

HURON COUNTY COUNCIL

Electing the Warden - Appointing Commissioners - The Minutes of the First Session.

Jan. 28th, 1886. The council met today pursuant to statute, the clerk in the chair, and all the members present.

The clerk called the roll and then requested the council to select a warden. Moved by Mr. Clegg, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that Thos. M. Kay, Esq., reeve of Uxbridge, be warden for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Strachan, that Valentine Raiz, Esq., reeve of Stephen, be warden for the current year.

Upon a ballot being taken twenty-six members voted for Mr. Raiz and twenty-four for Mr. Kay. The clerk declared Mr. Raiz duly elected warden of the county of Huron for the year 1886.

The warden, having subscribed the declaration of office before his honor Judge Toms, made the following inaugural speech:-

GENTLEMEN:- I thank you very much for the honor you have conferred upon me. There are some older and, I think, better men to fill the position than I, but as it has been the selection of the council to place me in the Warden's chair, I will endeavor to fill it to the best of my ability. I hope to do the work in the best interest of the county, and trust that we will during the year everything running smoothly. As I have said before, I thank you very much for the honor you have done me.

The minutes of last meeting of December session were read and approved. Moved by Mr. Strachan, seconded by Mr. Esso, that a committee of five be appointed to select the standing committees for the current year. Carried.

Upon a ballot being taken the committee was declared to consist of Messrs. McMillan, Strachan, Cook, Elliott and Clegg.

Moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Griffin, that the selecting committee be instructed to have the names of the candidates printed and distributed to the voters. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. McMillan, that Mr. W. N. Watson be appointed auditor for the current year. Carried.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Beacom, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that Mr. James Patton be appointed auditor for the current year. Lost on a division by a majority of 5.

On motion the council adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY - WEDNESDAY. The council met pursuant to adjournment, the warden in the chair. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Selecting Committee's report was read as follows and adopted:

Equalization - Kaine, Bissett, Kay, Johnston, Griffin, H. Eilber, Beattie, Sanderson, Strachan, McMillan, Durain.

Finance - Wilson, Clegg, Torrance, Esso, S. S. R. Ross, Patton, D. McMillan, Kenzie, Oliver, J. Beck.

Highway and Bridges - Kelly, Walker, Jacques, Bryan, Hayes, Currie, Campbell, Scott, Horney, C. Eilber, Elliott.

School and Printing - Dr. Rollins, A. McMurich, Hennings, Wray, Esso, Cameron, Kalloisich.

Jail and Court House - McPherson, How, Manly, Stothers, Coates, Rogers, C. Eilber, Bryan, Scott.

Salaries - A. Allen, Girvin, B. Cook, Anderson, Beacom, McMillan, Clegg.

Warden's Office - Clegg, McMillan, Cook, Elliott, Strachan, Girvin, D. D. Wilson.

Special - Kaine, Kelly, Campbell, Coates, Elliott.

The report of Mr. Miller, I. P. S., also his resignation of that office, was read and referred to the Selecting Committee.

A letter from Mr. A. McD Allan, requesting the council to appoint a committee to select grain to send to the Colonial Exhibition in London, Eng., was read and referred to the Special Committee.

The opinion of Mr. Garrow, county solicitor, in re draining water back on bridges and in mill race, was read and referred to be printed in the minutes.

A communication from the County Council of Perth in reference to width of wagon ties, etc., was read and referred to Special Committee.

Also a communication from the County Council of York in reference to amendments to the Municipal Act.

An application from Mrs. Dickson, matron of the jail, requesting an increase of salary, was referred to Salaries Committee.

An application from Dr. Roseburgh for a grant to the Prison Aid Association, was referred to Finance Committee.

An application from Mr. Moss, to be appointed inspector of stone work for bridges, was referred to Road and Bridges Committee.

Thirty-seven applications for the position of county engineer were reported. On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Clegg, these were referred to the Finance Committee to prepare a report setting forth the comparative cost of the present system and one with county engineer.

Moved by M. G. Cameron, seconded by Henry Eilber, that the members of this council duly assembled, having heard the report of the progress of school work in the West Riding during the past 15 years, which has just been read by Inspector Miller, and having learned that it is the intention of the Inspector to retire from the position which he has for many years held with credit to himself and benefit to the county, beg to present their high appreciation of his past services. During the many years which he has spent as a public servant this county he has shown himself to be an efficient and painstaking officer, and in the discharge of his duties he has for the benefit of the county, the best of his ability. The congratulatory resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote, and it was resolved that he will receive the reward of his labors to attain that end in the profession which he has chosen to follow in the future. Carried.

On motion the sum of \$3,300 was ordered to be raised for improvement of

boundary lines, to be paid the respective municipalities after the June meeting of council.

The clerk was instructed to procure a copy of the Ontario Statutes for each reeve and deputy, the same to become the property of the respective municipalities.

The Clerk and Mr. F. W. Johnston, were appointed on the Board of Audit for the current year.

