

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTS A NEW WARDEN.

The municipal council of the city and county of St. John met in regular session at the Court House building Tuesday afternoon. The meeting, which was one of importance, was called to order by Warden Maxwell, who was in the chair, and there were also present Councillors Daniel, Hildyard, Seaton, Colwell, Waring, Tait, Allan, Macrae, Milledge, Christie, McGoldrick, Barnhill, Catherwood, Lowell, McLeod, Lee, Horgan, Hargrove, Foxes, Cochran, Dean and Hargrove.

Retiring Councillor ex-Mayor Sears was also present and before the regular business was proceeded with, made a few remarks of a farewell nature. His association during his term of office as councillor, said he, were of a pleasant and congenial nature and he retired with the best of feeling towards the members who composed the municipal body.

Councillor Christie then moved that Councillor McGoldrick be chosen warden for the ensuing year. Councillor Robinson seconded the motion and Councillor Baxter moved that Councillor McGoldrick be unanimously chosen warden for the ensuing year. Motion carried without a dissenting voice.

The warden elect was not present and the county secretary instructed the meeting that it would be quite in order for Warden Maxwell to fetch his seat until the newly elected warden arrived.

Warden Maxwell said that although the newly elected warden was not present it would be quite in keeping with the usual order of business to make a few retiring remarks and forthwith read the following address:

Gentlemen—One year ago you did me the honor to elect me warden of this municipality. I have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties of this office during the year. I have to thank you most sincerely for the assistance and support you have given me. The regular meetings of the council have been well attended, harmonious and profitable. The different committees have been regularly and conscientiously working to advance the various interests entrusted to us.

Legislative.

The bills and by-laws committee have carried out the instructions of this council. And we have now a new highway act which will be found more adaptable to the different parishes, and will assist highway boards and parish collectors in the performance of their duties. The act with reference to the performance of hard labor has been amended so that the magistrate can impose sentences on short-term prisoners. I trust this council will provide means for enforcing this law to the uttermost.

County Jail.

The condition of the county jail should receive your serious attention. The present building, since the removal of the penitentiary to Dorchester, was, and is being used as a prison for all persons, male and female, sentenced to any term under two years. For this purpose the present building is altogether inadequate. The cells are overcrowded and prisoners are crowded in many cases all chances of reform. The sheriff of the county buildings committee to the matter several times, and I am convinced that prompt measures should be taken for the enlargement of the present building, the introduction of better sanitary arrangements, and the providing of steady employment of some kind for the prisoners.

The improvement and repairs to the registry office, ordered at the last session of this council, will be carried out at once by the building committee.

During the continued illness of the county treasurer I have attended regularly at the treasurer's office and all cheques for payment of accounts, I have also examined the books and am pleased to report that the work of the office is being carried out by the efficient clerk, Mr. R. Rowe, who was placed there by Mr. DeVeler. I am informed that the county treasurer is improving very much in health and would suggest that the work of the office be continued as at present, provision being made at this session for the signing of all cheques.

I regret that the report of the auditor of the county and parish accounts will not be ready to lay before you at this meeting. The sudden and dangerous illness of the auditor, Mr. Richard Whitehead, preventing his completion of the work in time. The reports from the different institutions and the returns of the parish officers have all been filed and printed reports of the auditor will be ready at the July session of the council.

The standing committees of the council seem to be unusually large. I would respectfully suggest to you that nine committees composed each committee, one councillor from each of the parishes and five from the city, might be as effectively done and the expenses materially reduced.

Court House.

The improvement of the court house building and the providing of proper heating and sanitary arrangements are receiving the careful attention of the buildings committee. Carefully prepared plans, specifications and estimates of cost, together with a report on the same, will be laid before you at the next meeting.

Finances.

The auditor's report for the year ending 31st December, 1899, shows the total funded debt of the county at that date to be \$46,500. To this must be added the amount of almshouse loan debentures issued in 1899 of \$13,000, making a total funded debt at this date of \$59,500. The cash balance on current account in bank cash balance on current account in bank Dec. 31, 1899, amounted to \$12,763.26; cash balance on May 5, 1900, \$10,042.23. I find that there are eight school loan debentures of \$500 each, or \$4,000 for which we are paying 5 per cent. interest. I would recommend that these debentures be paid at once from current account which would result in a saving of interest to the municipality.

