

## Northumberland County Council.

**Held Annual Session Here Last Week.  
Vigorous Debate on Cattle Running  
at Large. New Court House Promis-  
ed. Claims of Newcastle and Chair-  
man Board of Health Again Turned  
Down.**

WEDNESDAY MORNING.  
The council reassembled at 10 o'clock.

The Sec-Treas. read a letter from Messrs. John Russell & Co. in reference to hard coal ordered by jail committee and not accepted. This was referred to the Committee on County accounts.

The Sec-Treas. read the report of the County Board of Health which was received and placed on file.

On motion of Coun. Crocker, Jas. W. Davidson was reappointed auditor.

Coun. Maltby presented a account from S. W. Miller, assess or, for \$2.34 for services in 1904. Passed.

On motion of Coun. Ryan the following Northwick returns passed: Thos. Sheard, Col. of Rates, Dist. No. 2, showing 2 cents due parish.

Account of E. P. Williston, Sec. Treas., with Parish Road account. Herbert Blair, Col. of Road Tax, Dist. No. 2.

Thos. Sheard, Col. of Default List, Dist. No. 2.

Thos. Sheard, Col. of Road Tax, Dist. No. 2, 94 cents due parish.

Thos. McLean, Col. of Road Tax, Dist. No. 2.

Herbert Blair, Col. of Rates, Dist. No. 2, \$1.41 due parish.

On motion of Coun. Crocker, the following Derby returns passed: J. Clouston, Col. of Rates, Dist. No. 2.

J. Clouston, Col. of Road Tax, Dist. No. 2.

On motion of Coun. Ryan, the returns of Joseph Sobey, Col. of Road Tax and Rates, Dist. No. 4, Southwick, passed.

On motion of Coun. Walsh, the following Nelson returns passed: Thos. Lynch, Col. of Rates and Road Tax, Dist. No. 1.

Thos. Lynch, Default List, 1905, Isaac Esson, Default List, Dist. No. 3.

Isaac Esson, Col. of Rates, Dist. No. 3, balance due parish, \$1.05.

Isaac Esson, Col. of Road Tax, Dist. No. 3, balance due collector, \$1.08.

Report of Jas. Foley, Supt. of Roads, filed.

Account of Sec-Treas. with Parish Road fund.

Peter O'Neill, Default List, 1905, Dist. No. 2.

Peter O'Neill, Col. of Rates, Dist. No. 2, balance due collector, 89c.

Peter O'Neill, Col. of Rates, Dist. No. 2, balance due collector, 95c.

Collections of Default List, 1905. Coun. Doyle submitted the petition of a number of residents of Lower Newcastle petitioning the Council not to grant the prayer of a petition for a bye-law in reference to cattle going at large. This was referred to committee on petitions.

On motion of Coun. Sullivan the following Hardwicke returns passed: Alex. McDonald, Col. Default List, 1905, Dist. No. 1.

Report of Thos. McLeod, Supt. of Roads, was placed on file.

Account of Sec-Treas. with Parish Road account.

Coun. O'Neill, Col. of Rates and Road tax, Dist. No. 2.

Coun. McLachlan, spoke of the lack of desk accommodation to the representatives of the towns of Chatham and Newcastle, and suggested that a select committee be appointed to look into the matter.

The Warden did not think that Coun. McLachlan had anything to complain of as he had given him his seat, and surely that was big enough for him.

Coun. Sullivan thought that the accommodation was sufficient and that it would be unnecessary to increase the burden on the tax payers to provide extra desks, etc.

Coun. McLachlan moved that a select committee be appointed to provide seats and desks for the Aldermen from Chatham and Newcastle, and to have the work done before the next meeting of the council.—Passed.

The following committee was appointed.—Couns. Doyle, Anderson and Pond.

On motion of Coun. Allain, the following Alnwick returns passed: Jos. Ross, Col. of Road Tax, Dist. No. 2, due parish, \$1.05.

Jos. Ross, Col. of Rates, Dist. No. 2, balance due collector, \$2.64.

Samuel Martin, Col. of Road Tax and Rates, Dist. No. 1.

Duncan Morrison, Col. of Road Tax and Rates, Dist. No. 2.

Henry Legere, Col. of Rates, Dist. No. 4.

Henry Legere, Col. Default List, 1905, Dist. No. 4.

On motion of Coun. Maltby, the council adjourned until 12 o'clock for committee work.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The council reassembled at two o'clock.

