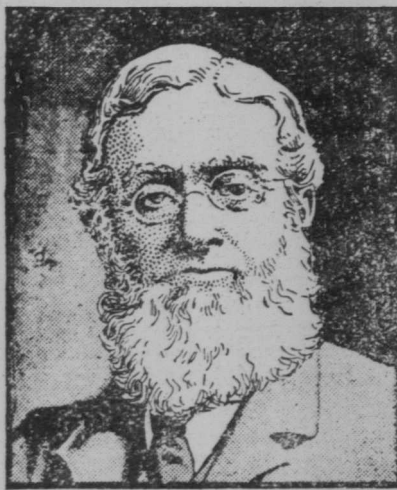


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### THE WORLD'S GOLD PRODUCTION

An estimate of the world's production of gold during 1909 is presented by the Engineering and Mining Journal in an article in which that well-informed periodical embodies comparisons for the more important countries with the corrected official returns for 1908. According to the figures given, the return from the gold mines was greater than had ever before been recorded in a single year. Most of the countries increased their returns by the opening of new mines, by the extensive working of old ones, or by closer recovery of metal from the ores—in some cases by a conjunction of all three methods. Following is a comparative table of the gold production of the world, by countries, for the years 1908 and 1909:

	1908.	1909.
Transvaal	\$145,819,016	\$151,900,000
United States	94,580,000	96,500,000
Australia	73,314,671	71,980,780
Russia	30,944,591	34,160,000
Mexico	21,518,544	26,000,000
Rhodesia	12,276,394	12,905,000
British India	10,424,067	10,508,500
Canada	9,550,274	10,750,000
China, Japan and Korea	10,618,850	11,000,000
West Africa	5,773,514	4,625,000
Madagascar	1,136,850	2,480,000
Other countries	24,488,752	25,000,000
Total	\$140,434,527	\$157,507,280

The total increase in the production in 1909 compared with 1908 was \$14,122,753, or 3.2 per cent. As has been said, the figures for 1908 comprise the corrected official returns. For last year the statistics presented comprise the official returns from the more prominent countries, such as the Transvaal, Australia, Rhodesia and India for eleven months and from these an estimate is made for December. From other countries, such as Mexico and Russia, there are partial returns, and from others information showing the general course of production. Any estimates made are declared to be a conservative basis, so that revisions are expected to increase rather than diminish the total given. An additional table gives the statistics of gold production in the world for twenty years:

1890	\$118,818,700	1900	\$258,822,700
1891	130,650,000	1901	290,877,420
1892	146,202,000	1902	291,812,103
1893	158,437,551	1903	329,475,401
1894	182,569,283	1904	349,088,293
1895	198,965,741	1905	378,411,654
1896	211,242,081	1906	405,551,622
1897	227,883,084	1907	411,294,458
1898	257,327,833	1908	443,434,527
1899	311,505,947	1909	527,567,280

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## Northumberland County Council.

#### AFTERNOON

Coun. Foreythe moved that \$725 be assessed on Northesk for roads. Carried.

Coun. Mullan moved that ex-Coun. Ryan's fees as revisor for last year be paid to Wm. Forsythe, who had done the work. Carried.

Coun. Williston moved that \$700 be assessed on Hardwicke for roads, that \$85 be assessed on it for pauper lunatics, and that the returns of the road account and district clerks pass. Carried.

Coun. Anderson moved that \$1,700 be assessed on Alnwick for roads. Carried.

Coun. Allain moved that \$130 be assessed on Alnwick for pauper lunatics and that the road account pass. Carried.

Coun. Pond moved for an assessment of \$500 on Ludlow for roads. Carried.

Coun. Pond said \$150 had been awarded for opening a road at McNamee, and the highway board considered the charge excessive. He moved to refer the matter to the committee on petitions. Carried.

