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#### COUNTY COUNCIL.

JUNE SESSION.

The June session of Victoria County Council was opened on Tuesday afternoon last, the Warden in the chair, and the following members present : Messrs. Adams, Ashman, Bailey (Bexley), Bailey (Emily), Bick, Brown, Bryans, Broad, Carmichael, Connolly, Cocper, Cook, Daniels, Diament, Dickson, Downer, Fell, Heaslip, Junkin, Mark, McMurray, McClelland, Stephenson, Smith, Taylor, Tookey. Absent, Mr. Leary. The minutes of last day of January session were read and adopted.

WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Victoria:

GENTLEMEN, -The usual business required by the statute to be transacted at the June session, namely, the equalization of the assessment of the respective municipalities and the levying of rates for county and other purposes will demand your careful attention.

A portion of the township of Harvey in the county Peterborough having been annext to the township of Verulam, the equalization of the latter municipality will require re-arrangements. The necessary information as to the acreage and assessed value of the annexed portion will be laid before you. The Auditors' report and detail statements

of receipts and expenditures for the year 1878, the estimates for the current year, and statements showing the position of the respective sinking funds and of unpaid county rates will be laid before you. The Treasurer, acting with my concur-

rence, visited Toronto last month and purchased debentures of the township of Flos amounting to \$4,500, on the account of the railway sinking fund. The price paid was 98 per cent. The recommendation of the Finance com-

mittee relating to the general sinking funds adopted at the January session, has been carried out, an arrangement having been made with the Bank of Montreal for the deposit of all moneys at the credit of these funds, to bear at least 41 per cent. in the meautiu.e.

I communicated with the Warden of the county of Peterborough in the month of April with reference to the north bridge in the village of Bobcaygeon. He informs me that he has been advised that the relation of the two counties with respect to the Bobcaygeon bridge has been effected by the act detaching the portion of Harvey lying west of Pigeon lake from the county of Peterborough. The question of joint, liability may have to be decided anew, and I would commend the subject to your carnest consider-

As decided by you at the January session I wrote the inspector of Prisons respecting the proposed alterations in the gaol, asking him to appoint a time for a conference with your committee. Under date of the 28th of February he informed me he would name a day a fortnight before this meeting, but I regret the arrangement has not been carried out on his part, and the matter is still in

A circular has been received from the Minister of Education giving a summary of the recent amendments to the school law. Several or these amendments affect the ed ucational interests which come more immediately under the supervision of the county council.

I would also call your attention to the responsibility which is now placed on assessors with regard to the census.

The suit between this county and the Whitby, Port Perry and Lindsay Railway Company is still pending. The County Solicitor will appear before the Finance Committee and furnish any information that may be desired.

I have received a number of communcations besides those referred to, all of which will be laid before you.

I cannot conclude without expressing the hope that this year, by the blessing of Providence an abundant harvest will be reaped, a hope which is strengthened by the present excellent appearance of the growing crops.-I am, gentlemen, your obedient

CHAS. FAIRBAIRN, Warden Council Chamber. Lindsay, 10th June, 1879.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Daniel, Messrs. Fell, Connolly Tookey, Carmichael, Daniel and the mover were appointed a committee to consider and report on the Warden's address.

PETITIONS. On motion of Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Fell, the petition of Mr. Joseph Greer and others relating to a certai road was received read, and referred to the committee. on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. Heaslip, seconded by Mr. Bryans, the petition of W. A. Silverwood and seventy-eight others asking a grant for expenditure on the boundary line between Bexley and Eldon from the boundary of Fenelon to the Victoria road, was received and read and referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE.

On motion of Mr. Fell, seconded by Mr. Connolly, the following members were constituted a special committee to equalize the assessment of the respective municipalities for the year 1878, for the purpose of levying county rates for the present year, viz.

Messrs. Carmichael, Adam, Tookey, Danie Heaslip, Dickson, Cooper, Stephenson and the mover.

The Council then adjourned till Wednesday at 2 o'clock, p. m.

WEDNESDAY.

The Council met at 3 p. m. All the mem bers present except Messrs. Bryans an Junkin. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS,

The Warden read the following communications :-

From the Reeve of Bexley asking the county to purchase school debentures.

Telegram from Mr. H. Hayes, Toronto, informing the Council that the Inspector of Prisons had been called out of town an would not return to the city before Friday.

From Mr. H. Hughes, crier of the court, asking the Council to furnish him with a suitable gown, similar to that worn by other criers in the province-on the ground that it was necessary in maintaining the dignity of the court.

From Capt. Thirkell, Capt. Cottingham and Capt. Kennedy, asking in lieu of the Government not having made any provision for the men's rations at the batallion camp to be held at head-quarters in the fall that the Council grant 25c. per diem to each man during his absence on duty. The petition stated that the men would not be absent more than seven days.

A VOLUNTEER GRANT.

Mr. Dickson moved, seconded by Mr. Downer, that the captain of the Fenelon Falls Volunteer Company be paid the sum of \$20 per annum for taking care of the arms of said company since organization in 1874. The mover pointed out that Lindsay and Omemee had not only been supplied with drill sheds but that they had each been receiving a grant of \$20 since 1872 for a care-

Mr. Bick considered that Fencion Falls Company should be placed on the same footing as the other companies in the county and Mr. Tookey spoke to the same effect.

Capt. Kennedy was on motion heard respecting the matter. He showed that the Fenelon Falls Company had no drill shed and that the Government made no allowance for an armory so that he had to pay the rent of the armory out of the grant of the Government for taking care of the arms. He merely asked that the same grant be given Fencion Falls Company that other companies had been receiving.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S VISIT.