On motion of councillor Johnston, the following Returns for South Fisk parish passed:—

Return of James Lawlor, default list of 1905 for dist. No. 3; Return of James Lawlor, collector road tax, dist. No. 1; Return of James Lawlor, col. of road default list, dist. No. 1; Return of Wm. Sauntry, col. of rates, dist. No. 2; Return of the sec-treas. with parish road account, Returns of Wm. Sauntry, col. road tax and default list, dist. No. 2; Returns of Edward Travis, lists of rates, dist. No. 3.

On motion of Coun. MacNaughton the following Glenelg returns passed.

Makolm Waddleton, col default list rates, dist. No. 1, bal. \$2.05; default road list, dist. No. 1; Patrick McGrath, col. road default list, dist. No. 2; road tax, bal. \$10.32, due col. \$0.4 E. Godfrey, col; dist. No. 3, rates, due parson, \$1.30; road tax; default list rates, 1905; roads 1905.

Coun. Campbell moved a reconsideration of motion to provide desks and seats for aldermen for towns of Newcastle and Chatham. He said that he noticed that a desk had been provided during recess. Coun. Pallen said there should be desks and seats for three, whereas there were seats for only two. The motion was lost, 6 to 15.

The warden asked Mr. E. Hutchinson to take a seat in the council.

On motion of coun. Menzies, list of parish officers for North Esk passed as agreed upon by councillors.

On motion of Coun. Hubbard, the list of parish officers for Southwick passed as agreed upon by councillors.

On motion of Coun. Hayes, the following returns for Blackville passed:—

Wm. Hogan, col. rates, dist. No. 2; Andrew Craig, col. of rates, dist. No. 2, \$1.30 due col. Peter Moran, col. rates, dist. No. 3.

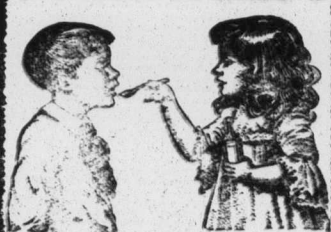
On motion of Coun. Walsh, Nelson, the account of sec-treas. pauper fund showing \$154.17, passed.

On motion of Coun. Crocker, Der by, account sec-treas. pauper lunatic fund amount due fund \$73.96.

On motion of Coun. Wm. L. Allain Alnwick, do. as above, \$142.08 due fund.

On motion of Coun. Sullivan, Hardwicke, do. as above,

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whether this should outweigh the grievance of the farmer who would have to shut his cattle up to keep them away from his residence.

Coun. Maltby said the Com. had carefully considered the whole matter, after hearing all the parties, and had reported in favor of repealing part of the bye-law. They would not be offended if the Council should annul this report or strike it out.

Coun. Ryan said it appeared that the bye-law had been made to suit a man who had a mill and a residence there, simply because he didn't want to put up a little fence. It was to save him this trouble that all the farmers of the district had been persecuted. A whole country side should not be troubled to suit the convenience of one man. The prayer of the petition should be granted also, the concession made by the committee was no good, as the cattle, if at large on the rear, could not be kept from coming to the front. Coun. Sweeney said the farmers had been taken by surprise, having had no notice of the petition. It was unfair to make such a bye-law without giving the farmers a chance to be heard.

Coun. Sullivan said he was willing to stop cattle from coming into town, but this was a different thing. This bye-law had been made simply because Mr. Munro didn't want to take the trouble to open and shut his gate. There were few farmers (who were the backbone of the County) who didn't have to open and shut gates several times a day. Not only the farmers but the whole country were injured by such a bye-law as this. They might as well pass a law that farmers shall keep only one cow each. No farmer was worthy of being called a farmer who did not keep three or four. If he pastured them on this meadows he'd would starve his neighbors rather than shut his own gates.

On motion of Coun. Campbell, R. Murray and T. W. Butler were heard on the subject.

Mr. Murray spoke against the law restricting cattle. This particular law was passed at instance of 16 persons who got up petition secretly, council passing it thinking there was no opposition. But now there was a counterpetition with 65 signatures, two of whom had signed previously. Would the Council be called to order at 10 o'clock by Warden.

THURSDAY MORNING.  
Council was called to order at 10 o'clock by Warden.

The Warden said that motion to adopt the report of the petitions Com. was before the council. He would like to hear the general question of impounding cattle for going at large discussed.

Coun. Clark said that the motion to receive and adopt was a double header. He had moved to receive and discuss it, as a matter of courtesy to Coun. as, otherwise, they would have had to adopt or reject it altogether, which, in case of rejection, would have been discourteous to the Com. If he had a house and garden where cattle ran at large, he might suffer loss and discomfort, but it was a question

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