

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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some years, nearly all the prize money went outside. Last year Carleton County farmers were able to hold their own. Our farmers had some of the finest herds of cattle that could be found anywhere. I am a farmer and I know times are hard, but we expect and will appreciate a good-sized grant.

Walter Payne—We need this year's exhibition. It has been a great help to the farmers. We can see what the other fellow has and we can raise the standard higher. Our exhibition has been a credit to Carleton County—the best his side or Toronto. Kindly help us gentlemen to raise the prize money.

Heber Sharpe—I did not take much interest in the exhibition for some years because I thought I had mighty good stock, but when I did attend the exhibition I found I was mistaken in my stock. I fed better and kept things in better shape. We benefited from seeing the stock from outside. Last year we beat a big man from outside and he was pretty mad over it. That shows the good these exhibitions have been to our local farmers.

E. S. Peabody—I know of no better way to keep our young men at home than to get them interested in agriculture through these exhibitions. We solicit your aid as we will have no government grant this year. We must give gradual help to this exhibition whether the times are good or bad and we must not let it do down nor miss a year.

H. W. Rogers—Our location and buildings cannot be equalled in Eastern Canada. Some of our farmers have been working on the exhibition committees from the start and we are glad to see the young farmers like Messrs. Hay and Sharpe coming in to help us make the exhibition a success. Our farmers are now sending in more exhibits and they are carrying away the greater part of the prize money. That is as it should be. We need the county grant this year to help in the prize money, and we would like to go over the roof of the main building and make some repairs in order to protect it. No one can say that we do not put up a good exhibition at all times.

Coun. Stevens—The speakers you have just heard represent the farmers in six of the parishes of this county.

Couns. Perry and Saunders expressed themselves as not being in favor of a grant this year, and replies were made by Messrs. Rogers and Sharpe. Registrar Munro brought several books from the vault that need to be rebound. He had a conversation with E. F. Killen of New York whose sole business is to preserve municipal books and he had had correspondence with Barnes & Company of St. John on the matter. The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$500. These books would be rebound in the Court House. There were 130 record books in the office. At least 17 should be rebound and 12 sewed and repaired with canvas covers. He had charge of the record office for eight years. This is the first year that failed to produce a surplus. The receipts in eight years were \$21,931.13. The surplus was \$5,120, an average of \$640.

Moved by Coun. Bell that the Council go into committee of the whole on bills and accounts, with the warden in the chair. Carried.

On motion of Coun. Stevens, the committee arose at 5:15 p. m. and reported progress.

Coun. Melville stated that when there is a death at the Municipal Home, the parish interested is notified. Occasionally it happens that the deceased has no relatives and it is costly to get a burial lot in town.

Moved by Coun. Melville, seconded by Coun. Boyd, that the Municipal Home committee be given a small plot of ground on the poor farm as a burial ground. Carried.

Council adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thursday Morning.

Council met at 10 a. m. Warden Anderson in the chair.

On motion of Coun. Melville, the Council went into committee of the whole on bills and accounts.

In the discussion of Police Magistrate Comben's bill for \$89.10. It was brought out by Couns. Melville and Bell that there was a credit on fines, that reduced the bill to \$24.10.

There were several bills for work done by the revisors in connection with an appeal of James Miller of Glasville against his assessment as compared with the assessment of David Lamont and others in the same parish.

Moved by Coun. McIntosh, seconded by Coun. Fleming that the bills be paid. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Bell, seconded by Coun. Tweedie, that he bills be paid and charged to the Parish of Valcartier. This board of val-

uators has been set up to settle matters of this kind. The valuator heard the evidence and dismissed the appeal. It seems to me that it is a

county charge.

Coun. Phillips—It may be a county charge, but the Council at a previous meeting had refused to pay the bill of M. L. Hayward for legal advice.

Mr. Hartley—This appeal came before us in 1922. In the shape of the bill of Messrs. Hayward and Morgan.

These bills were \$23.75 for Morgan and \$10 for Hayward. The Council refused to pay these bills. Mr. Miller comes back in 1923 with another appeal. There is no provision in the law to pay the valuator, but what the Council considers right, if the valuator is called out on duty, they certainly should be paid a fair remuneration by somebody. Who should pay the bills under discussion? My view is that the parish should pay. You can do as you like, but it relates purely and simply to the parish.

Coun. McIntosh—The law says that the evidence can be taken under oath or otherwise. These valuator were appointed by the county, paid by the county, and I don't see why this bill should be charged to Aberdeen.