During the year I have received much valuable assistance and have found him a county secretary and have found him at all times a willing, careful and efficient official.

Trusting that my successor may have the same hearty support and assistance which I have received at your hands, I conclude,

Your obedient servant,
ROBERT MAXWELL.

The report of the finance committee was then submitted and was as follows:

To the warden and Council of the Municipality of the City and County of St. John:

Capital of the City and County of St. John.

The committee of finance and accounts beg leave to report as follows:

They recommend that the following assessments be made upon the city and county for the several services and purposes named and in the same proportion as the city of St. John upon the parishes of St. Martin, Simonds, Lancaster and Musquash in the county of St. John, and with the same allowance to assessors and collectors as last year, to-wit:

For the contingencies of the county as per detailed statement here-with, \$17,420
For the alms house and work houses, 14,650
For common schools under census 1891, 16,320
For the local board of health salaries and other contingent expenses, 3,600
For the payment of interest on debentures issued by the municipality as follows:
Alms house (2nd series), \$500
Alms house (issue of Aug. 1, 1899) int., 500
Alms house (issue of Aug. 1, 1899) sinking fund, 150
School loan, 500
Hospital loan, 1,500

3,120

Total general assessment, \$53,950

Special:

For county revisers' fees and other contingent expenses on making up register of voters for the county:

For county revisers:
Parish of St. Martin, \$120.37
Parish of Simonds, 250.60
Parish of Musquash, 22.90
Special, parish of Lancaster, 1,735.03

2,150

Total assessments, \$56,080

The committee recommend payment of the following amounts, such payment to be made out of the contingent fund, except as otherwise directed:

The provincial lunatic asylum maintenance of pauper patients, quarterly ending 31st March, 1900, \$227.50

Knovilton & Gilchrist, insurance on jail barn, 13.34

Telegraph Publishing Company, advertising notice hard labor bill 4.50

Saint John Globe, advertising tenders for debentures, 13.00

The Sun Printing Company, advertising notice highways act, 7.50

Geo. A. Knodell, printing, 30.80

The county secretary, sundries, 13.00

W. H. Bowman, repair to county jail, 61.84

O. H. Warwick, custodian, treasurer's office, 50

Bills of Coroner Barryman and Coroner Roberts were considered by the committee and held over for further consideration and explanation, it appearing that in many cases views were held on bodies when there was not the slightest ground for suspicion of foul play. The committee desire it to be distinctly understood by the coroners that such bills will not be paid by this council.

The committee also had before them a bill from J. H. Scammell, M. D., for three certificates of lunacy, and from D. E. Barryman, M. D., for six certificates of lunacy. The committee are of the opinion that in these cases the law has not been complied with. They therefore recommend that the bills be not paid.

The committee desire to call the attention of the council to the fact that only two of the justices of the peace in this county have made returns to the secretary as required by law.

The committee therefore recommend that unless such returns are made within ten days the secretary be authorized to report all justices of the peace refusing or neglecting to comply with the law in the respect, to the lieutenant governor in council, with a request under the seal of this municipality that they be removed from office.

The attention of the committee having been called to an alleged defalcation of J. Allen Colwell, formerly a collector of rates and taxes for the parish of Musquash, amounting to upwards of six hundred dollars. They recommend that a special committee be appointed to consider the matter, with power to act, and if deemed advisable, to instruct the secretary to commence legal proceedings against the sureties of the said collector.

The committee recommend that the sheriff be authorized to employ extra help during the time of the present turkey vacation, the expense thereof not to exceed the sum of sixty dollars.

In the matter of the communication of Mr. Roakes in reference to taxes on his property at Drury Cove, Mr. Roakes was heard in reference thereto. The committee are of opinion that the matter complained of is fixed by law and that this council has no power to act.

Warden Elett McGoldrick arrived and was escorted to the chair by Councillors Christie and Robinson, never and second of the motion that he be elected warden.