Coun. Miller said several game associations, discussing the best plan for getting persons from abroad to come here in search of game, had elicited different opinions on the open season. Some wanted it earlier and some later. At a meeting of guides it had been decided to ask that the season for foreigners be from Sept. 15 to Dec. 1 and for residents from Oct. 15 to Jan. 1. The local men shot chiefly for the meat, and a great deal of it was lost in the early part of the season. He moved that a committee of five be appointed to prepare resolutions on the subject. The Americans would not come late in the season. They came when it was warm, and when they could get some fishing as well as shooting.

Coun. Benson had heard this proposal discussed by the North Shore and the New Brunswick Associations, and he thought it only fair to both of them; that they should be heard by the Council before any action was taken. He moved this as an amendment. Carried.

Coun. Miller accepted the amendment and it was adopted.

Coun. Miller said that a new courthouse was needed. The Council room was a public disgrace. It had no sanitary conveniences, nothing. Architect Mott was in town, ready to give facts and figures as to cost, and would make no charge for plans unless they were accepted. A proper building would cost \$40,000. The interest on this, with sinking fund and caretaking, would be about \$2000 a year, and this would increase the county assessment by only one-thirteenth. He moved that a committee of seven be appointed to take up the matter with Mr. Mott and report as soon as possible. It was only fair to Mr. Mott that this should be done.

This was negatived by a large majority.

On motion of Coun. Pond a petition from James S. Fairley, for relief from taxes, was referred.

On motion of Coun. Swim \$900 was ordered to be assessed on Blissfield for roads, the Cain's River polling booth was abolished, \$85 was ordered to be assessed for pauper lunatics.

Coun. Lewis called attention to the fact that roadmasters are remunerated by tax exemption, which meant 60 cents to some of them and five or six dollars to others. In his parish the sixty cent man had to do three times as much work as the six dollar man.

Coun. Doyle moved that \$1200 be assessed on Newcastle for roads. Carried.

Coun. Connors moved for a by-law to prohibit bulls from running at large.

Coun. Pond—We have one now.

Coun. Connors moved that it be referred to the bylaw committee with instructions to make the penalty more severe.

Coun. Mersereau and Coun. Lewis supported the motion. Carried.

On motion of Coun. Pond the following county accounts passed: Wm. Irving, prisoners' board, \$39.75; Lemuel Fletcher, \$4; Sheriff O'Brien, arrest of Arthur Trites, \$8.40; deputy sheriff, the Carville horse theft case, \$92; E. P. Williston, expenses to Sheldrake Island, \$3; do stationary, postage and filling school lists, \$80; Dr. Baxter, lunacy certificates, \$8; Stothart Me. Co., public wharf, \$41.50; parish clerks, \$91; W. J. Groat, taking prisoners to jail, \$8.50; Mir. S. N. Co., do, \$17.50; Wm. P. Troy, prisoners' board, \$37.45; Public Land account, balance on hand, \$1844.31.

Coun. Miller said there was a serious accident the other night on the N. W. bridge, when several sleighs were broken and several persons injured, returning from the carnival in the darkness. The Government had made

a liberal offer to join with the county and the town in lighting the bridge, but the offer had been rejected. He moved for a committee of three to interview the Chief Commissioner and report what the Government would do towards lighting the covered bridges.

Coun. Lewis, in seconding the motion, said he had heard that Mayor Miller had attributed the vote on this last year to prejudice against the town. There was no such prejudice in Hardwicke. It was nearly 100 years since his people had landed here, and they had always felt proud of Newcastle, which they called the Courthouse in old times, and would always be found in favor of anything to benefit the town and country.

The motion passed. Councillors Vanderbeck, Flett and Allain were appointed the committee.

Adjourned.

#### THURSDAY

After routine it was resolved, on motion of Coun. Johnston, that \$25 be paid to the warden as delegate to the Union of Municipalities meeting at Campbellton.

Coun. Doyle moved to assess the parish of Newcastle \$195 for pauper lunatics. Carried.

