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## Northumberland County Council

### County to Have New Court House at Last—Board of Health Tangle—New Valuation Ordered.

Tuesday, Jan. 16.—County Council resumed at 2 o'clock. Coun. J. Fred Benson of Chatham was elected warden. Standing committees were appointed as follows:—

County Accounts—Anderson, Parker, Connors, Lamont, Schofield.

Petitions—Vanderbeck, Johnston, O'Donnell, McNaughton, Chaisson.

Contingencies—Doyle, Swim, Burchill, Fowle, Forsythe.

Parish—Allain, Benson, Vanderbeck, Harrigan, Sullivan, Ullock, Lamont, Somers, Hayes, Weaver, O'Donnell, Arsenau, Kingston.

Visiting Alms House—Ullock, Benson, Pond.

Printing—Vanderbeck, Doyle, Connors.

Bye-Laws—Allain, Parker, Swim.

Visiting Jail—McNaughton, Weaver, Sullivan.

Alms House—Burchill, Chaisson, Johnston.

The sec-treasurer read a letter from the Chief Commissioner, asking why the county had not paid the \$30 voted for bridge lighting. He had not paid it because he did not understand that it had been voted.

Letters were read from Marine and Fisheries officials, asking for a gift of the strip of Shelldrake Island required by the range lights; one from the town clerk of Newcastle asking for the street plan; one from Attorney General Gimmer, calling attention to Judge White's strictures on the Newcastle Court-house, and the grand jury's presentment against it, and intimating that an indictment might issue against the county if a change for the better were not made and one from Margaret Howe, claiming damages for land that was taken for the steel bridge road. Referred to Petitions Com.

On motion Coun. Connors it was decided to lease by auction properties leased to L. Doyle and J. H. Phinney the upset price to be \$55 and \$25 respectively.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Coun. Burchill, seconded by Coun. Vanderbeck, moved for a reconsideration of the motion to lease the land now occupied by Messrs. Phinney and Doyle. Carried.

On motion of Coun. Burchill it was resolved that the council appoint a committee of three to examine all titles the council may have in respect to land, estimate its value and report fully to the council; and that the motion for the lease of the land held by Messrs. Phinney and Doyle lie on the table awaiting the report of the committee.

Coun. Parker, Burchill and Connors were appointed by the council on this committee.

The council passed the following accounts on the recommendation of the County Accounts committee through Coun. Anderson:—

T. H. Whalen, registrar \$140.00; Board of Health account, balance due fund \$1,089.16; E. P. Williston, with contingent fund, \$2,781.63; school account balance on hand \$9,765.20; Dr. Marvin, \$6.40; M. S. Benson, \$8.00; Dr. Weir, \$8.00; Auditor's Account \$87.00; Miramichi Steam Navigation Co., \$7.35; H. B. Carroll, consulting printers to govt. \$11.00; secretary-treasurer's stationary account, \$80.00; Dr. McGrath \$9.00, professional

services; parish clerks' account, \$84.00, charged to different parishes; Stohart Mercantile Co., coal \$30.37; M. Bannon, supplies, \$43.42; Stohart Mercantile Co., \$4.25; William Irving \$14.00; Dr. McGrath, \$8.00; Stohart Mercantile Co. \$10.50; D. & J. Ritchie, \$35.00; D. Morrison, \$72.50; William Troy, \$35.52; T. W. Butler, clerk of peace \$150.00; W. J. Groat \$5.00. The Commercial, printing, \$14.05; North Shore Leader, advertising \$1.50; secretary-treasurer's land fund acct., \$2,514.21; Dr. Duffy, professional services \$4.00; Dr. Duffy, services at inquest \$4.00; Dr. Desmond, professional services, \$43.35; High Sheriff \$144.00; J. J. McNeeley, \$31.89; Stohart Mercantile Co., \$26.04; secretary-treasurer's account filling school lists, \$47.50; jury fund account, showing \$54.00 owed county by province, William Irving, boarding prisoners, \$344.75.