Councillor McGoldrick, in taking the chair, briefly referred to the honor that had been conferred upon him.

Councillor Christie, as chairman of the finance committee, moved that the report of that committee, already submitted, be adopted. Councillor Lee suggested that the percentage paid assessors be changed to 4 per cent, and the percentage paid collectors be changed to 5 per cent. Councillor Lee's suggestion was incorporated in the report.

Councillor Robinson asked for information as to the taxes paid by Mr. Roakes, referred to in the report.

Ald. Milledge moved that the taxes be collected in accordance with the boundary line.

Ald. Robinson thought it preposterous that Mr. Roakes should have to pay taxes for fire protection, etc., when his property is situated adjacent to Brookville or some miles from the city proper, although the property is in reality Stanley ward.

Ald. Robinson said Mr. Roakes had been assessed in both city and county on the same property. There were really three boundary lines.

Ald. Macrae moved that the section in reference to Mr. Roakes' taxes be referred back to the finance committee.

Councillor Christie was opposed to the section going back. The matter to be determined was the boundary line and the committee had no authority to change it. Councillor Macrae's motion was lost and the report was adopted as a whole.

It was moved and carried that \$1,000 be added to the estimate for the parish of Lancaster.

The registrar of probate recommended more shelving for the registry office. Referred to building committee.

A bill from John D. Driscoll, amounting to \$31.25, for injuries to a horse that was hurt on the Red Head road by falling in

to a hole, was referred to the finance committee to report.

William Quilty asked to be appointed constable at Bay Shore. The communication was laid on the table.

Richard Whiteside was nominated for the auditorship by Councillor Maxwell and was elected.

Councillor Christie moved that Richard Coughlan be appointed marshal and keeper of the dead house. Motion carried.

Councillor Lee moved the secretary be instructed to issue licenses to all qualified fisher surveys and payment of the necessary fees. Motion carried.

The following list of parish officers was submitted and approved of:

Parish of Simonds.

Collector of rates—James H. Bowers.

Assessors of rates—James Lee, Jeremiah Hogan, John J. Wallace.

Revisers of electors lists—Joseph Lee, Daniel Horgan.

Parish clerk—Alex. J. Johnston.

Commissioners of highways—William Adams, Robert G. Stewart.

Commissioners of highways—Peter Dolan, Martin Graham, Robert McLeod.

Parish of Musquash.

Parish clerk—George Anderson.

Collector of rates and taxes—William A. Gallant.

Assessors of rates and taxes—John A. Clark, George L. Hargrove, James M. Wenn.

Commissioners of highways—David McAdam, Robert J. Jones, Thomas Casadon.

Third man on highway board, H. Nelson Skinning Jr.

Surveyors of highways—District No. 1, Rudolph Hephart, William Chittick; No. 2, David Thompson; No. 3, Jas. Casadon.

2,150

Parish of Lancaster.

Assessors of rates—T. H. Wilson, William Fox, William Cunningham.

Collector of rates—H. P. Allingham.

Parish clerk—A. D. Gault.

Commissioners of highways—John Barnett, James Legeat, Edward Betts.

Wood and bark measures—George Irvine, John D. Kelly.

Field drivers—John D. Day, Robert Hennessey, Nathan Canning, Morgan O'Regan.

Poundkeepers—John D. Day, Morgan O'Regan, Welford Marks, Edward Logie, Nathan Canning, Dennis Moore.

Fire wardens—James Masson, Robert Irvine, Albert Hanson.

Boon masters—James Long, B. F. Baker.

Revisers—Robert Catherwood, James Lovell.

Commissioners—James Long, Albert Spence, William Usher.

Surveyors—William Lowery, George Burns.

Collector of rates—Henry Gillinath.

District clerk—James Gilbrath.

Poundkeeper—John Baird, Samuel Cunningham.

Parish of St. Martin.

