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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Decided to Make Move to Have Medical Health Officer Take Over Duties of Coroner—Tearing Down of Old Court House Left to Buildings Committee—Endeavor to Have Nurses' Home Reconsidered Had Little Support

At the meeting of the County Council yesterday it was decided to make a move to have the medical health officer take over the duties of coroner and the question of tearing down the old court house before winter was referred to the building committee with power to act. Councillors O'Brien and Hayes tried to have the nurses' home reconsidered but did not find much support. It was decided to promote legislation enabling county associations for the charitable work of the Victorian Order of Nurses. The resignation of Alex. M. Corcoran, assessor for Moncton, was accepted. The warden announced that Coun. Bryant would not be able to act as assessor of the voters lists in Lancaster in the future, and a motion was adopted releasing him from that office and appointing Coun. O'Brien in his place. The secretary said Mr. Galt had sent in his resignation as parish clerk of Lancaster, and Win. Skymas was appointed in his place. Coun. O'Brien moved that Louis Simms be appointed to the Board of the St. John County Hospital in place of Coun. Bryant, who has resigned. This was adopted. The secretary announced that the county housing commission wanted an advance of \$500 to carry on preparation work, the money to be returned. Coun. O'Brien moved that an advance of \$500 be made, the money to be returned when the commission received funds from Fredericton. Coun. Carson—Are any houses being built or likely to be built in the near future? Coun. Bullock—The money would be needed for detail work. If things worked out as with the city they would not get the money from Fredericton till January. It was agreed to loan the housing commission \$500. Coun. Fisher said the two housing commissions should get together and exchange ideas, but evidently they were not doing so. Coun. O'Brien said things at the public hospital were about to take a serious aspect. Owing to the shelving of the proposition to build a nurses' home, there had become a question of the efficiency of the hospital. Contractors said there was not much building in St. John this winter, and that the home could be built for \$151,000. The hospital commissioners did not feel that they should bring up the matter again, but he thought the council should reconsider the matter. Coun. Bullock—There is no motion before the meeting. Are we going to adopt the preamble of the housing commission? Coun. O'Brien—I move for a reconsideration of the scheme to build a nurses' home. Coun. Bullock—Such a motion must be made by the mover and seconded of the motion to give the matter the three months' notice. What about this housing commission preamble? Secretary—It was adopted at the last meeting. Coun. Hayes submitted the report of the finance committee, Section 1 recommended that \$10,000 be advanced to the St. John County Hospital for maintenance for the year 1919. This was adopted. Section 2 recommended that legislation be promoted at next session of the legislature enabling assessments to be made upon the county or any of the parishes for charitable purposes. Coun. Hayes said Mrs. Harold Mayes and Judge Forbes had urged a grant of \$500 annually towards the payment of the salary of Victorian Order Nurses working in the Parish of Lancaster. At present the county had no money available for such a purpose. Coun. O'Brien said the Victorian Order Nurses would have to discontinue their work in the parishes unless they received some money for this year. He wanted the council to assure the Victorian Order that if they carried on with their work the county would come to their support. Coun. Fisher wanted to know if the proposed legislation would apply to all the parishes. Coun. O'Brien said his idea was that the county should assess \$500 to be distributed for charitable purposes as required. Coun. Bullock—The plea before the finance committee was for Lancaster alone, but it was understood that provision should be made to help the nurses in their work all over the county. The recommendation was adopted. Section 3 recommended that the county treasurer advance \$2,500 to the Lancaster Highway Board to complete repairs on highway from Milford to Barnhill's Corner. Adopted. Coun. Jones reported that a sub-committee of the finance committee had examined the coroner's accounts and recommended that they be paid. He complained, however, that the coroner had not made the declarations required before proceeding to conduct an inquest, and recommended that the law in this connection be rigidly enforced in future. The coroner's accounts covered a period from Jan. 10, 1917, to Jan. 2, 1919, and he was ordered to present his accounts promptly in future. The special committee having considered the coroner's inquest recommended that owing to the large expense involved, as in the Harris case, \$107, and the apparently unnecessary duplication and repetition of evidence at preliminary examination in criminal cases, that the duties heretofore performed by the coroners be delegated to the medical health officer. Coun. Jones said the new health act made the district health officer the holder of his office as coroner and J. P. for his district. The health officer for this district received \$5,000 a year, and he should conduct the inquests which now cost the county between \$500 and \$600 a year. Coun. O'Brien wanted to know how the proposition would affect the position of coroners under the present law. Would an investigation by the medical health officer cost less than now? Coun. Jones said he had no doubt that health officer was getting \$5,000, and nobody could be buried without a permit from the Board of Health. If there was any suspicion about a death, the medical health officer should investigate, and it would not cost as much as present investigations. Coun. Bullock—We should go slow. Insurance companies want a rigid investigation of deaths. Coun. Jones—The proposition is only in the nature of a recommendation. The recommendation to promote legislation embodying the proposed change was adopted. The special committee recommended that (except when the statutes of the directors of the county call for the payment of money) all supplies be furnished on the order of the county treasurer and that a copy of the requisition and vouchers covering the receipts of the goods be returned with invoices to the county auditor. Coun. Thornton said they had bills before them for the removal of the old court house, they were only for small amounts, but they showed there was a slipshod system. If the coroner or registrar had died, who would touch that the goods had been received? Coun. O'Brien—If there has been any easy money getting it must have been in the City of St. John. In Lancaster when officials of the Highway Board want anything they have to get a requisition from the councillor. Don't create the impression that county officials can buy anything they like without oversight. The recommendation was adopted. Coun. Thornton said he had been unable to get a quorum of the court house committee. He had gone into the matter carefully. The county was not suffering from a lack of a court house. But something ought to be done. If the old building was not to be torn down, he did not think the building could be repaired, and as there was lack of work in the city now, they should have the building torn down. To put a roof on the building would cost \$1,500. He moved that tenders be called for the removal of the old court house, the bidder to have all the material. Coun. Carson said if they did not intend to repair the building it could be left as it is without harm till they knew what they intended to do. The stone was valuable and should not be given away. Coun. Thornton—Much of the stone is very small. The building must come down in the interests of public safety. Coun. Hayes favored tearing down the building, but not giving the stone away. If it wasn't valuable, they would not get much for it from the contractor. If it was valuable they might sell it later. Coun. Fisher wanted to know if the building should be left as it is till they decided what to do. To Coun. Jones Coun. Thornton said he had a report from the building inspector that snow and ice would make the building dangerous. Coun. O'Brien said there is a great deal of material in the court house which could be used in building a nurses' home. (Hear, hear.) Coun. Fisher said any danger from snow and ice could be taken care of at small expense. Coun. Thornton said the building could not stay there as it is in this winter. If the county council did not do something as commissioner of safety he would assume responsibility. Coun. Fisher wanted the opinion of an expert. Coun. Thornton—I have the opinion of the building inspector, isn't that sufficient? Coun. Bullock wanted to know why Coun. Thornton had laid his cards on the table at the outset. Now he said that as commissioner of safety he considered the building dangerous and intended to act on his own account. That was enough. Coun. Jones moved in amendment that the matter be referred to the building committee with power to act. Coun. Thornton—It is hard to get that committee together. Coun. Bullock—Chairman Thornton did not give sufficient notice of a meeting. The amendment to refer the matter to the building committee was adopted. Coun. Hayes again brought up the question of the nurses' home, and said it should have serious reconsideration, though the council appeared to be in a humorous mood. Coun. Bullock said he had no desire to buck the matter, and was willing to consider new developments any time. Coun. O'Brien said he had a communication from the labor standpoint which said there was little building work in the city, and the erection of the nurses' home would provide needed employment. After some wrangling the matter was ruled out of order and adjourned.