Coun. White—I have a letter from Mr. Hayward. Messrs. Leighton and Gibson, two of the valuator, Mr. Morgan to investigate the appeal. He proposed to investigate the appeal. He proposed to investigate the appeal. He proposed to investigate the appeal.

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GIN PILLS FOR THE KIDNEYS

Deranged Kidneys may in time lead to serious illness. If you detect any symptom take Gin Pills. They will relieve you.

Coun. Gibson—The bill should be examined more fully and amended. The sum of \$13 a day is too much to pay the valuator; some men are working for a month and only getting twice that figure.

The amendment to amendment was put to the board and declared lost.

Coun. Perry asked for a standing vote that showed that the amendment to amendment was carried.

Bill N. 2, referring to the Canadian case in Kent, was reconsidered.

Moved by Coun. Perry, seconded by Coun. Boyd, that the bill pass at \$28 instead of \$24. Motion lost.

Couns. Boyd and Perry made a strong appeal for the increase of the bill. In order to make the arrest and bring the prisoner to Woodstock it was necessary for the constable to hire an auto and he paid the \$10 out of his own pocket. If the sheriff had made the arrest, the cost and mileage would be much higher than the present bill.

Moved by Coun. Melville, seconded by Coun. Saunders, that Riley Traf-ford be paid \$20, revisor's fee for 1923. The county bills.

The county bills were paid as follows:

A. R. Foster \$287.05

Hanford F. Craig 34.00

(Ordered paid at \$24.)

J. C. Hartley 130.00

J. F. L. Brown 73.00

Thos. A. McCain 4.00

Mrs. Peter Gallagher 2.50

Carleton Sentinel 2.20

Press Printing Co. 2.50

J. C. Hartley 73.00

A. R. Foster 173.00

Dr. T. W. Griffin 51.00

Chas. Comben 39.10

A. R. Lindsay 40.00

John Ryan 4.00

W. H. Bramley 18.00

Owen Kelly 4.00

Dr. H. W. Peppers 2.00

W. W. Melville 2.00

H. V. Mooers 744.50

Council adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Thursday Afternoon

Council opened at 2 o'clock. Warden Anderson in the chair.

Hon. Dr. Roberts, minister of health addressed the board. He thanked the Council for this opportunity to address them on the question of Public Health. This is the first time he had ever been in Woodstock or Carleton County, although he had passed through the county on several occasions. As a result of the efforts of the government, the death rate had been lowered. In the province in 1920 the death rate was 15.6 per thousand, in 1923 it was 12.5 per thousand. He explained the Rockefeller Fund for the improvement of the public health and made a plea for the engagement of two public health nurses for this county.

Dr. G. G. Melvin, Chief Medical Officer, also addressed the board.

The speakers answered questions by Couns. Perry, Darling and others on the question of discussion.

Moved by Coun. DeWitt, seconded by Coun. Gibson, that the Council make a grant of \$1,000 to Carleton County Agricultural to assist in the prize money for the summer exhibition.

Coun. Cliff—I wish to state that I will vote against the motion. The Woodstock Exhibition distributed last summer prize money to amount of \$4350, the sum of \$2,500 going to the farmers of the county. The Centreville Exhibition had a prize list of \$1,500 and \$1,400 went to the farmers of the county. Ours was a purely agricultural exhibition. If Woodstock gets a grant I want a grant of \$300 or \$400 for Centreville. I thoroughly believe that the people do not want us to give a grant to either Woodstock or Centreville.

Coun. Perry—Times are hard, farmers are financially embarrassed, we must practice economy and I am opposed to the grant.

Coun. Saunders—We should not grant any money to a particular section of the county. Centreville has always given a good show and it is not asking for a grant. Woodstock has always put on a good show, a credit to the agricultural society, the town and the county. With the large crowd attending I cannot see why the Woodstock show cannot pay its way as Centreville is doing. At the present time we are taxed for everything except our breath, and the people cannot stand any more taxes.

Coun. DeWitt I hold up both hands in favor of Centreville. It is entitled to a grant. Give your grant to the Carleton County Agricultural Society and will vote for a third as much for Centreville. When you spread your \$1,000 over the county it will cost very little to each ratepayer. I have been a farmer for 30 years and I know the financial condition of farmers. I believe they will not object to this grant for it is a wise expenditure of great value. The one at Woodstock is probably the best one held in the province. We must keep up the standard and hold them yearly. If we do not the time will come when there will be but two exhibitions yearly one in Fredericton and one in St. John, and I am sure that Carleton County will not like that.