Scott Act account was passed as follows:—Inspector's salary \$500.00; Counsel fee \$213.00; travelling expenses, \$206.50; constable and witness fees \$221.05; Justice's fees, \$64.00; postage and telegraph \$4.10, making a total of \$1,208.65. There was a balance of \$155.08 in the fund from 1911. With the deficit from the previous year there still remains a debt of \$3.50.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Following assessments were ordered:—

Roads—Blackville, \$1400; Rogersville, \$825; Newcastle, \$1100; Derby, \$600; South Esk, \$700; Ludlow, \$300; Nelson, \$1200; Pauper Lunatics—Chatham, \$325; Newcastle, \$155; Nelson, \$257.50.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

Following assessments were ordered:—

Roads—Glenelg, \$650; Northesk, \$780; Blissfield, \$500.

#### COURT HOUSE

Coun. Swim referred to the letter of the Attorney General, the charge of Judge White, and the presentment of the grand jury, in condemnation of the court house, and said the question of building a new one had been before the Council for 22 years. We were face to face with the necessity of acting one way or another. He was not inclined to increase assessments or to incur debt, but thought the county needs required an expenditure for a new court house. Those who are to come after have a right to share in the cost of a building that will be for their use. He would issue bonds for, say, \$35,000, of which \$1000 or so could be repaid yearly. The vaults of the registry building were out of date and it was absolutely necessary to have a safe place for the county papers. He moved that a committee of three be appointed to secure plans and estimates and proceed with the erection of a County building to cost not more than \$35,000, for which bonds be issued at 5 per cent. per year for 40 years.

Coun. Anderson said the county was free from bonded debt—a position to be proud of, and he would not consent to a bond issue. If they decided to build they should make provision for payment.

Coun. Sullivan wanted auditor postponed another year.

Coun. Doyle said that a new building was not necessary. He believed that from \$2000 to \$3000 would make the present building

all right. The County did not need a \$40,000 Court house. Coun. Anderson said that lawyers, with whom he had discussed the matter agreed with him that \$3000 would make the building suitable.

Coun. Forsythe said that the county was rich and should build a new court house.

Coun. Clarke condemned the present building, and supported the bond issue, the interest and sinking fund of which would not cost more than 17 cents per head per year.

Consideration was postponed. Couns. Doyle, Swim, Burchill, Connors and Lamont were appointed a committee to pass accounts in July, no July session of Council to be held.

Jas. W. Davidson was reelected auditor.

Couns. Connors, Doyle, Lamont and Burchill were appointed Land, Jail and Finance committee for this year.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

Letters were read from E. B. Fisher Sec. Prov. Board of Health, notifying Couns. Vanderbeck and Doyle that he had, in consequence of representations that had been made to him in respect to the prevalence of disease, appointed Col. Maltby, who had withdrawn his resignation as chairman, to take sole charge of Board of Health matters in Northumberland, with instructions to take stringent measures for stamping out the disease; and, Sept. 19th, that the colonel had resigned and the responsibility devolved once more on the board.

Couns. Doyle and Vanderbeck had replied that Col. Maltby's charges were excessive, and that the friction on the Board had been caused by the chairman's wanting to have everything his own way.

A letter from Hon. J. D. Hazen said all accounts must be rendered to the Council, and then to the Government and the Government would pay what it thought right.

Mr. Hazen had sent a copy of a letter from E. B. Fisher to the Government alleging that quarantine had been raised by the Northumberland Board of health while the disease was still in a building, and that the lumbermen were alarmed and demanded that Col. Maltby be given charge.

To this Couns. Doyle and Vanderbeck had replied that the allegations in Mr. Fisher's letter were false, that Col. Maltby was extravagant, and had ignored them because they had not agreed to some of his proposed expenditures which they had considered too high.

