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County Council

(Continued from last week)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After routine business the following communications were read and refered: Application from Jas. Cochrane to be appointed on the board of judicial audit; statement of extra maintenance of Meaford high school, ($499. 66) from A McK. Cameron; application from Geo Noble for reward for arrest and conviction of a horse thief; application from Adam Cranston, a blind man, for free pedlar's license; application from A D. Wright, secretary of the Ontario Rifle Association for a renewal of the grant of $10; letter from R. Tait, local agent of Bell Telephone Co., notifying council that unless they signed a contract to pay $25 per year for three years, for the telephone in the court house, the instrument would be removed; application from secretary of the Law Association, and from judge Creasor, for additional shelving for books; also a number of accounts.

Mr. Binnie presented report No. 1 of finance committe recommending, that John A. Robinson, of Blantyre, be given the first vacancy as county student at the Ontario Agricultural college; that the county treasurer's statement of non resident land fund and the report of judicial audit for 1896 be printed in the minutes; that a detailed statement of supplies purchased for the jail be laid before the council; and that the following accounts be paid: Jas Staples, of Glenelg, for 1½ days work re supply of wood for South Grey registry office. $4.50; treasurer of Bentinck, expenses of removing lunatics, $93. 80; treasurer of Keppel, examining and removing lunatic to Owen Sound, $17.50.

Mr. McDonald presented report No. 1 of County Property committee recommending that the jailer be required to keep a day book in which to enter all articles of repairs and time occaped in placing same, and also that all cast off hardware be stowed on premises and sold in quanties as it accumulates; that excepting in cases of real emergency in the purchase of supplies or when the cost is of a minor character, the chairman of County Property committee be consulted; that a sum not to exceed $7 be expended for flowers for court house lawn; and that the following accounts be paid: Dan McAuley, wood for S. Grey registry office, $28.60; D. Riley, splitting and piling same, $8.50; Ryan Bros., cocoa matting for S. Grey registry office $1.71; Jno. Harrison, lumber, $11.19; A. Wilson, chairs, $8.50; Parker & Co., paints and oil, $12.75; T. I. Thompson, napping hammer, $6.59; R. P. Butchart & Bro., supplies and repairs to county buildings, $72.60.

Mr. Bishop presented report of special committee to consider accounts of nominating officers. They ecommended that the following accounts be paid; Divison No. 1, Thos. Gordon, $15; No 2, Wm. Beaton, $23.35; No. 3, George Russell, $20.66; No. 4, George Hopf, $19 40; No. 5, J. W. Wardell, $22 62; No. 6, J. Irwin, $20.50; No. 7, George Albery, $22 53; No. 8, Jas Galbraith, $16.18; that the accounts of W. J. Bell, $5, and Jas. Cannon, $4, for delivering ballot boxes in cases where no municipal election were held, be paid. The committee also recommended payment of deputy returning officers in cases where no local municipal elections were held, as follows: H. D. Dyson, G. L. Latimer, Geo. Warling, Wm. Watson, $9.50 each; A. McPherson, John Munro, John Ormiston, B. Wenger, $7 each; W. J. Wardell, $10; the committee also recommended payment of the county clerk's account, for ballots and other forms procured by him and for express charges and postag, $88 81. They allowed $5 for services of nominating officers exclusive of conveyance or mileage, but could not recommend payment for extra services of deputy returning officers.

All the reports were adopted without amendment.

Council went into committee of the whole on bylaws 528 and 520 to appoint auditors and members of the board of judicial audit for 1897. The warden appointed C. A. Fleming his auditor, and the council on the fourth ballot appointed C. Graham, of Dundalk, salary $40 each. C. R. Sing and John Chisholm were appointed members of the judicial audit at $1 per day and mileage.

County clerk Rutherford made application for an increase of his salary from $500 to $600 per year.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

On motion of Messrs. Binnie and Gordon, Messrs. Anderson, Preston and the mover were appointed a committee, to examine into treasurer's sureties and report at the next session.

The warden read a statemest of the expenditure of Children's Aid Society funds, from Rev. Jas. Ledi rd.

Mr. Binnie presented report No. 2 of finance committee. recommending that the application of the county clerk for increase of salary be not entertained, but that he be paid $50 for his extra services as returning officer for the county in the county council elections; that the county treasurer's salary be reduced to $1200 instead of $1400 as at present; that no action be taken re the threat of the Bell Telephone Co., to remove their instrument from the county buildings; that J. Mannerow be granted $5 rebate on pedlar's license; and Jas. Galbraith $5 rebate on auctioneer's license; that Adam Cranston be granted a free pedlar's license; that $10 be granted the Ontario Rifle Association; that the account of J P. Hare, clerk of Holland, $10.18 be not paid; that the Law Journal be not subscribed for; and that the following accounts be paid: Bain Book and Stationery Co., for sheriff's fee book and express thereon, $7.85; R. S. Rae, for uniform for high constable, $25; county treasurer's account for postage and postoffice box; and that the application of Geo. Noble for reward for arrest and conviction of horse thief be not entertained.