Coun. Balmain—It has been intimated that the Woodstock members should not discuss these subjects but remain quiet.

Coun. Perry—Must not discuss the

dog tax only.

Coun. Balmain—This is not a Woodstock fair. Nearly all the directors of the Carleton County Agricultural Society live in the parishes. It is intimated that the people of the town are getting rich by their fairs. It is not so. The large crowds come by auto in the morning and go home by auto in the evening. The hotels and restaurants may take in a little money but no one else. It is far different now than in the old days before the advent of the automobile. In looking over the situation never was the country in better financial shape than at present to give a grant, although individuals may be short of money. We have only a bonded debt of \$13,000, and we have the court house (which could not be built today for \$100,000) the Municipal Home and other County buildings, and a fat surplus at the bank today. If our taxes were paid we could wipe out our bonded debt and still have a surplus in the bank. If potatoes went to only \$1.00 a barrel, we would be the richest county in the province. As Coun. DeWitt said there is a danger of our losing our annual exhibition. It is an institution well worthy of the support of each councillor. You heard the young farmers on the delegation yesterday tell how the exhibition spared them on to warring better herds of cattle. In justice to the county this motion should be supported, but during the remainder of the debate, I do not wish to hear the untrue statement that the County of Carleton is too poor to make such a grant.

Coun. Fleming—I believe the exhibition should have some money but as Centreville and probably other places will also request aid, the safest way is to vote the motion down.

Coun. Phillips Ever since I have been at this board you have heard me talk economy, but there is such a thing as false economy. It is false economy to refuse this grant. Last year I voted against a grant because I knew the society would get the provincial grant but this year no provincial grant is in sight, and they need the grant to help out the prize money.

The young farmers from my parish are interested. You heard some of them speak yesterday. If Coun. Perry would bring down here some of his stock and win the prizes it would boom him and his parish.

Coun. Stevens—Last year when he voted against the grant, Coun. Perry led us to believe that he would support it this year but he has the same old story about the people of Kent going around in sackcloth and ashes.

The delegation that spoke yesterday represented five parishes in the county. As a man of business in Woodstock I know that 75 per cent of the people go direct to the fair grounds and that only hotels, restaurants, ice cream parlors and drug stores get any money out of the visitors.

Coun. Marsten—I agree with Coun. Perry and I will vote against any grant this year.

Coun. McIntosh—We must give a grant to the hospital and that is all we can stand this year. I was pleased with the report given us by the Agricultural Society and I believe it can get by another year without any grant.

Motion was lost. Yes, Couns. Balmain, DeWitt, Stevens, McDougall, Phillips, Gibson and Clark. The remainder of the Council voted against any grant this year.

Coun. Clark presented a bill of \$13.15.

Moved by Coun. Gibson, seconded by Coun. McDougall that the bill be referred to the overseers of the poor for the Parish of Woodstock. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Stevens, seconded by Coun. Balmain that a bill of \$13.15 be paid. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Fleming, seconded by Coun. McIntosh that \$5 be paid C. W. Rowley and charged to the Parish of Aberdeen. Carried.

A report of H. G. Hobbs, auditor, Fredericton, was read by the Secretary-Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1924. Much money has been received since then. The dog tax fund now amounts to \$1,838.35 and there is a credit balance in the bank of \$8,974.26.

Moved by Coun. Melville, seconded by Coun. Bell that the report of the auditor be received and placed on file. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Fleming, seconded by Coun. Melville, that a company be appointed to value certain county buildings as recommended by the auditor. Carried.

Warden Anderson appointed Couns. Melville, Fleming and Good said committee.

Coun. Fleming—In justice to Mr. Hartley I might say that the auditor told me that he was greatly pleased with the way he found the county books and papers in the Secretary-Treasurer's office.

Moved by Coun. Fleming, seconded by Coun. McDougall, that R. P. Hartley be appointed deputy secretary-treasurer without salary. Carried.

Coun. Clark, chairman of the committee on public buildings, submitted his report. There was spent \$241.18 at the Record Office; \$118.37 at the Court House; \$1237.38 at the jail.

Moved by Coun. McIntosh, seconded by Coun. Bell, that the report be received. Carried.

Coun. Melville submitted the report of the Municipal Home committee. Couns. DeWitt and Bell are the other members of the committee. There are 34 inmates, a record of