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COUNTY COUNCIL.

Annual Meeting of Northumberland County Councilors.

(Continued from Wednesday's issue.)

On motion of Coun. Swin the following Stated returns passed: Wm Swin collector; Jared Betts, cor. rates; Jared Betts, High Murray, Cor Weaver and John T Bamford, highway comrs.

On motion of Coun. Swin the following Derby returns passed: John Russell, Danie Harrigan, John A Parks, highway comrs.; John Clouston, cor. rates; Chris Crocker, col. rates.

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which shows a deficit of \$1891, a decrease of \$100 from the previous year, 1897.

The aggregate deficit list to the contingent fund amounts to \$900 against \$1,000 for 1897, a slight improvement.

We advise that collectors of rates be more prompt in their collections.

Respectfully submitted, John Betts, Wm Anderson, Wm Kerr, D Morrison, F D Swin.

Coun. Betts moved the adoption of the report.

Coun. Kerr called the attention of the council to the clause in reference to abolishing the July session.

He had signed it and was in favor of it, but wanted members to understand what they were voting on.

Coun. Sullivan spoke strongly against the abolition of the July session.

He had opposed this before, and not one ratepayer had questioned the wisdom of this course.

He would, if necessary, stand alone in support of the July session.

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ling to pay all the costs incurred in the case tried by Messrs Fraser and McCuller. He moved that the balance in the hands of the sec-treasurer from these cases be returned to Chatham, but withdrew the motion and allowed the returns to pass on being assured that he could make his motion a later stage.

Inspector Menzies' account of costs passed, also the return of the Chatham police magistrate.

Adjourned till 2 30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Millstream Boom Company's rate was increased from 5 to 10 cents and the report on Mrs. Anderson's petition was passed.

Coun. Jones reported, from the committee on Alms House Accounts, that the accounts were correct and nearly kept. There were 12 males in the institution, 9 females and 10 children.

The report recommended the following assessment for the year 1899:

Chatham.....\$600 Northesk.....\$100 Newcastle.....\$200 Ludlow.....\$200 Alnwick.....\$200 Derby.....\$150 Hardwick.....\$100 Blackville.....\$200

The usual discussion took place on this report, Coun. Sullivan leading off by objecting to Hardwick's share of the assessment and that the portion of Newcastle's should be reduced, while Coun. Kerr put in a similar claim for Chatham.

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Murdock. This was not the first time that the matter had been brought before the Council. They had asked for power to make by-law to license peddlers, but no good results had followed.

Some of these peddlers had set up in town after the assessment had been made, and left before another assessment.

They get police protection, etc, and pay nothing. Country people complain that they are forced to buy from peddlers to get them out of their houses.

It was difficult to tell their names, but the Legislature did not take kindly to the proposal that they be sent to the Legislature, the committee to report on Friday.

Coun. Anderson said there were more nuisances than dry goods peddlers—the agents for agricultural implements and wagons who went around and persuaded people to give notes which they were not able to pay.

Every other man in a country you spoke to had a note coming due and feared to be put to trouble about it. He would be glad if the committee would take this matter into consideration.

The warden said the council had the power now to deal with non-resident peddlers.

The motion passed, and the following committee was chosen—Morrison, Connors, Anderson.

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On motion the petition of Peter Doffy was taken up.

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to look into the claim and report at next January session.

Committee on bills and accounts report and recommended payment as follows:

No. 1. J. H. DeVeber, \$2. No. 2. C. P. Dykeman, audit book, \$1.50. No. 3. Wm Brander, \$71.24. No. 4. Abner M. Byles, bill, \$2, disallowed.

Wm Nevors, crar, \$2. No. 6. R. T. Babbit, \$32. No. 7. Miss Ella Simpson, \$11.21. No. 8. J. A. Stewart, \$3. No. 9. J. A. Stewart, \$2, disallowed.

No. 10. C. B. Colwell, \$8, paid less \$2. No. 11. Chas. Lecky, \$2. No. 12. C. J. Guler, \$1.

Moved and seconded that parish rates be first business in morning council.

Carried.

Moved and seconded that Sheriff Reid, Duncan Farrar and Peter Knight be a committee to sell Thatch Island grass next year, and that Sheriff Reid be assessor. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass reads petition of A. L. Guler, applying for wilderness land on Thatch Island for term of six years.

After hearing Mr. Guler and Mr. Nelson it was ordered that prayer of petition be granted and that committee be ordered to fix boundaries and give lease of same.

Committee appointed to examine auditor's report report that they find it correct. Report adopted.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY.

Mr. A. H. Hamilton presided at the annual meeting of the Horticultural Association held Wednesday afternoon in the rooms of the Bellef and Aid Society.

The members present were Secretary James Reynolds, C. A. Everett, J. V. Ellis, M. P. R. B. Emmerson, C. P. Clarke, J. M. Taylor, Joseph Allison, Hon. J. B. Ritchie, Geo. Robertson, William Hawker, J. C. Knott, the association's gardener, who was also present.

Reports were received from officers and committees. The directors, in their report, dealt fully with the year's work, and outlined some plans for the future. It was an encouraging document.

The gardens and grounds committee, through Mr. Joseph Allison, reported the work on the grounds. The grant from the city was \$300 and the amount spent was over \$1600. The report recommended that the common council be asked for \$300.

Gardener Knott, in his report gave details of his work and acknowledged receipt of donations of material from friends of the association.

Mr. G. S. Fisher, from the park construction committee's report, told of the betterment of the park during the year. The attractions committee, through Mr. A. H. Hamilton, warmly recommended the work of Mr. G. S. Fisher, chairman of the construction committee, who gave both time and energy.

The report speaks favorably of Mr. W. Lilliam Hall's management of the coffee house and the boats. It recommends a renewal lease to Mr. Hall if he see fit. Thanks are returned to donors of the park collection of animals and birds.

Mr. J. V. Ellis, M. P. P., for the exhibition committee reported on the show held during the year. The report said the flower show should be continued, though it was a question whether financial aid would secure.

For the prize list committee Mr. J. M. Taylor reported. He expressed the view that the flower exhibitions should not be continued unless there are grounds to hope for better attendance.

Mr. G. U. Hay, chairman of the arboretum committee, reported that about 30 acres were planted last spring on the city square. The trees on both squares were pruned. That work should be continued.

The accounts of Mr. Joseph Allison, treasurer, showed that he had on hand last year \$38.35 on account of the park fund. Among his receipts were \$2300 city grant to the park; Mrs. Whetzel, ice cutting privilege, \$250; Geo. A. Balafield and C. O. Baker \$200 each, 4 medals; Mrs. Massey-Harris Co. \$12; Mr. E. Bates \$5; groceries picnic, \$170; voting contest for name of park, \$33.72; salaries per E. Hamilton, \$161.84, and sundries \$30. The expenditure on the park exceeded the receipts by \$465.57; the total amount paid on this account being \$445.23.

On garden and grounds account the disbursements were \$1,558.56. Among the receipts on this account were \$780 membership fees; \$500 city grant for 1898; profit on flower sale, \$18.37; cash taken from park accounts, \$26.73; there were some other receipts, making up a total of \$1,683.83, leaving a balance on hand of \$14.67.

The general account with the Bank of New Brunswick showed that the \$15,000 in bonds had been sold, realizing \$15,078.92; the indebtedness of \$2,099 had been repaid out of this, and the payments on capital made, making in all \$2,091.82 more, the balance being on special deposit.

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