Mayor Deacon was on motion heard re-

The motion was carried.

specting a proposed reception to the Governor-General and Princess Louise in the fall. of Mariposa. He stated that His Excellency and the Princess would be in Toronto in September to open the new permanent Agricultural and Arts Exhibition building and that they would make that city their headquarters for four or five weeks, from which they purpos ed making short visits to the towns and cities in the vicinity. He had written some time ago to Mr. Hector Cameron, M. P., and asking his co-operation in inducing the Bridge Committee. Governor and Princess to pay Lindsay a visit and he submitted a reply received from Mr. Cameron which stated that he (Mr. C.) had called upon the Governor-General's secretary and tendered the invitation to visit Victoria county-at the same time giving him the various routes by which Lindsay

might be reached from Toronto Major De Winton, the secretary, stated that the time of the Governer-General and Princess would would be very much occupied but that he would submit Mayor Deacon's letter to His Excellency for consideration. He(Mayor Deacon) had corresponded with the Mayor of Peterboro' and an application was to be n:ade therefor the co-operation of the County Council of Peterboro' and a similar application would be made by Col. Williams, M. P. Port Hope. There was nothing certain about the visit but he was convinced that if the County Councils would unite in extending an invitation it would be accepted. He considered if a reception were given it should be well done, but, the expense would be mainly borne by the town of Lindsay by subscription and the County Council would

REPLY TO THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

On motion of Mr. Tookey, seconded by

Mr. Brown, the report of the special committee appointed to consider the Warden's address was submitted and adopted as fol--

be merely asked to place their chamber at

trusted the council would give the matter

consideration before they adjourned.

To the municipal Council of the County of Victoria:

GENTLEMEN. -- Your committee have confidence that the equalization of the assess-ment and other business prescribed by the statute will be disposed of with due consid. eration.

Your committee trust the auditors' report and other statements relating to the finance of the county will be fully dealt with by the

Finance committee. Your committee commend the action of the Warden and Treasurer in the purchase of debentures on account of the railway sinking fund and in opening an account with the Bank of Montreal for the deposit of moneys

at the credit of the general sinking funds. Your committee are impressed with the importance of the question raised by the Warden of the county of Peterborough with reference to the Bobcaygeon bridges, and trust the committee on roads and bridges will recommend decided action in the mat-Your committee regret that no progress

alterations in the gaol building. but trust the Inspector of Prisons will meet with the committee of the council appointed for that purpose before the end of the session. Your committee would commend the consideration of the recent amendments to the

has been made in the matter of the proposed

school law to the standing committee on education. Your committee trust the suit between the county and the Whitby, Port Perry and Lindsay Railway Company will be brought to an early and satisfactory conclusion.

Your committee trust the hope expressed by the Warden with regard to the coming harvest will be fully realized.

All of which is respectfully submitted. JAMES TOOKEY, Chairman. Committee Rooms,

Lindsay, 11th June, 1879. EQUALIZATION OF ASSESSMENT.

On motion of Mr. Fell, seconded by Mr. Heaslip, the report of the special committee appointed to equalize the assessment of the various townships in the county and for the purpose of levying the rate for the present year was submitted.

The council went into committee on the

Mr. Dickson moved that the assessment at Fenelon Falls be reduced from \$150,000 to \$125,000--Lost.

Mr. Smith moved that the assessment of Bracebridge be reduced from \$75,000 to \$60,-000. He objected to raising the amount from \$50,000 to 75,000 and said that the committee must have thought Bracebridge was a city. Most of the buildings in Bracebridge were of wood and the country, unlike that surrounding other villages in the county was mainly rock. Notwithstanding his strong appeal for reduction the motion was

The report was then reported with amendment and adopted.

A DEFAULTING COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Dickson called the attention of the council to a by-law passed some time ago with reference to action that should be taken by commissioners who held balance of their grants when their terms of office had expired, and also to another by-law passed at last session whereby the treasurer was empowered to take action against any commissioner who retained any balance in his possession after he had been given notice to return the same. He underttood that one commissioner had not yet returned the bal-

ance from last year. Mr. Bick asked the Warden if he could

give any information on the matter. The Warden said that the only commissioner who had not yet returned the balance in his hands was Mr. Robt. Irwin, ex-Reeve

Mr. Matchett, County Treasurer, being called upon said that he had written to Mr. Irwin on this matter before January but received no written reply. Some time after Mr. Irwin called at the office and said that he had been ill and that some of the con-

tracts left had not been completed. Mr. Adams thought it would be better to discuss this matter before the Street and

The council then adjourned to meet Thurs.

THURSDAY.

The council was engaged on committee work all day and resumed session at 4.30. The equalization report was discussed, and the assessment of Bracebridge was placed at \$60,000 instead of \$75,000. Some mnor matters were dealt with and the council rose until Friday morning.

A son of Mr. Peter Calvin, of London township, who is a somnambulist, jumped out of a second storey window of his father's house while asleep, and ran across the fields. His father being awakened by the noise of the fall, arose, and pursued the young mar When overtaken both arms were found to is broken. The somnambulist was afterwarded awakened with difficulty. THE dirtiness of the Aighans is preverbial.

It is said that during the last Afghan war Gen. Roberts captured a Mongol who was so preternally dirty that it was thought necessary, for the safety of the whole camp that he should be washed. Two gennine the disposal of the committee to be used as Tommy Atkinses were told of for this pura reception room, and to appoint a committee | pose. They stripped him and scrubbed him with formidable brushes and a large quantity and make a grant not to exceed \$500. He of black soap for two hours, at the end o which they threw down their brushes in dis gust and went to their colonel. "What is it, men?" "Well, sir, we've washed that Afghan for two hours, but it wasn't no good After scrubbing him, sir, till our arms were like to break, blest if we didn't come upor another suit of clothes."