

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., APRIL 29, 1898.

About Assessments.

Mayor Thomson's admirable letter on county assessment has done much good in directing general attention to the inconsistencies, inequalities and inequities which result—and necessarily result from our present clumsy and antiquated system.

In a recent suave and ingenious communication to the Kentville contemporary the Warden of the County, whom we take to be the official mouthpiece—or shall we say apologist—of the Council, went over the ground at some length from the old to nothing point of view.

It goes without saying that nothing but inequalities and inequities could be expected when the county assessment is made up by Trustees groups of assessors, appointed it is to be feared in many, if not most, instances for any qualification rather than competence.

Leaving out of view all questions as to the competence, honesty, favoritism or partiality of the 28 assessors, the practical effect of the system is to create 28 separate inequalities of assessment. To expect anything else is grotesquely absurd.

The divergencies and eccentricities of the assessment are still more marked, gross and palpable when the comparison is made as between the towns and the county. A proper consideration of this important point would, however, take up more space than we can devote to it now, but we propose to return to the subject, which we imagine is of no little interest to our citizens.

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Municipal Councilors in Session.

The Municipal Council met for its April session in the Court House, Kentville, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the warden and all the councilors being present.

The minutes of last day's proceedings were read and approved and surveyors and other county officers were appointed for the various districts.

C. Y. Johnson was appointed black knot inspector for Ward 3 and E. Naylor for Ward 10. In other wards where inspectors had not already been appointed, the rate collectors were authorized to act in this capacity.

The most interesting part of the afternoon's proceedings was the hearing of offers from the towns of Wolfville, Kentville and Barwick for aid in the erection of a Court House and jail.

Mayor Thomson and Coun. Bowles, who were present as delegates from Wolfville, were asked to state the offer, which Wolfville was prepared to make.

Mayor Thomson said that before making any offer on behalf of Wolfville, he wished to be informed by the council if there was to be more than one Court House in the county, and if the council was prepared to accept the highest offer made.

The warden replied in the negative to the first of these questions, but stated that the council was unwilling to answer the second until after the different offers were heard.

Dr. Bowles asked what the intention of the members of the council was at the time the request for offers was made. Mayor Thomson refused to make an offer until he should be informed how the council was prepared to act in the event of Wolfville's offer being the highest, and the warden asked for the offers of the other towns.

No offer from Kentville was heard. Coun. Anthony stated that Berwick would offer a site and a \$5000 bonus, and that at a public meeting of that town it was resolved that the county council be asked to memorialize the Legislature to divide the county into two parts for the purpose of holding court.

Moved by Coun. Morse and seconded by Coun. Anthony that a committee be appointed to consider this offer and report on the following day. Moved in amendment by Coun. Reid, seconded by Coun. Patterson that the committee be authorized to receive offers from Wolfville and Kentville.

Considerable discussion was engaged in on the outstanding motion to dispose of the different buildings and poor farms and to erect one building for the poor of the entire county.

Finally on motion of Coun. Balcom, seconded by Coun. Reid, it was decided to leave the matter over to the next April session and in the meantime an experiment to have six harnessed teams haul the material to the site of the new building at a cost not to exceed \$75 each, per annum.

It was resolved that the road money be divided and laid out by commissioners as follows:

Ward 1, \$435. Ward 8, 207. " 2, 119. " 9, 296. " 3, 254. " 10, 150. " 4, 296. " 11, 260. " 5, 172. " 12, 340. " 6, 301. " 13, 250. " 7, 358. " 14, 283.

Interest on Bridge money, \$3092.58; cost of road machine bought in 1895, \$333.34; interest on same, \$60.50. Town of Kentville, 25.00; Bridge over Cornwallis river, 16.72.

At the Wednesday morning session, the committee appointed to hear offers from towns reporting that the Court House building which Wolfville had made an offer to erect cost \$25,000, with proper view that the offer be accepted at this session of the Council.

Moved by Coun. Reid, seconded by Coun. Gaul that the offer of Wolfville be accepted.

Coun. Lyons moved in amendment that the offer be not now considered, but that after finishing the regular business of the April session stand adjourned to the 21st of May, when the matter should be fully considered. Amendment carried.

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We notice that Mr. D. W. Atherton has arrived at Bridgetown to take charge of the driving park there, and attend to what training is required. This is all good for Mr. Atherton providing some lively stable man does not have Andrew, Lucilla B. and the cream of the balance to be trained in that vicinity.

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The black pair Fair and Easy and the pacer Elmora are in good shape this spring, and Ted gives them about five miles a day on the road.

Mr. Wood's little black mare, "Bertha L., 2:42," is just as "fine as aiddle" this spring, and Gen. told it in our hearing the other day that the horse that leads her to the wire must "tromp" along faster than 2:35.

Weston. Our genial P. M., J. Sanford, Esq., who has been housed with scatica during the past winter, is now able to be ground attending to business again.

Abner Woodworth, Esq., is laid by with a badly sprained ankle.

Mr. Alfred Graves has sold his farm to Laurie Woodworth, and it is now to be the "Old Graves Homestead," in Aylesford.

Pastor Morgan, at Upper Aylesford, on account of ill health has been unable to supply his pulpit the past three Sundays.

Capt. Ross' new mill is running successfully.

A public meeting was held in Berwick on the 25th inst. to consider the matter of having the public buildings of the county placed in Berwick.

The friends of J. B. Thomas, Esq., have asked him to be placed in nomination for municipal councillor at the approaching election.

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