Mr. Richardson presented report No. 1 of Education committee recommending that leave be granted to hold teacher's institute meetings on Thursdays and Fridays, in accordance with regulation 9 of Education Department; that the sums owing Meaford high school and Owen Sound collegiate institute ($ 99.36 and $1201.4) for extra maintenance, be paid; and that the public school inspector of North Grey be required to furnish reports of efficiency of teachers to the school boards employing them.

In committee of the whole report No. 1 of the finance committee, Mr. Bishop in the chair, there was a warm debate on the clause granting James Galbraith a rebate on his auctioneer's license because he had not used it for a whole year. The clause was struck out. There was also a discussion in regard to the county treasurer's salary. On motion of Messrs. McColman and Gordon the clause was referred back to enable the council to get further information.

Mr. Richardson introduced bylaw 530 to appoint a trustee for the Owen Sound collegiate institute, and bylaw 531 to appoint a trustee for the Meaford high school. Mr. McDonald introduced bylaw 532 to appoint a director for the county on the board of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway. In committee the bylaws were filled up with the names of Robt. McKnight, Thos. McKenzie, and W. A. Bishop respectively. They were all read a third time and finally passed.

Moved by Messrs. Sing and Brown that the county treasurer be requested to furnish a statement showing the indebtedness of any of the municipalities to this council—Carried.

Mr. Preston presented report No. 1 of committee on communications and memorials, recommending that the presentment of the grand jury be filed; that no action be taken on the petitions of the county council of Wentworth for amendments to the Registration Act of 1893 and the General Road Companies Act; that no action be taken on the memorial of the W.C.T.U. re prison reform; that no action be taken on the memorial of the county council of Simcoe, asking the Legislature to place the Industrial school at Mimico on a similar footing to the Ontario reformatory for boys; that the memorial of the county council of Lambton seeking to have railways put on the same footing as other property owners, be signed by the warden and clerk and forwarded to the proper authorities; but that no action be taken on the memorial of the same council re road and street crossing; the memorial of the county council of Frontenac asking parliament to place on the free list, crude oil, coal oil, wire for fencing and all raw material which we cannot furnish for own use, be endorsed. The report was adopted as read.

Mr. McDonald presented report No. 2 of the County property committee, recommending that an additional book case be put into the law library in accordance with request of Law Associations; that a book case be put into Judge Creasor's office in accordance with his request; that the report and plans of W. J. Burroughes, steam heating expert, re heating apparatus of the buildings, had been under consideration, and that the matter be laid over till the June session, and that the chairman of the committee communicate with the inspector of registry offices to ascertain what changes if any will be permitted in the registry offices before making any changes in the system.

Mr. Binnie presented report of special committee to enquire into treasurer's sureties, which they found to be entirely satisfactory.

Both the reports were adopted.

Council again went into committee of the whole on report No. 1 of finance committee Mr. Bishop in the chair. The clause reducing the county treasurer's salary being under consideration, Mr. Parker, who was present, was called on to address the council, and at the conclusion of which it was moved, seconded and carried, that the clause reducing the treasurer's salary be struck out. Several members spoke in highly complimentary terms of the efficient services rendered by Mr. Parker.

SATURDAY MORNING

The financial statement of the South Grey Agricultural Society was read.

Mr. Binnie presented report No. 3 of finance committee recommending that the statement of the governor of jail re money expended for aid of discharged prisoners be filed, and that a further sum of $25 be granted for that purpose; and that the annual report of the South Grey Agricultural Society be filed. Adopted.

Mr. McDonald presented report No. 3 of County Property committee recommending that the chairman be given authority to procure sufficient quantity of ice for the county buildings, and to procure fuel and have same weighed; also to have Judge Creasor's room papered, and to have the ordinary amount of small repairs made. Adopted.

Mr. Sing presented report No. 1 of printing committee recommending that the following accounts be paid: J. H. Rutherford $1, J. H. Little $1, C. J. Pratt $21.31, and that the Dundalk Herald be awarded the printing and advertising contract for 1897, its tender for same being lowest. Adopted.

A report from county treasurer Parker was read showing that the following local municipalities are indebted to the county for the mentioned sums: Collingwood, $500; Euphrasia, $1883.60; Osprey, $ 529.50. The report was ordered to be filed.

Mr. McKinnon gave notice that at the June session he would move to do away with the December session of the county council.

Moved by Mr. Binnie, seconded by Mr. Schenk, that this council memorialize the legislature to so amend the Assessment Act as to allow rural municipalities to have their assessments made during the summer months, each assessment to remain in force for three years, and all changes during that time to be made by the court of revision.

The motion gave rise to a lengthy debate, in which Messrs. Gordon, Totten, Anderson, McColman, Bishop, Quance and Binnie took part. On the vote being taken, it was found that there was a tie (Mr. Sing being absent) whereupon the warden gave his casting vote in favor of the motion.

Moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the jail surgeon be ordered to stop all supplies of tobacco and whisky or other spirituous liquor to inmates of the jail, except in cases of extreme necessity, or where in the opinion of the jail surgeon they are indispensible as medicines. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Gordon, that this council memorialize the government of Ontario to pass an act regulating the width of tires on vehicles in accordance with the weight of load. Carried.

On motion, the messenger was ordered to be paid $5 for his services at this session.

Council adjourned to meet at the court house on Monday, June 14th, at 7 a. m.

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