In reply to Coun. Anderson's question if the Board had found Neguac in as bad a state as Mr. Fisher had alleged, Coun. Vanderbeck said they had found 8 cases there in 4 houses and six cases in two houses in Rogersville.

In reply to Coun. Harrigan's question if the Government had power to dismiss the Board of Health, and give some one else charge, and then require the county to pay the bills, Clerk of the Peace Butler said the Government had reserved to itself the right to take charge of any health district but it was not clear who had to pay the bills. It was his opinion that the county was not liable for bills incurred by the Government appointees.

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## BOARD OF TRADE TO ADVERTISE NEWCASTLE Booklet to be Issued Telling of the Superior Advantages of This Town and Vicinity for Industrial Purposes.

There was an enthusiastic meeting on the 16th inst. of Newcastle Board of Trade.

Treasurer H. Williston showed a balance of \$110.56 on hand Oct. 31st.

Sec. E. A. McCurdy submitted advertising booklet issued by Amherst, and suggested a similar issue by Newcastle Board of Trade. He thought that such advertising of our advantages for industrial enterprises would bear much fruit.

Ald. John Clark and Hon. D. Morrison spoke in like strain.

On the County Councillors present being called upon, Warden-elect J. F. Benson, Couns. Swim, Anderson, Pond and O'Donnell spoke strongly in favor of advertising. Messrs. Swim, Pond and O'Donnell wanted better railway service between Boiestown and Newcastle, and Coun. Anderson a railway from Newcastle to Tracadie. Coun. O'Donnell urged Government assistance to farmers in matter of affording cheap fertilizer and asked why the subsidized flour mill in his section was allowed to close up.

Messrs. J. D. Craghan, C. E. Fish, Rev. W. J. Bate and S. W. Miller emphasized importance of

better railway facilities and of systematic advertisement.

Ex-Ald. Felyea of Newcastle agreed with Warden Benson that in advertising the Miramichi, Newcastle, Chatham and the County Council should co-operate, and made a motion to that effect.

An amendment, moved by Messrs. McCurdy and Craghan, that Newcastle Board issue its own booklet, was carried.

Ald. Butler showed that the East was as good as or better, from a farmer's standpoint, than the West.

W. J. Jardine explained his resolution introduced at the last meeting, relative to the system of taxation, favoring an increased valuation and a lower rate of taxation. Progressive place were abolishing the tax on improvements and the subject of taxation is worthy of the attention of the citizens of Newcastle.

Ald. Stuart seconded by Ald. Stables, moved that Mr. Jardine's motion and allied questions of taxation be laid over until the next night of meeting and that it be the first question discussed at that meeting.—Carried.

On motion of Ald. Butler seconded by Ald. Stables the meeting adjourned.

## SOCIALISTS MAKE GREAT GAINS CONDUCTOR MCPHERSON DEAD

### In the General Elections of the German Empire Now Being Held.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—The immense rally to the Socialist flag during the elections to the reichstag is indicated by the figures of the number of voters in fifty constituencies taken at random. These show that nearly 32 per cent. of the voters were Socialists and foreshadow an aggregate Socialist vote at the conclusion of the polling of 4,400,000.

208 of the 397 members were elected on the first ballot on the 12th inst., as follows:—

Conservatives, Anti-Socialists and Agrarians 54 as against 59 on first ballot in 1907.

Centre (Roman Catholic), Poles and Alsations 102, compared with 108 in 1907.

National Liberals, 5; five years ago, 18.

Radicals, 0; five years ago, 9.

Socialists, 64, as against 30 in 1907.

Independents, 2; at last election, 0.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—78 rebalots were held today. The Conservative groups elected 21; the Centre, 7; the National Liberals, 21; the Radicals, 17; Socialists, 8; and irregulars, 4. The Conservatives had a net loss of 3 and the Centre 3, while the National Liberals had a net gain of 5, the Radicals 7, and Socialists 3. The chief cause of the failure of the Socialists to make a better showing on the second ballots was refusal of the Liberal voters to support them. Many of the Liberals cast their votes for the Conservative candidates. There are 112 rebalots still to be taken.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 21.—Conductor Alex. McPherson one of the best known conductors on the I. C. R., passed away at his home in this city Saturday evening after about a month's illness of cancer of the stomach.

