

Northumberland Municipal Council

(Continued from last week)

Coun. Sutherland moved that returns of Daniel Silliker, Jos. Ferguson, Edward Goodfellow, cols. rates, Southesk, and account of district clerk, \$9 pass. Carried. Also parish clerk's account reduced to \$14; Wm. Matthews, \$9; refund to Chas Johnston, \$3.34, wrongly paid by him.

Adjourned.

Afternoon

Coun. Baldwin moved to pass the return of R. N. Ru sell, district



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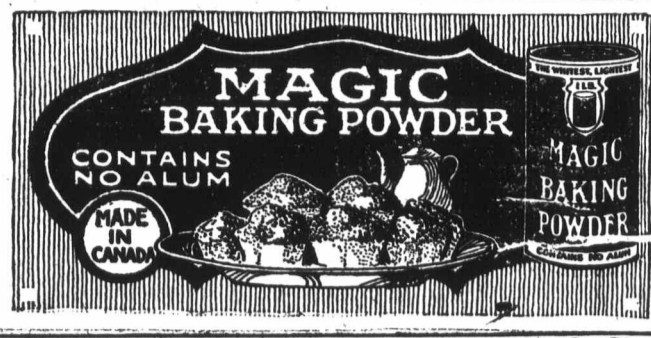
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clerk, Chatham, and account of J. L. Stewart, printing, \$15.60; P. J. McIntyre, \$25.50; J. F. Benson, printing, \$2.10; Ernest Harper, district clerk, \$16; list of parish officers for Chatham. Carried.

Coun. Vanderbeck moved return of Everett Allison, col. rates, Derby do, road account; parish clerk \$6; list of parish officers. Passed.

Coun. Somers moved that bill of Wm. Matthews for a sheep killed by dogs, \$10, be paid. Carried.

Coun. O'Donnell moved that Ludlow default list be sent to a constable or collecting justice. Carried.

Coun. Sinclair said the payment of unsworn bills for sheep killed by dogs was opening a wider door. If one such bill were paid all should be paid.

Coun. Harriman presented bill of George Loggie, sworn to, for six sheep killed by dogs, and moved that it be paid. Referred.

Coun. Allan moved to pay account of Jas. Loggie, district clerk, Alnwick, \$10; account of Jas. Morrison, \$8; account of J. Muzzerall, \$8; account of W. J. Simpson, rent of buildings for election \$6; do parish clerk, \$6. Carried.

Dr. Desmond appeared on behalf of the Board of Health, with regard to the Public Health Act. It was not a matter of Board of Health alone, but medical inspection of schools and general sanitary matters. The assessment was only \$1 per family. It was hoped to have complete returns of births, deaths and marriages. The law was imperative, and authorized the Lieut. Governor in Council to take any action necessary to secure the money.

In reply to Coun. Brasfield Dr. Desmond said he would refer to the legal adviser of the Council the question of liability.

Coun. Brasfield said the Council would get clear of the liability if it could.

Dr. Desmond said the Government appointed the white board last year because the Council refused to act.

Coun. Brasfield said it was a foolish thing to pay salaries to men whether they did any work or not.

Dr. Desmond said medical inspectors were required to visit every school, examine the pupils and the sanitary conditions of the building, twice a year, and perform vaccinations free. One examiner had found 50 per cent of defectives in a town school. What must be the state in some country schools? In case of epidemic you have to pay a man \$4 or \$5 a day, while under this act the officials have to act without extra pay.

Some Councillors said they didn't know who were the inspectors in their parishes.

Dr. Desmond said they had drawn no salary as yet. Medical inspectors had not been secured for some parishes, none being available or willing to accept for the salary. The \$6000 asked for was for the coming year.

Coun. L. Doyle spoke of epidemics that had been suppressed without cost to the county.

Dr. Desmond said there would be refund of 33 1/3 p. c. on influenza and smallpox expenditures. Don't expect perfection the first or second year.

Councillor—Or any year. (Laughter)

W. B. Snowball, who was invited to address the Council on the matter of the public health, spoke of what the Conservation Commission had done in this line. He had been asked by Hon. Dr. Roberts to assist Dr. Desmond in presenting this matter to the Council. What was the good of conserving the material resources of the country and neglecting its future manhood? The brain, as well as the health, of school children had been developed as the result of medical inspection in schools. The man who does his duties earns the salary of \$150 a year. The mere fact that there is such an official in a community causes people to be more cleanly in regard to the keeping of their premises in a sanitary state. Vaccination would prevent smallpox. Look after the health of the children and we would have a healthy population. (Applause).

P. E. Neale appeared on behalf of the East Northumberland Soldiers' Memorial. The county had distinguished itself in the war, doing as much as any other place in Canada. But 500 boys did not come back, and it was for a memorial to these heroes that he was speaking. The county had been divided up in war work, into East and West, and Newcastle as well as Chatham proposed to erect a memorial. After the splendid record we had made we should not say that is the end of it. Chatham proposed a Memorial Hall to house war trophies and records and the museum of the M. N. H. Association, the best museum in the province.