Road surveyors—Joshua Prescott, Daniel Armstrong, Philip Black, Robert Connolly, G. Brown, Richard Long, Henry Dunlop, John McCumber, John Black, William Bridges, C. F. Black, Robert Gilis, O. P. Brown, Thomas W. Moller, R. Black, Samuel Osborn, Richard Hosford, William Rorndon, Sanford Law, John Crofton, Robert Merritt, John Verne, David Hayes, James Maxwell, Thomas Love, John Johnson, John Duncan, James Kingston, George Baxter, James Irvine, John A. Mack, William Sullivan, John Hensford, A. McKay, J. V. Reed.

Weigher of hay—William Outhorn.

Parish clerk—Thomas W. Martin.

Constables—John G. Lewis, G. Mosser, John C. Boyer, John Minette, George Law, Christopher Burnside, Daniel Brown, Samuel C. Osborn, George Paine.

By-road commissioners—Michael R. Daley, Richard Davidson, Patrick McKelvie.

Highway commissioners—S. J. Shanklin, Herbert Brown, William H. Rourke.

Poundkeepers—John C. Boyer, James Cander, John Dunlop, Andrew Sullivan, William Patterson, William Burnside, John Vernon, David Hayes, George Baxter, Thomas Love.

Field drivers—William Burnside, John Paine, James Vernon, Jacob Ross, James McHugh, James Fawcett, Charles Burns, Daniel Brown.

Commissioners on rates and taxes—William Smith, Michael Kelly, H. E. Gilmore.

Collector of rates and taxes—William J. Morrow.

The appointment of Councillor Colwell the appointment of the Bay Shore constables was left to the warden and county secretary. The constables will be controlled by the county secretary.

It was decided to assess the following amounts for the various parishes for highways:

Parish of Lancaster, \$3,000

Parish of Simonds, 1,553

Parish of Musquash, 400

Councillor Lee moved that \$400 be loaned by the county treasurer to the parish of Simonds. Motion carried.

Councillor Foxes moved that \$75 be loaned to the parish of St. Martin. Motion carried.

Councillor Dean moved that \$200 be advanced to the parish of Musquash. Motion carried.

Councillor Barnhill moved that \$1,000 be advanced to the parish of Lancaster. Motion carried.

The appointment of standing committees was taken up and Councillor Maxwell moved that in future each committee consist of one member from each of the parishes and five members from the city. Motion carried and the following committees were decided upon:

Finance and accounts—Christie (chairman), the warden, Armstrong, Colwell, White, Robinson, Riddick, Lee, Dean, Catherwood.

County buildings—The warden, McMillan (chairman), Hildyard, Maxwell, Waring, Baxter, McLeod, Cochran, Lowell, Dean.

Bills for legislation—Milledge (chairman), the warden, Daniel, Seaton, Armstrong, Baxter, McLeod, Cochran, Lowell, Dean.

Public and school lands—Colwell (chairman), the warden, Waring, Baxter, White, Horgan, Catherwood, Lee, Armstrong.

To act with sheriff in re hard labor—Maxwell (chairman), Hargrove, McLeod, Moore, Tufts, Baxter, Foxes, Lowell.

Relief of indigent ratepayers—Barnhill (chairman), Horgan, McLeod, Cochran, Milledge, Hildyard, Waring, Macrae.

In addition to the revisers contained in the list of parish officers, Councillors Foxes and Cochran were appointed revisers for the parish of St. Martin.

Councillors Barnhill and Catherwood

were appointed commissioners for the Lancaster ferry.

Councillor Lee moved a resolution to the effect that a committee be appointed to deal with the boundary line between the county and the city in the parish of Simonds. Motion carried.

Councillor Maxwell moved that the secretary be instructed to report referring to repairs to the county jail, be referred to the existing buildings committee. Motion carried.

Councillor Lee moved that the amount to the credit of the peddlers' license fund be distributed as provided by law. Motion carried.

Councillor Maxwell moved that Councillors Robinson and Milledge be added to the buildings committee, in consideration of repairs to the jail. Motion carried.

Councillor Macrae moved that a committee be appointed to be empowered to prepare regulations in reference to the act recently passed in reference to bird catching, the committee to report back. Motion carried.

