

# County Council's January Session

Large Grist of Business Transacted During the Week

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The county council went into session at 1.30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon with Warden Jordan presiding.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

A number of communications were read and referred to the different committees.

### ANNUAL GRANTS.

The committee on finance were asked to consider the grants to be made to the various public institutions and organizations in the county, and the issue of a pedlar's license to Mr. McGillivray, of Dalrymple.

The educational committee was asked to take into consideration and report on the advisability of making a grant to the educational association.

The committee on appointments was asked to consider the appointment of Mr. John Kelly and Mr. D. Eagleson as auditors of county accounts.

The committee on roads and bridges was asked to take into consideration and report on the following:

Mr. Beatty and Dr. Gould as members of the Mud Lake Narrows bridge petition committee.

Messrs. C. G. Byng and R. A. Callan as members of the Emily Creek bridge petition committee; the taking over of the west cross creeks bridge as a county bridge; the rebuilding of the two line bridge between Rama and Dalton in conjunction with Ontario county; to complete the piers for boom stays on the Norland bridge; placing boards on the sides of Fenelon Falls bridge to keep the snow away; preparations to build the Mud Lake Narrows bridge; repairing Lancaster bridge on the boundary between Victoria and Peterboro counties; widening the road south of the swing bridge; placing boards on the sides of the mill pond bridge at Cobocook, for holding snow; repairing Brown's bridge between Emily and Ops.

### PRINTING COMMITTEE.

The printing committee then went into session with Mr. Tiers in the chair, and a number of accounts were passed.

It was decided to have the list of quarterly convictions published in the papers outside of Lindsay, as in the past. Messrs. Michael and Gould moved a motion to that effect.

When the question of the county printing came up Messrs. Beatty and Hawkins moved that the county advertise for tenders. Mr. Howkins said that the newspapers of Lindsay published a great deal of the county council proceedings free and would they continue this course if they failed to procure the work by a printing house securing the contract.

Messrs. Howkins and Young moved that tenders be asked for the county printing for 1909 from the publishers in Lindsay—Carried.

Mr. McLean—"What amount of work do the publishers perform gratis that a printing house does not?"

Mr. Tiers—"They print the proceedings in their columns of the business of the council."

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee went into session with Mr. B. L. McLean in the chair, and a number of accounts were read and passed.

It was moved by Mr. Palmer and Mr. Howkins that the council advertise for tenders for the year's supply of fuel as in past year.—Carried.

The chairman was also empowered to attend to all necessary repairs to the county buildings.

### THE REGISTRY OFFICE

At the June session of the county council for 1908, a committee consisting of Messrs. Jordan, Eyres, Watson and Hawkins were appointed to improvement of the registry office. They secured plans from Mr. Miller, of Toronto, which were accepted. They reported to the council, recommending that the work be proceeded with during the present year, the estimated cost to be \$7,000.

Owing to the fact that several of the old committee were not members of this year's council, a new committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. B. L. McLean, Boate, Callan, Hawkins and Mitchell, which has the same power as the old committee to carry out the work.

Mr. Michael asked if it was necessary to undertake the work. The council had a heavy deficit to carry.

Mr. McNeillie said there was no doubt that if the county council does not make the necessary improvements it may be compelled to do so. The committee felt that the buildings is unsafe and in a disreputable condition and that the work should not be deferred, but should be taken up during the present year.

Mr. Howkins—The inspector of registry offices condemned this office. It should be fire proof, and it has a stone floor, which causes dampness in the vault. During the summer season it was necessary to keep a fire in the stove to keep down dampness

in the vault. The vault space was also too small. By building a wing in the east or west side matters would be improved. A central heating system would have to be installed which would heat both the registry office and the court house. The architect felt that the wing should be added to the west of the building. The committee made its report at the June session, but felt that definite action should be deferred until the present session.

