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THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

OPENING OF THE JUNE SESSION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Communications and Reports—Grants Asked for New Bridges and Other Works—Town Council Presents a Little Bill of Extras.

The June session of the Victoria County Council opened at the court house yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All the members were present except Messrs. Chas. Fairbairn, J. Bailey and W. Wood.

The minutes of last day of January session were read and confirmed. Warden Austin made a few remarks, expressing his pleasure at seeing so many of the members present on the opening day, and hoped that the business would be transacted without much delay.

Draft of an agreement between the County and the town of Lindsay, transferring to the town the control of the Francis-st. sewer. Auditor's report and statement. The estimates for the year 1902. Statement of moneys at credit of the Corporation to May 31st, 1902.

Report of the East Victoria Farmers' Institute. Financial statement of the Lindsay Collegiate Institute for 1901. Report of the Little Britain Public Library for 1901.

Report of the Inspector of Schools for East Victoria. From H. Reagin, esq., Inspector of Schools for West Victoria, informing Council of his inability to be present during the session.

From Mrs. Thos. Bell, respecting Norfolk bridge. From E. A. Hardy, respecting Collegiate Institute Lecture Course. From the Clerk of the County of Ontario, relative to joint expenditure on Talbot river bridge.

From the Clerk of the County of Waterloo, transmitting draft of petition to Governor-General respecting preferential treatment of the products of the Colonies.

Report of East Victoria Women's Institute. From G. H. Hopkins, esq., Town Solicitor, respecting transfer of Francis-st. sewer. From Manager of Bank of Montreal, report of moneys at the credit of the Corporation.

From the Hamilton Bridge Works Co., respecting steel superstructure for a bridge. Statement of joint expenditures on the Talbot river bridge.

From the Carleton Place Municipal Council. From Dr. A. E. Vrooman, M.P., acknowledging receipt and presentation of petition.

The Council had dealt liberally with the town in the past and he hoped they would again do the right thing. Mr. McDermid stated that about one year ago the question of building a sewer on Kent-st. to the Hospital was discussed by the Council. A grant of \$1,600 was then made to assist in the work.

On motion of Mr. Bryans, seconded by Mr. Robertson, the matter was referred back to the Equalization Committee. A Charity Matter. On motion of Mr. Bryans, seconded by Mr. Graham, the Finance and Equalization Committee was instructed to consider and report as to the advisability of maintaining Wm. McLaughlin, an indigent, at the Home for the Aged.

A Couple of Communications. From Wm. Kennedy of Bobcaygeon, overseer of County bridges, submitting plans for a new bridge over Grass River, south of Victoria Road. From Mrs. E. E. Sharpe, secretary of the board of management for the Home for the Aged, informing Council that the cost of maintaining inmates at that institution had been increased from 15 to 20 cents per day per inmate.

On motion the foregoing were referred to their respective committees. Report of Printing Committee. On motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Bryans, the report of the standing committee on Printing was introduced, read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bryans, seconded by Mr. Graham, the report of the standing committee on County Property was presented, read and adopted without discussion. On motion of Mr. Bryans, seconded by Mr. Graham, the report of the standing committee on County Property was presented, read and adopted without discussion.

Mr. Shaver did not view the request very favorably, and thought there was certain tax money that was going into the town treasury. He thought Mr. Sylvester should pay for the lateral into his premises. Mr. O'Rielly said when the question of constructing a sewer on Kent-st. came up he opposed it because he thought the burden would be too heavy on the taxpayers of the town.

All sewers were constructed under the Chipman plan, and three-fourths of the owners of property on the street must be in favor before a sewer can be built. The total cost of this sewer was over \$8,000, including extras. This amount exceeded the contract price owing to many difficulties.

According to the first plan, the size of the trunk sewer varied, and kept getting smaller up to Albert-st., but when it was proposed to have it run to the Hospital it had to be made larger. Outside of the town, the sewer was to be the greatest part of the cost was borne by the town. Quicksand had already got in the sewer, and it had cost the town over \$100 this spring to clean it out.

The town would be very glad to exchange to give the grant and let the County assume the cost of the sewer. Mr. Graham—I think the County granted \$1,600. If we had not they would not have built the sewer on account of so much of their own property being on that street. I think we should look more favorably on this matter.

Mr. Fairbairn—I understand that \$2,000 was asked for by the committee that waited on us last June. We voted \$1,000 with the understanding that if more was needed they would get it. Mr. Flavelle told us that Mr. Ross said he would not build the Hospital unless he was assured that there would be a sewer connection. I would be satisfied to make an extra grant.

Mr. Staback—"The \$1,000 was for assisting the Hospital, but not for building sewers. I oppose helping the town to build its sewers." Mr. Bryans—"Mr. Fairbairn, I think, takes the right ground. The committee asked for \$2,000 and we gave them \$1,600, saying that if that was not enough they could come back again."

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WE WANT CAPITAL. The Detroit Journal says that the return of the Ross Government also means much to the American capitalists who have invested money in Canada. That Government has pursued a policy of leasing its public lands in concessions for a term of years, on condition that mills were built and operated.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Canada's exports of domestic merchandise for the eleven months were \$172,925,500, compared with \$155,118,252 in 1901. This is a healthy growth.

Speaking at the Hamilton Methodist conference Woodstock, Rev. Dr. Carman regarding the referendum that he had thought at first that it was un-British and impractical, but the more he had looked into the better it appeared to him.

Speaking of the appointment of S. F. Fielding as Minister of Finance, Fielding will surely captivate the Boers. The newspaper that is answered at the Hamilton Spectator as a "Larder" is the unity of our people is not promoted by the actions of such a man.

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