Conductor McPherson ran on the northern division of the I. C. R. his train being the Maritime express. He was well and favorably known by the travelling public, and was highly esteemed by all. He was sixty-eight years of age and had been on the Intercolonial thirty-five years. He was a prominent member of the Order of Railway Conductors, and the Masonic order.

About three years ago Conductor McPherson was injured in the abdomen by falling on his lantern, and it is believed this was the start of the trouble which ended in his death. He is survived by his wife, two brothers Charles and Duncan McPherson, of Oromocto, and one sister, Mrs. Stevens of Oromocto. Deceased was a native of Sunbury county. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the O. R. C. and Mason.

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Berlin, Jan. 22.—The Socialists as a result of today's rebaloting for members of the Reichstag lack only one of an even 100 seats. This was the outcome of another remarkable change in the political atmosphere, coupled with thirty-three victories by other left parties, which makes the chances of the "Blue-Black bloc," or government, of retaining its former majority more than doubtful.

The remainder of the rebalots will be taken on the 24th inst.

The total number of Socialists elected in 1907 was 43, which by gaining bye-elections lost at the time of dissolution in 1911 grew to 53. The Socialist vote in 1907 was 3,259,000.

## ESTIMATES VOTED FOR 1912

Total \$149,789,677 and increase  
of \$10,000.00 over last

Year

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—New Brunswick fares well in the estimates tabled today.

The total estimates are \$149,789,677, about \$10,000,000 greater than last year's.

Among items of interest to the North Shore are:—

Black River, renewal of superstructure, etc., of breakwater pier \$4,150.

Black River, wharf, \$800.

Chatham repairs to Custom House wharf, \$1,050.

Loggierville, repairs to wharf, \$2,000.

Miramichi Bay, dredging ship channel at Grande Dune Flats, \$40,000.

Campbellton, public building \$15,000.

Campbellton, deep water wharf accommodation, \$25,000.

Campbellton, head block to market wharf, \$1,500.

Miscoa, extension to wharf \$5,000.

Shippigan harbor, improvements and repairs at Shippigan wharf, \$3,000.

Tracadie, repairs to wharf, \$1,750.

Tracadie harbor, to build additional and repair old breakwater, \$5,000.

Grandigne, wharf, \$6,500.

Grande Anse, new groynes, \$2,000.

Green Point, breakwater, \$5,000.

Point Sapin, breakwater, \$18,000.

Rexton, to close pile and repair wharf, \$4,500.

St. Louis, dredging of channel and construction of training walls, \$1,000.

Buctouche, to repair breakwaters and breakwaters, \$900.

Harbors, rivers and bridges generally, repairs and improvements, \$25,000.

New dredging plant for maritime provinces, \$160,000, and for maritime province dredging, \$500,000.

To increase railway accommodation at Campbellton, \$160,000.

Chatham division, \$160,000.

Fredericton \$41,500.

Moncton, car shop equipment, new freight yard and cut off line, \$300,000.

Additional office building \$35,000; increase accommodation at St. John, \$37,300.

St. John, drill hall, \$150,000.

St. John, new post office, \$100,000.

Hudson Bay railway, \$2,000,000.

Trans-continental, \$25,000,000.

Quebec bridge, \$3,000,000.

For the operation of the intercolonial \$10,000,000 are voted, an increase of a half million, and for the Island road \$450,000, an increase of \$25,000.

For the operation of the St. John post office, \$67,397 is voted, an increase of \$2,037.

For the annual drill of the militia there is voted \$1,730,000, which is an increase of \$405,000.

Naval service, \$1,660,000, cut down from \$3,000,000, voted last year.

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