Warden Jordan endorsed what Mr. Hawkins said. The office was in a deplorably unsafe condition. People are engaged in it at the risk of their lives, owing to dampness and poor ventilation. There is no remedy while present conditions exist. The inspector had been very definite in his denunciation.

Mr. Graham said the building was a dangerous one. It is heated by box stoves and is not suitable. He would like to see something done, but the cost was quite an item.

Mr. McNeillie said that Mr. Guthrie, the inspector, had written to him on different occasions regarding the work, and the necessity of remedying the prevailing conditions.

Mr. Gould said it was not advisable to waste time. It was necessary to go to work on the building without delay.

Mr. Knight—"I was in that building working over thirty years ago, and it was a mystery to me where they store all the papers."

The members of the committee then decided to inspect the office.

On their return Mr. McNeillie read a letter sent by Mr. Barr to the inspector of registry offices on the conditions prevailing, and also one from Mr. Guthrie, the inspector, emphasizing the necessity of making the needed improvements and alterations as soon as possible.

Mr. McNeillie also read an estimate of the probable cost of the alteration and improvements to the registry office, furnished by Mr. Miller, the architect. The cost would be \$6,986, with an additional cost of \$200 for covering the wall with terra cotta.

Mr. McLean said the present plan would cost fully \$7,000 or \$8,000 without extras. The greater part of the cost would be taken up in interior improvements. His idea is to take the central room and excavate to suitable depth for heating system.

Mr. Barr, registrar, gave some interesting data concerning the immense amount of papers, maps, profiles, etc., stored in the present office.

Mr. McNeillie said that the architect had informed him that if the council undertook to excavate under the registry office there was great danger of the building collapsing. It was built 35 years ago in the days of dry walls.

Mr. Howkins—Would it pay us to go on with the proposed alterations or build a new building?

The chairman—You could not erect a suitable building for such money.

Mr. Howkins—The present structure was built 35 years ago, when lumber was cheap, at a cost of \$5,000.

Mr. McKague said that if we undertook the work we should carry it out according to the plans.

Mr. Varcoe agreed with Mr. McKague.

The following motion, introduced by Messrs. Howkins and Tiers, was carried: That a committee comprising the Warden, Messrs. B. L. McLean, Howkins, Boate, Callan and Michael be authorized to ask for tenders and award contract for the improvements and alterations to the registry office according to plans.

### APPOINTMENTS

The committee on appointments met next with Mr. Michael in the chair.

The following appointments were made: Auditors of county accounts—Messrs. J. Kelly and D. Eagleson.

Auditors of accounts of administration of justice—Messrs. Geo. Byng, (for county council) and Taylor Parkin. It required four votes of the committee to make a selection from three candidates, Messrs. J. F. McCrae, J. Jackson, and Taylor Parkin.

Board of management of House of Refuge—The Warden and Messrs. R. Howkins, (chairman) and E. Tiers.

Trustees of Omemece high school—Messrs. F. Sandy and T. C. Ivory. County representative on Lindsay school board—Mr. Alex. Jackson.

Board of examiners—Messrs. T. A. Kirkconnell, W. H. Stevens and J. H. Knight.

### WILL VISIT WHITBY

Before adjournment Messrs. Graham and Howkins were appointed a committee to meet the county council at Whitby in reference to the bridge between Carden and Mara.

### THURSDAY

The county council met at 10.30 on Thursday morning, with Warden Jordan presiding.

A number of communications were read and referred to the appropriate committee.

### POULTRY MEN HEARD.

Mr. Horn addressed the council asking for the annual grant of \$100. Pairs, he said, were not self-sustaining, and as the poultry business is

rapidly coming to the front, he felt that there appeal was a reasonable one. He also referred to the splendid record of the Lindsay poultry and pet stock association, and the good it was doing. Next year they would require larger premises for their show, which is the best in Canada outside of Guelph. The poultry industry was important one, which was becoming more manifest every day.