A monument was all right when erected for one man, but it was not so suitable for a number of persons. The county of Colchester, N. S. had voted \$25,000 for a memorial. The proposed memorial building in Chatham would be largely paid for by private subscriptions.

W. B. Snowball felt it was unnecessary to make a plea for the erection of memorials to these brave boys. As Canadians, as men of Northumberland, we were proud of our boys. Should we not commemorate their deeds? As a tax payer he could not complain of any appropriation that might be needed for this purpose in Newcastle or Chatham. Canada was richer in men, money and nobility for having been in the war. He asked the Council not to be niggardly in the matter, not to vote small, mean sums, but liberal amounts.

Coun. L. Doyle—What will the building cost?

Mr. Neale—About \$25,000.

Ald. Tweedie said the results of the war were so great that memorials should be erected. It was felt that the best memorial would be a building in which records and pictures of the men could be kept for inspection for all time. The building will be looked after by the Natural History Society. Every citizen of the county must feel that these records of the men should be kept green in memory.

Mayor Gaynor said the Natural History Society belonged to the whole county and should have been invited by the Council. This building would be of service in preserving records and memorials, and the great educational specimens in the museum. He left that something should be voted to assist in erecting this

building.

J. R. Lawlor, as one of the Newcastle delegates, would outline what the town proposed to do. The county had worked in two organizations, the East and West, during the war. The Newcastle Soldier Reception Committee had \$2,000 on hand for a memorial. He will leave it all in the hands of the Council to say what it would do. (Applause)

Mayor Gaynor moved that a committee of five be appointed to consider on the memorial matter and report to the Council. He suggested a serial bond issue for any amount that might be voted.

Thos. Parker moved that the Council sit this evening.

On motion of Coun. Gill the following County accounts passed:

E. P. Williston, Contingencies, \$2121.15 on hand.

No. Board of Health, bal. due \$115.90.

do Sinking Fund, \$7674.31. Councillors recommend \$8000 additional be placed in the fund.

Dr. McGrath, \$20

E. P. Williston, County Seed Sale, \$96.06 on hand.

Mayor Doyle moved to place this balance in the Sinking Fund. Carried.

Scott Act \$8.80, to be paid into this sinking fund.

B. F. Maltby, \$13.10, jail supplies.

Moody — Co., blankets for jail, \$30

J. L. Stewart, printing, \$15.60.

M. Bannan, soap for jail, \$8.50.

N. S. Leader, \$20.50

Public Land, \$1472.70 due the fund.

Wm. P. Troy, prisoners' board, \$54.50, \$36 be paid.

Mayor Gaynor moved that the bill be laid on the table till the Petitions Committee report on Mr. Troy's petition.

Coun. Harriman reported from the Petitions Committee, that the request of J. R. Lawlor be granted. Adopted.

On the petition of Wm. P. Troy—that the pay be the same as allowed in the jail.

Mayor Gaynor said this would reduce the allowance below the 17 cents he has been paid. The Town of Chatham pays 20 cents a meal. He moved that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Coun. Watling didn't see where the increases would end.

Coun. L. Doyle said a resolution fixed the price of meals at 17 cents. What right had he to overrule the resolution on the books?

Coun. Harriman said the scale might be raised in jail to 25 cents.

Coun. Doyle said the Jail Committee might not allow Mr. Irving more than he gets at present.

Coun. Gill said it had been passed by the Council to pay the jailer 50 cents a day.

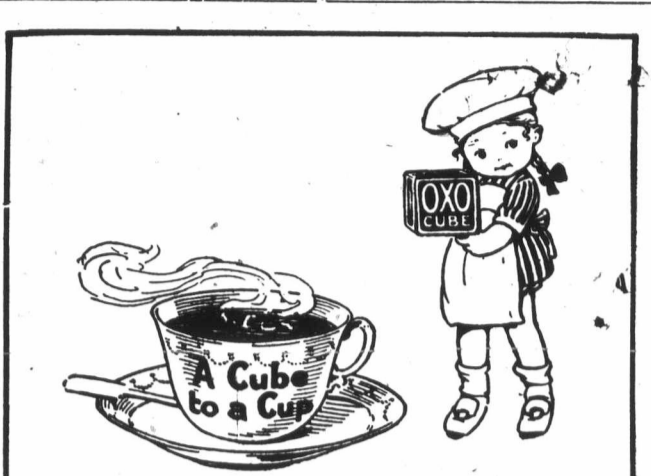
Motion adopted paying Mr. Troy the same as the jail allowance.

Coun. Gill moved for a ten per cent commission on the collection of rates. Carried.

Coun. Swin moved a list of officers for Blissfield. Passed.

Coun. McNaughton moved the returns of John Ross, Supervisor of Roads, be filed. Carried. That the returns of Malcolm Watling pass. Carried. That Geo. Loggie of Chatham be paid for six sheep and Char-

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