POLICE COURT CASES YESTERDAY

One Man Charged With Stealing a Rooster, Another With Beating His Wife, Man for Cruelty to His Horses and a Liquor Charge At the police court yesterday morning Fred O'Keefe appeared charged with being drunk on September 29, and under, exhibited in court, from the case of L. Craig, who identified the bird. Evidence was given by Policemen Linton and Ham and the proprietor of the Dominion Cafe, who told O'Keefe crying to sell him the bird on the night in question. The prisoner was remanded. John Hayes, charged with beating and ill-treating his wife, again appeared. Evidence was given by Policeman Coughlan, but as the wife of the prisoner was unable to be present owing to her injuries, the case was postponed. Charles Crawford, heavy stable man of Castle street, was fined \$50 for neglect and cruelty to his horses. Evidence was given by Dr. G. R. Boyer, veterinary surgeon, D. C. Chisholm and G. Harvey Tapley. A fine of \$200 was imposed on Wm. Pierce, Moss Glen, arrested by Inspector Merryfield Monday night on the charge of being drunk and with having liquor on his person. Two juveniles, charged with stealing from the store of T. Collins & Co., were given another hearing, and evidence was taken from Francis Collins, Serv. Joseph Scott and Policeman Dykeman. The two were remanded. Two drunks pleaded guilty and were given the usual penalty. WEDDINGS Fairweather-Henderson. The wedding of Norman Fairweather of Lower Norton to Edith Allison Henderson of Robbsey took place yesterday morning in St. Paul's church, Robbsey. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Norman Fairweather, assisted by Rev. Canon A. W. Duggan.

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MEETING OF W. C. T. U. HELD YESTERDAY

Reports Received and Interesting Papers Read by Members—Plans for a Sale Completed. The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held in their rooms in Orange Hall yesterday afternoon, Mrs. David Hipwell, the president, presiding. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. W. J. Humphrey, who read from the Beatitudes, emphasizing especially the text "Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake." Mrs. H. Lawson then led in prayer, followed by others. Mrs. Humphrey read a paper entitled "A Mother's Prayer," in reference to the life of Frances Willard and the beginning of her work. After the singing of the hymn "Come to the Saviour," a collection was taken for flowers. A paper on how a soldier objected to a house was read by the president. Mrs. Seymour reported on the flowers which are taken to the hospital and the appreciation of the patients. Mrs. Humphrey spoke of the many sick men in East St. John and thought that flowers should be sent there and visits made. The superintendent of railway work, Mrs. James I. Davis, reported on two cases in the hospital. It was brought before the meeting that the Federal Government has still

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