Messrs. Harstone, of Seaford, and Halls, of Goderich, were appointed on the board county examiners of school teachers for the current year. Moved by Thomas Strachan, seconded by B. S. Cook, that this council be informed that an application is being made to the Local Legislature to form a new county, and taking away from the County of Huron the townships of Grey and Howick and the village of Wroxeter, this council most earnestly protests against this scheme being carried out as being against the wishes of the people of those municipalities, and that the warden and clerk be instructed to petition the Legislature on behalf of this council against this act being consummated.

A letter from the county treasurer, with statements of accounts, &c., was referred to Finance Committee.

An application for furnishings for the county jail was referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by P. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wray, that the road commissioners for 1886 make out a statement of all cheques issued by them for 1885, with names of parties who received, and amounts of said cheques, and submit the same to this council next Friday, and that said report be printed in the minutes. Carried.

Four tenders for the county printing were referred to School and Printing committee.

The council then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p.m.

THIRD DAY - THURSDAY. Council resumed, the warden in the chair.

A number of accounts were submitted and referred to the Finance committee.

The report of Mr. Hays, road commissioner, was read and referred to committee.

Three tenders for the stone work of Egmondville bridge were referred to Road and Bridge committee.

Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the sum of \$300 be granted by the council, to be equally divided between the branch agricultural and horticultural societies. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. McMurchie, that three valuers be appointed as provided for in section 264, chap. 174, Revised Statutes of Ontario, for the purpose of valuing the real property within the county, with a view of obtaining a more correct basis for equalizing the rolls in the various municipalities, and report at the June meeting at the first session of the county council.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Currie, that the motion appointing valuers be referred to the Equalization committee. Carried.

The report of the School and Printing committee was read and adopted. The effect of the report was to recommend that Mr. Miller's resignation be accepted, to take place on February 14th.

Application for the position of Public School Inspector for West Huron were received from Messrs. George Kirk, Chatham; J. Turnbull, Clinton; Cornell, Strathroy; and Thom, Exeter. These, with the testimonials accompanying, were referred to the School and Printing committee.

The council then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock on Thursday.

Abolished. The council met at 10 o'clock a.m. on Friday, Jan. 18th, 1886.

The following gentlemen took the declaration of office: J. Griffin, reeve, D. McMurchy, 1st deputy, Wm. Stothers, 2nd deputy, H. Chambers and H. Girvin, councillors. The following accounts were paid: D. Cowan, repairing scraper, \$1; D. McKenna, repairing culvert, con. 2, W. D., \$2; D. McKenna, underdrain, con. 12, 50c; Alex. Noggach, gravel, \$5; J. W. Jackman, wire fence, \$19 50; J. Cameron, repairing road on boundary, \$1; D. Aiton, lumber for three culverts, con. 3, \$3; each school section where municipal elections were held, \$2; W. Lane, delivering ballot boxes and papers, \$7; J. A. Bryan, for printing, \$6 50; McGillivuddy Bros., for printing, \$2. Moved by D. McMurchy, seconded by H. Girvin, that the salaries be as follows: Clerk, \$120; treasurer, \$90; assessor, \$90; collector, \$80; auditors, each, \$10; deputy return officers, each, \$6; selectors of jurors, each, \$4. Moved by W. Stothers, seconded by H. Girvin, that W. Kilpatrick be assessor, and that James Brown be collector. Moved in amendment by D. McMurchy, that D. Sullivan be assessor. The motion was carried. Moved by H. Girvin, seconded by D. McMurchy, that Robert A. Carrick be auditor. The reeve appointed Morgan Dalton. The clerk was instructed to ask for tenders for the township printing from the Star, Signal, and Sentinel. In minutes of previous meeting it appeared that D. McLennan received \$8 for culverts on boundary line; should be \$4. A letter was laid before the council asking for assistance in securing proper medical attendance for George Edmondson. The matter will receive attention. Next meeting of council on Feb 16, 1886.

WM. LANE, clerk.

Goderich Township. Holmesville, Jan. 18th, 1886.

Council met today according to statute. Members all present, these handing in their declaration of qualifications and office, the reeve took the chair. The minutes of last meeting of old council were read and passed. The cost of township elections was paid, \$69. It was agreed that the reeve attend to No. 4 and No. 5 S. divisions, deputy reeve No. 3, J. H. Elliott No. 1, Ed. Acheson No. 2, and John McClellan No. 5. The salaries of township officers were put in one motion as usual, that not proving satisfactory, a separate motion was put for each, viz.: Moved by J. Beacom, seconded by E. Acheson, that the salary of clerk be \$110. Carried. By same, salary of treasurer \$75. Carried. Moved by E. Acheson, seconded by J. H. Elliott, that the salary of assessor by