On motion of Coun. Chaisson the return of J. B. Arsenneau, showing \$54.85 due the county, passed and the collector was ordered to pay the amount to the sec. treasurer. \$750 was ordered to be assessed for roads.

Ordered that \$8.50 be paid to each of the Southesk district clerks.

On motion of Coun. Welsh it was ordered that \$169.78 be assessed on Nelson for pauper lunatics. The road account passed, showing \$15.67 on hand. The highway board's account passed, showing \$148.69 on hand, \$1.50 to be refunded to Frank O'Toole.

On motion of Coun. McNaughton the Glenelg Parish returns passed and assessment of \$676 ordered for roads.

On motion of Coun. Underhill, Blackville, assessment of \$65 was ordered for pauper lunatics and \$1400 for roads.

Coun. Doyle moved that the sec-treasurer be authorized to borrow not more than \$6000 for county purposes. Carried. Also that there be no July session, but committee of five to pass accounts. Carried.

Committee—Flett, Connors, Pond, Lamont, Johnston.

Coun. Benson moved that \$351 be assessed on Chatham parish for pauper lunatics. Carried.

Coun. Doyle moved to amend the by-laws so as to give the parish clerk of Newcastle \$6 instead of \$12. Carried.

Coun. McNaughton submitted an amendment to the by-laws, making the penalty for allowing bulls, etc., to run at large, \$10.

Coun. Flett—Who is to collect it? Who knows the owners? The law should be more stringent.

Coun. Doyle—The fine is excessive. Sometimes people open your gates and let your cattle out. Carried.

Coun. McNaughton submitted an amendment to sec. 25 of By-laws, giving constables \$1.50 a day at municipal elections. Adopted.

Coun. Swim returning to the bull question, said his idea was that such cattle might be impounded and sold if the owner did not

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show up and pay up. The sec-treasurer explained that the Summary Convictions Act provided a way to collect such fines.

Coun. Vanderbeck gave notice of motion to prohibit motor cars from running one day in the week, to limit their speed to 12 miles an hour, and to compel them to stop when meeting a team.

Coun. Allain submitted a report fixing the remuneration of highway board members at \$10 each.

Coun. Anderson—A uniform sum is unfair to the large parishes with many miles of road to be overlooked.

Coun. Vanderbeck—I don't want \$10 for 25 miles of road when others get no more for 80 or 100 miles. I move that we serve free this year.

Coun. Mersereau—Mr. Vanderbeck is about right. I feel like working on the roads for nothing. What signifies \$10 to us, so rich?

Coun. O'Donnell—The members of the highway boards are entitled to reasonable pay. I don't feel like giving my service free.

Coun. Vanderbeck—I move that the fee be 10 cents a mile.

Coun. Flett—It is not reasonable to ask men to work for nothing. My colleague will lose \$2.50 every day he is looking after the roads.

Coun. Anderson—I move in amendment to the report that the pay be six cents a mile.

Coun. Hayes—If the Council thinks that \$10 is too much I'll work for nothing.

Coun. McNaughton—Why not allow each parish to fix the pay of its board? The Glenelg men want no pay.

Coun. Connors thought a scale of fees, not to exceed \$10, should be made.

Coun. Swim said it would be unjust to the absent members of last year's boards to vote not to pay them.

Coun. Doyle—The roads are badly in need of repairs. Let us fix the pay at \$5 this year, and we can increase it next year if this is not sufficient.

Coun. Miller—I move that \$10 be paid for last year and that this year's boards fix it for themselves.

Sec-treasurer—The remuneration must be fixed by the Council.

Coun. Cassidy—I move as an amendment to the amendment that the highway boards serve without remuneration. Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON

Coun. Miller said the maximum pay the Council could give was \$10, and 10 cents a mile as proposed, for 150 miles would be \$15. He moved that Hon. John Morrissy be heard on the matter. Carried.

Mr. Morrissy said the Council should fix the pay to suit itself.