Mr. J. O'Reilly tendered his congratulations to the Warden and the council, and urged upon the council the necessity of making a grant to the poultry association. The show had been a success. They will have to pay the exhibitors about \$500 in prizes, and the total expenditure will be over \$600. He trusted the council would realize the importance of the poultry industry and the necessity of making a grant. Mr. Rea concurred in what had been said by the previous speakers.

### COL. HUGHES SPEAKS.

Col. Hughes addressed the council in reference to the record of the English land company in Haliburton, claiming that they did not live up to the letter of the agreement entered into with the government, as well as several townships in the county. Nine townships, he declared, had no more settlers than they had twenty-five years ago. He intended bringing the matter before the government.

CHANGES IN SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Mr. T. J. Tilley, inspector of model schools, addressed the council on important changes made in regard to teachers. He maintained that the lack of first-class teachers in rural areas was a serious feature. The rural schools during the past twenty-five years had not made the strides that were desired. A high grade of teachers had been sought. Last year this experiment was tried and a result was a shortage of pupils.

To provide adequate remuneration, bonuses have been given to school sections according to the salary paid. This bonus is \$20 if a second-class certificate teacher is employed, \$30, if this teacher has five years' experience, \$30 if a first-class teacher is employed, and \$40 if a first-class certificate teacher was employed who had five years' experience. The results have been entirely satisfactory, and the average salary for male teachers last year was \$458 and for female teachers \$379.

He predicted within ten years' instruction in manual training will be given in every village school. Instruction to create an interest in the home life is also necessary. Physical geography in home surroundings, nature study, etc., leads to this end.

Mr. W. H. Stevens, school inspector, also addressed the council referring to the very liberal assistance given the rural schools by both the provincial government and the county, instancing the schools at Dartmoor and Sadowa in this county as examples.

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

The property committee went into session at 2 o'clock with Mr. B. L. McLean in the chair.

THE COUNTY JAIL

The report of Dr. Smith, inspector of prisons, who recently visited the local jail, was presented. In dealing with the recent escape of the two prisoners, the report said it was due to overconfidence on the part of the turnkey. The unfortunate death of one of the prisoners was also referred to and no blame was attached to anyone. The report on the whole was a satisfactory one. The improvements suggested will be attended to by the property committee.

The statement of the fees from the county pupils at the Collegiate Institute, Lindsay, was read and filed.

A claim was made by the Port Perry high school for \$26.05 for attendance of Victoria county pupils at that institution. This was ordered to be paid.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The education committee next went into session, Dr. Gould acting as chairman in the absence of Mr. Jas. Graham.

The following committee was appointed to meet the school boards of Omemece and Lindsay re the adjustment of fees regarding county pupils; Messrs. Dr. Gould, Jas. Graham and Warden Jordan.

A grant of \$25 was made to the Victoria Education Association.

Mr. W. H. Stevens said this association was formed three years ago, consisting of teachers and trustees of East and West Victoria. The first grant made was \$50. This was too large a grant, and they afterwards asked for a grant of \$25, which was sufficient. Reference was made to the successful convention held at Guelph during the past year. He felt that a grant of \$25 would be sufficient.

Mr. J. H. Knight asked the council to urge upon the trustees the necessity of attending the convention.

FRIDAY

The county council met this morning at 10.30 with the Warden in the chair and all the members present.

REGISTRY OFFICE AGAIN

The council then went into committee of the whole on the report of the committee on county property. In reference to the clause dealing with the improvements to the registry office, Dr. Gould asked if it was possible to give optional privileges to the committee appointed to deal with the matter in case they found that changes could be made that would not only meet the requirements but also lessen the expense.

Mr. Michael said it was hardly an opportune time to make a grant. The money would be needed, he thought, at the end of the year.

Mr. Stevens said they would need the money in the spring. He felt that if the council assisted the school, it would assist him in his appeal to the government to make a grant.

The sum of \$50 was granted by the committee.

Cobourg high school notified the council that they were able to receive pupils from this county on the same conditions that governed the pupils of Northumberland county. The communication was received.