Councillor Dean said he had a grievance to bring before the meeting. There was a dispute regarding the boundary line between the parishes of Lancaster and Musquash and there was some difficulty as to a break in reference to collecting taxes. The matter was left to the representatives from the above parishes.

On motion of Councillor Foxes the names of the representatives from the parishes of St. Martin were substituted for the names of representatives from Simonds on the public and school lands committee.

Councillors Lee, Horgan, Christie, Robinson and Hildyard were appointed a committee to confer with the common council in reference to Mr. Roakes' taxes.

On motion of Councillor Robinson the usual fee was ordered to be paid the constable.

Councillor Dean moved that eight per cent be paid the collector in the parish of Musquash instead of 15 per cent. The matter laid over.

The following committee was chosen to deal with the alleged defalcation of the collector for the parish of Musquash in compliance with a suggestion in the finance committee's report: Councillors Lee, Horgan, Hildyard, Robinson and Christie.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Milwaukee is Back at Halifax From St. Helena.

Halifax, May 8.—After having traversed nearly 15,000 miles of ocean the steamer Milwaukee arrived here this morning from St. Helena. As the fourth transport carrying Canadian troops to South Africa, this voyage of the Milwaukee, in common with those of the other transports, must have a prominent place in the history of the Empire. In addition to carrying the Canadian Mounted Rifles to South Africa, the Milwaukee has had a remarkable experience in having transported General Croft, Colonel Schiel and over 500 Boer prisoners to St. Helena. The Milwaukee remained at Cape Town 10 days, when she sailed for Simons Bay. She was joined by the first class cruiser Niobe, Gen. Cronje, Col. Schiel and the other Boer prisoners were taken on board, also a guard of over 100 men. The steamer sailed for St. Helena on April 3, accompanied by the Niobe. Captain Webster said the prisoners would have given but little trouble had it not been for Col. Schiel, who kept stirring them up and was continually planning to escape. Getting some of the odds to help him, he made an attempt just on arriving at St. Helena. A Dutch man-of-war steamed near the Milwaukee and it was said she was going into St. Helena for coal. In the night Col. Schiel and his accomplices endeavored to lower the boats, intending to get on board the Dutchman, probably with Cronje. They were discovered, however, in time and the Niobe soon forced the foreigner to make herself scarce.

The prisoners sang hymns at the top of their voices continually day and night, until it became somewhat wearisome, as all hands on board were kept awake. The steamer reached St. Helena on the 10th and left on the 13th of April for Halifax. The weather was fine up to a few days ago and the steamer made splendid time, notwithstanding growth of moss, the result of being in a tropical climate. Captain Webster said some of the steamers had a lot of this growth on them, which all prevented them making any headway.

R. R. Williamson, first engineer of the Milwaukee, speaking to Gen. Cronje, said he would be brooding deeply when alone. He would sit for hours outside his cabin looking out over the sea, or even with his head out on deck. He expressed quite indignantly but when asked would try to brighten up.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that representations had been made to the government on the subject. It was suggested that duty on news print should be removed and it was also suggested that post-duties should be abolished. While the government had not at any definite step it was being considered whether the fire mentioned had occasioned such a state of affairs as to have the duty taken off.

Mr. Gibson (Lancet) opposed any change as the paper mills now operating in Canada could not all the paper that was required.

Mr. Richardson (Lancet) said that the publishers in the west were being held up on account of the existing conditions of affairs to the tune of 60 and 100 per cent.

Mr. Henderson (Hartford) did not believe in any change.

Mr. McMillan expressed the opinion, and was applauded, that if Canadian paper mills would supply news paper at the same prices as were being done for the past six months then there would be no necessity for interfering. The Canadians ought to get a chance, but if they could not meet the demand it was necessary for the government to act. If the Canadian manufacturers will make contracts to supply paper for six months at the same prices as the past six months they should get the preference.

A bill to make further provision respecting grants of land to members of the militia force on active service in the Northwest was read a third time.

An act to amend the weights and measures act was also read a third time. This bill provides for a standard apple barrel, which will hold 93 imperial quarts instead of 103 as at present.

Mr. James T. Gillespie has purchased for \$2,500 Mr. A. B. MacLean's residence on Princess street.

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