\$65. Carried. Moved by J. Beacom, seconded by E. Acheson, that collector's salary be \$75. Carried. Auditors \$5 each. Council asked for applications for assessor. None would take it at \$65. It was then moved by J. Beacom, seconded by E. Acheson, that the former motion be rescinded, and that assessor's salary be \$70. Carried. Moved by E. Acheson, seconded by J. H. Elliott, that Wm. Wakefield be assessor. Moved in amendment by J. H. Elliott, seconded by J. McClellan, that Geo. McKee be assessor, the reeve voted for W. Wakefield or in favor of motion. The clerk was ordered to ask for tenders for printing from each of the local papers and to send them samples. Council appointed J. A. Ford auditor. Reeve appointed J. R. Holmes second auditor. John Weir was appointed keeper of No. 6 pound on 15th con. The following accounts were paid: W. Dunn, indigent, \$10; Wm. McCabe, for suit of clothes, \$18; McCullough, gravel, \$19 52; News Record, printing, \$5 50; Mr. Irie, stationer, \$4 20; W. Collins, indigent, \$18 75; R. Bray, indigent, \$18 75; clerk registering B. M. D., \$9 50. Pathways were appointed, these will be specifically notified. Fence viewers same as last year were re-appointed. Pound keepers same as last year were re-appointed, both the latter will be notified, and all are requested to qualify previous to time specified in notice sent and received. Applications will be received for collector at next meeting of council. Owing to the increase of pauperism no further advances of money will be made to any indigent unless a petition signed by at least a dozen ratepayers is sent to clerk. The party in reality in need and resided in the township. Council adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in April.

JAMES PATTON, clerk.

Abolished. Mr. Erit refused \$425 for his team last week, and one is only two years old.

Mr. Bentley, of E. Wawanosh, by a mischance broke his leg one day last week.

The wife of Rev. Wm. Hilliard, of this place, passed away last Friday morning. The lady came to this country with our sympathy to the rev. gentleman in his sad bereavement.

Alex. McKenzie, of Galt, was visiting friends here last week.

J. C. Richards has purchased the shop formerly occupied by Mr. Helwig as a tailor shop, and has moved his harness business therein.

Mr. Deusted, tinsmith, has commenced business here.

Rev. Mr. McGosh, of Wingham, is expected to preach the Episcopal church here on Sabbath next at 2:30 p.m.

Reverend services are now going on in the Methodist church here. Mr. Jackson, of Palmerston, a noted revivalist, is rendering valuable assistance.

On Monday last week two of our bachelor friends turned up missing. No one knew when, where or how they had gone. They came back with interesting findings of the missing ones. Rumors of suicide, deficits and numerous other things filled the air; but also no solution of the matter was found, Wednesday came and before night it was almost unanimously conceded that one of them, if not both, had deserted the noble band of bachelors, who have their headquarters at this village. Thursday morning came, but as yet nothing definite was learned of the fugitives; but on Thursday evening a ray of light broke forth.

One of the boys of the neighborhood happened to be in Seaford, and met one of the missing ones returning with a beaming countenance, and when interrogated as to the whereabouts of his companion, made a clean breast of the whole affair, and said the gallant Macdonald had not only deserted the noble band of bachelors, but had taken a testimonial by his side, setting forth that he had joined the noble army of Benedictines. The boys at once on receipt of the hopeful news set about getting their best smiles on, and when the missing ones put in an appearance about 9:30 p.m. on Thursday they received a cordial welcome. At a meeting of the bachelors' union it was unanimously agreed to pardon Mac, and give him a certificate of good character, if he would treat the boys to the confectionery, which terms he complied with in an ample manner. A. T. was very popular with the boys, and since he has been fit to launch his little bark on the sea of matrimony, one and all, young and old unite in wishing him and his bride, health, happiness and prosperity, and may the clouds of adversity never be so dark but that they may be able to discern the blue sky behind.

Lord Beaconsfield's social tact was marvellous. The most embarrassing situations never caught him unprepared, no matter how suddenly it sprang up. He always had the right word, for his tongue was as "the pen of a ready writer."

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The young sprig departed charmed with the great man, and not detecting the irony lurking under the polished phrase.

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"Sir," said Disraeli, drawing himself up, and looking his admirer full in the face, "that is lame!"

Seven persons were arrested Wednesday at Glenora for disturbing the Salvation Army.

Colborne. On Thursday last one of the old settlers of this section passed away, after an illness of a couple of weeks, in the person of Donald McMillan. He had resided in Colborne nearly sixteen years, and was universally respected by those who knew him. He leaves a wife and four children—three daughters and a son—to mourn his loss.

Mr. Farnell's Assent. London, Jan. 28.—The Daily Telegraph says it is the opinion of leading Liberals, including many former Ministers, that Gladstone should invite the assistance of Mr. Farnell or Mr. Healy in arranging a Home Rule scheme for Ireland.

Six hundred fishermen on the Cape and Bonaventure coast have been rendered destitute by the failure of the Robin fishery.

The Galt papers record the death of Peter Kreier, for many years past clerk of the Division Court there, at the age of 80 years.

M. Girrd Renaud, of the Grand theatre, New York, made an occasion in a hall on Brete, France, on Wednesday. The hall was driven out to sea and suddenly vanished.

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