Messrs. Trueman and Staples were appointed representatives to the provincial school trustees association convention in Toronto.

The committee on finance and assessment, with Mr. G. C. Byng in the chair, dealt with a number of interesting matters on Thursday afternoon.

A communication was received and filed from Bank of Montreal, re interest to be charged (5 per cent per annum) on Victoria county account.

The return of fees and emoluments of the local registry office was also received.

From the railway commissioners re change in Lindsay-Whitby train service. Received.

Correspondence re Omemece station and board of railway commissioners was also received.

The secretary of the Lindsay Law Association wrote, asking for the annual grant of \$25.00. The grant was made.

Mr. Alfred Taylor, clerk of Bexley, regarding return of summarized statement of assessment, and not the assessment roll. No action was taken.

An account from the Lindsay Sanitarium, regarding the maintenance of an unfortunate female, and which provoked such a spirited discussion at the last session, came up again yesterday. The account amounts to \$13.50 and it puzzled the committee as to the best means of disposing of it. It was finally decided that the county would pay the account on the understanding that the county would not be responsible for any such cases in the future.

The communication from the prisoners' aid association, re grant, was filed.

From American Surety Co., re the county treasurer's bonds. This was also filed.

The sick children's hospital, Toronto, was given a grant of \$50.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES

The committee on roads and bridges next convened with Mr. D. Grant presiding.

The application of Ops township for use of stone crusher was received.

County council of Grey wrote re amendment to good roads act. It was decided to memorialize the government along the lines of the petition received.

A communication re the provincial good roads association was read and filed.

The resolution of Ops county regarding the taking over by the county of west Ops Cross Creeks bridge was laid over until the June session.

A statement of the expenditure on the bridge between Mara and Carden township was approved.

Mr. J. Carew's account (\$21.77) for supplies for Ops swing bridge was passed.

The following recommendations of the council were concurred in by the committee:

Mr. P. Howkins, Ops, controller of the stone crusher.

Mr. Beatty and Dr. Gould appointed members of the Mudge Lake Narrows bridge petition committee.

Messrs. Byng and Callan will act as members of the Emily Creek bridge petition committee.

Messrs. Callan and Adair were named a committee for the completion of the piers for the boom stays at the Norland bridge.

Mr. Boate was given authority to look after repairs to Brown's bridge Emily.

Mr. Callan and Dr. Gould were given authority regarding the placing of boards on either side of the mill pond bridge, Cobocook, and the Fenelon Falls bridge respectively.

The request from Ops township re the widening of the road south of the swing bridge was left in the hands of Mr. P. Howkins.

The repairs to Lancaster bridge, between Victoria and Peterboro counties was left in the hands of Mr. Roats, who will act in conjunction with the sirtor county.

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Mr. Howkins said the registry office in Ontario county was similar to our own. He drew a rough diagram of the structure. He was willing that the case should be opened up again.

The clerk said that a change in the clause of the report could be made in the committee of the whole by vesting the committee with power and authority to modify plans and secure necessary modifications. This would enable the committee to do what was best in the matter.

### REPAIRS TO BRIDGES

The Mud Lake Narrows bridge question was taken up by the committee of roads and bridges Friday.

Messrs. Howkins and Graham, who visited the Ontario county council Thursday reported that they had been cordially received.

It was the opinion of the council that this structure should be repaired and a committee comprising Messrs. Graham, Young, Howkins, and bridge Overseer Kennedy were given power to look into the question of repairing both this bridge and Head River bridge between Laxton and Carden. The committee decided to improve the sidewalk on the two Bobcaygeon bridges, Mr. Byng being empowered to carry on the work.

### COUNTY PROPERTY.

This committee convened in the afternoon to consider the registry office question.

Mr. Tiers said that Mr. Howkins and the clerk were discussing this matter with himself, and the question of a central heating plant for the county buildings was a consideration that suggested to them the advisability of opening up the question. The heating system in the court house was inadequate, and would soon have to be replaced.

