D. K. Strachan, postage for out house supplies, \$18.80; Stanlake, lumber, \$13.62; W. J. Paisley, Clinton lockup keeper, \$20; E. Downing, gasd supplies, \$14.50.

Motion of J. McMillan, granting \$25 for the purpose of establishing Farmers' Institutes, in each township, in accordance with government regulations. Recommended that action be granted.

Chris. Dickson stationary account, \$2.40. Recommended that payment be deferred until properly certified.

R. W. McKennie, hardware, \$160. Recommended that payment be deferred until properly certified.

Communication from Wm. Dickson, jailer, approved by sheriff and deputy, asking jail supplies, that it be referred to the jail and court house committee.

The applications and testimonials of applicants for the position of engineer for the county of Huron, submitted to your committee, have been carefully examined. Attached find a list of the names of the various applicants with salaries desired. As nearly as we can ascertain the road commissioner have cost about \$625 per year on the average during the past three years, but this does not in all cases include the cost of plans and specifications, nor the cost of supervision or inspection of the work as it proceeded. We find from the applications that a practical civil engineer can be obtained at a salary of say from \$550 to \$1000 per year; said engineer to prepare all plans or specifications and estimates of work done or to be done by contractors, and pay all his own expenses in connection with the work.

The following are the names of applicants who are C. E.'s, with salaries desired: J. H. Kennedy, St. Thomas, \$550; J. A. R. T. Lakin, Toronto, \$1000; Wm. McLean, Peterboro, \$550; J. R. Workman, Guelph, \$750; O. F. Gibbon, Toronto, \$1000; H. B. Proudfoot, Clinton, \$500.

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Richard Hogg, Wingham, \$600; Jas. Wilkinson, Goderich, \$650; George Graham, Goderich, \$750; D. E. McNamee, Clinton, \$625; L. Hardy, Exeter, \$600; John Ansley, Wingham, \$600.

Above your committee have prepared for your consideration the comparative cost of the road commissioner and county engineer, and we leave the decision in your hands.

A request from the Prisoners' Aid Association for some assistance. Recommended that \$20 be granted.

Statement of treasurer, that it be received and printed in the minutes. We further recommended that the recommendation of the treasurer in reference to payments made by ex-uder road commissioner be carried into effect immediately, to that the payments may be printed in the January minutes.

REPORT OF SCHOOL AND PRINTING COM.

Your committee beg to recommend that the school inspector's report for West Huron, referred to as received, adopted and printed in the minutes.

We also beg to recommend that Mr. J. R. Miller's resignation as school inspector for West Huron be accepted, the resignation to date from Feb. 14th next.

We beg to report that we have examined the applications for school inspector for West Huron, also the certificates and testimonials.

We find that Mr. John E. Tom, Mr. James Turnbull and Mr. D. B. Co. all have the local qualifications for the position Mr. George Kirk's application is not accompanied by a departmental certificate of eligibility. Your committee would recommend that Mr. Jas. Turnbull be appointed to the position of School Inspector for West Huron.

In regard to the tender for county printing, we have carefully examined the tenders and find so far as we are able to judge that White & Son, of the Exeter Times, is the lowest tenderer, and recommend that it be accepted.

We recommend that the usual notices of council meeting and school examinations be published in the county papers as heretofore.

J. A. ROLLINS, Chairman.

JAILER'S REPORT.

There are at present confined in jail 11 prisoners - 9 males and 2 females. Of these 7 females are in custody, also was committed to jail on the 8th of August, 1885; her case has been duly reported by the sheriff and all the necessary documents required have been forwarded to the prison inspector. The other female was committed on the 20th of August, Oct. 1st a term of six months. This makes the 9th time she has been committed as a vagrant; she is 54 years of age, and is rather weak minded. In both of the cases, when they are removed from the jail they will have to take \$3 with them as a term of six months, but he afterwards became so violent and dangerous that it became necessary to have him re-committed as insane and too dangerous to be at large. This was done on the 25th of January, 1885. In this case it will be necessary to get him a suit of cheap clothes as he had none and is now wearing the jail clothing. Geo. Denney, also insane, was committed Dec. 11th, last - he is at times extremely violent. Both cases have been duly reported by the Sheriff and we are in daily expectation of an order to have Denney removed to the Asylum. Of the remaining seven males, one is a debtor, one for an attempt house-breaking and one for larceny (both of these under sentence), four are vagrants, three of whom will be able to leave the jail when their term of sentence expires, but the fourth, Mr. McKennay, 33 years of age, whose time expires on the last day of February, it will be necessary to get him to get by as he is physically unable to take care of himself or help himself in any way whatever. Unless his friends take him away, or the council make some other provision for him, he will have to be re-committed and re-committed until the silver cord is broken, which event, humbly speaking, does not appear to be very far distant.

WM. DICKSON, Jailer.

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For the Farm, Vegetable and Flower Garden, are unrivalled for purity, vitality and early maturity. The Thirty-Fifth Annual Edition of our Descriptive Price Catalogue, beautifully illustrated, will be mailed gratis to all applicants, and to customers of last year without order. Write for it to-day. It is the only one of its kind in the Dominion and will find it to their interest to use our seeds. W. A. BRUCE & CO., HAMILTON, ONT.

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The undersigned is prepared to buy all kinds of Saw Logs, namely: Hard Maple, Cherry, Birch, White and Black Ash, Soft and Rock Elm, etc., in any quantity. Cedar, for which he will pay the Highest Market Price, when delivered at the mill.

He also will do CUSTOM SAWING at any time, at a liberal rate. All orders promptly attended to.

XAVIER BECHLER, Beaulieu, Jan. 29th, 1886.

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This Company is Lending Money on Farm Security at Lowest Rates of Interest.

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SAVINGS BANK BRANCH.

3, 4 and 5 per Cent. Interest Allowed on Deposits, according to amount and time left.

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HORACE HORTON, Goderich, Aug. 5th, 1885.

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HAVING DECIDED TO DISCONTINUE THE PORK BUSINESS AND DEVOTE OUR ATTENTION ENTIRELY TO GROCERIES.

We offer our Large Stock of CURED MEATS at the following prices:

- SUGAR CURED HAMS, 11c per lb.
SHORT, CLEAR SIDE MEAT, 8c.

In taking large quantities, a reduction will be made in the above prices.

Estate of GEO. GRANT.

Goderich, Feb. 4th, 1886.

GEO. H. BROWN, PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.

Having lately added a Fresh Stock of Drugs, Dye Stuffs, Perfumery, Etc., to the already well-selected stock, begs to inform the citizens of Goderich that he is now able to supply them with PURE DRUGS and CHEMICALS at reasonable prices.

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