Coun. Vanderbeck—I withdraw my amendment.

Coun. Cassidy's amendment to

the amendment was lost, only Cassidy and Williams voting ye.

Coun. Anderson's six-cents a mile amendment was lost by a big majority.

Coun. Doyle's \$5 amendment was moved.

Coun. Miller—I second it. As public spirited citizens, we should be willing to work for good roads for nothing.

Coun. Pond—\$10 is small enough. Let those who want to work for nothing give it to the road fund.

Coun. Mersereau—I will vote for this amendment. I have talked and worked for good roads, and am willing to work for small pay.

Coun. Hayes—I don't work for half pay. Full pay or none. Blackville is willing to work for nothing.

Coun. Underhill—\$10 is small enough. I am not willing to work for nothing. I can't afford it.

Coun. Anderson—If some parish boards are paid with \$10 others, with twice as much work to do, will be only half paid.

Coun. Johnston—Work that is done for nothing is poorly done.

Coun. Swim—I cannot vote for the amendment, as it would limit last year's members and the sec-treasurer to only \$5. Mileage is best, but that has been voted down and \$10 is the next best.

The amendment was lost—6 to 19. Yeas—Doyle, Lamont, Miller, Mersereau, Cassidy, Vanderbeck, Nays—O'Donnell, Pond, Swim, Underhill, Hayes, Johnstone, Gillis, Mullan, Forsythe, Chaisson, McCail, Welsh, Flett, Benson, Allain, Lewis, Williston, McNaughton, Cameron.

The report—\$10—was adopted.

On motion of Coun. Pond the following county accounts passed—Contingencies, \$1956.76; B. F. Maltby, \$3.95; Dr. Desmond, \$12; M. Bannan, \$1.10; do \$4.46; Stothart Mer. Co., \$2.46; Union of Municipalities, \$10; E. P. Williston, school lists, \$24.50; D. & J. Ritchie, \$35; T. H. Whelan, \$103.70; Stothart Mer. Co. wharf, \$50.25; Sheriff O'Brien, half year's salary \$144; Lounsbury Co., \$20.40; D. Morrison, \$7; Dr. Hayes, \$4; Dr. Loggie, \$4; J. Fred Benson, \$15.30; Dr. Marvin, \$4; School Accounts, \$8, 229.14.

Coun. Vanderbeck moved that the Legislature be asked to increase the fees of jurymen to \$1.50 a day in the Supreme Court and of constables to \$2 a day. Adopted.

On motion of Coun. Miller Mr. John Connell was heard on the moose question.

Mr. Connell said the guides were not looking for the proposed change in the close season, and he did not think it would be right to let Americans come in and hunt when our people could not. There was game enough for all. It was increasing. Why make the change? It might benefit him, but it would not be right.

Coun. Miller did not seek to discriminate against local men but to favor them. He proposed to leave the season open for them till Jan. 1st, so they could save the meat

They don't go out for heads; and shooting was of no use to them in September.

Coun. O'Donnell was in favor of an extension of time for local men, as the season was over when they wanted to shoot game for the meat.

Coun. Hayes—If Mr. Connell wants the open season in the warm weather, so that the women may come from abroad to hunt, I'm right with that man.

Coun. Flett—Why not continue to allow local men to shoot from the 15th September? There is plenty of room in the woods. This would prevent farmers from getting licenses and shooting the moose that destroy their crops.

Coun. Miller—Only the cow moose do that, and licenses would not allow them to be shot.

Coun. Flett—According to The World and Commercial bull moose visit Chatham and jump the garden fences. Why is it that only cow moose visit the farms?

Coun. Mersereau—The majority of people want to begin to shoot game as early as the Americans.

Coun. Forsythe—Mayor Miller is about correct. An extension of time would be of great benefit to the farmers in the back settlements.

Coun. Vanderbeck—I am in favor of extension but of no cut-off.

Coun. Underhill—I'll not vote to give American sportsmen any ad-

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