Mr. Michael was hardly satisfied to go on with the work owing to the heavy deficit. If the interior of the registry office was rearranged it might meet requirements, and the money used for proposed excavation might be expended in installing a central plant. He would like to see the improvements modified.

Dr. Gould wished to know which was the most advantageous, steam or hot water heating.

Mr. Howkins thought they should get advice of a practical man.

Warden Jordan said that steam heating was more satisfactory for central system. It can be transmitted easier.

The clerk said that the present system in the court house could stand changing at any time.

Mr. Graham wanted to know if in case the present registry office was condemned, could they not stretch it by making an extension of twelve feet.

Mr. McLean said the heating system suggested appealed to him. If the plant in the court house needed replacing, then the question of a central system was before them.

Dr. Gould asked for an expression of opinion regarding its installation of a central heating plant to transmit heat to all the county buildings, the question, which was demonstrated by a standing vote.

The committee will, therefore, proceed with the work according to their judgment, having in view the proposition of installing the central heating system.

### THE ENGLISH LAND CO.

The finance and assessment committee next met with Geo. Byng presiding.

Dr. Gould opened up the question of the English Land Company's operations in the county of Haliburton. They had acquired practically nine townships in the county and had not carried out one of their agreements in respect to inducing settlers.

Warden Jordan reviewed the history of the English Land Company and the conditions existing in the district controlled by that organization. He intended asking the provincial legislature for a ratification of certain privileges.

It was finally decided to urge that the government be urged to consent to no change in the relation of the English Land Company to the county of Haliburton and province that will tie up the territory held by the company in such a way as to delay the settlement of Haliburton county. The county of Victoria is interested because of the union for judicial purposes, and the power to contribute towards the expense of the administration of justice is limited and Victoria county is unable to secure full amount due.

### GRANTS

Grants were voted to the public libraries of the county, the East and West Victoria farmers' institutes, women's institutes and the agricultural societies of the county.

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PART OF LOT OR STREET	LOT CON.	ACRES	ARREARS	COMM'N AND COSTS OF PUBLICATION	PATENTED OR NOT PATENTED
TOWNSHIP OF CARDEN.					
18	6	203	\$71.10	\$ 4.13	\$75.23 Not Pat
TOWNSHIP OF DALTON.					
North half.....	12	1	50	9.64	2.60 11.64 Not Pat'd
	28	10	100	25.66	2.99 28.65 Not Pat'd
North half.....	3	12	50	8.64	2.60 11.24 Patented
	17	12	100	4.78	2.60 7.38 Patented
	29	13	97	16.53	2.76 19.29 Patented
	30	13	97	16.53	2.76 19.29 Patented
TOWNSHIP OF DIGBY.					
South half.....	31	4	100	17.56	\$2.79 20.39 Not Pat'd
	18	11	50	6.05	2.60 8.65 Not Pat'd
TOWNSHIP OF EMILY.					
North-east quarter....	9	5	50	5.25	2.60 7.85 Patented
TOWNSHIP OF LAXTON.					
West half of East half	1	7	50	22.17	2.90 25.07 Patented
TOWNSHIP OF SOMERVILLE.					
D	A	119	54.54	3.71	58.25 Patented
A	B	43	7.53	2.60	10.13 Patented
10	13	175	18.60	2.82	21.42 Patented
3	14	100	9.65	2.60	12.25 Not Pat'd

I, James Richardson McNeillie, Treasurer of the County of Victoria, as directed by the Warrant of the Warden of the County of Victoria, dated the Fourth day of November, A.D. 1908, will proceed to sell each and every of the above mentioned parcels of land, for the arrears of taxes now due upon them respectively, as above set out, together with costs, (unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid), at the Court House in the Town of Lindsay, in the said County of Victoria, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, the Ninth day of February, A.D. 1909.

J. R. McNeillie,  
County Treasurer.

County Treasurer's Office,  
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