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County Council.

(Concluded from last week's Times.)

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Council met at 10 a.m., pursuant to adjournment from yesterday.

The following were read: Semi-annual report of South Grey School Inspector; bill of costs from Masson & Masson re case Judge Macpherson vs. Co. Grey; communication from School Inspector West Grey.

Report No. 1 of Finance committee was presented, and considered in committee of the whole. After passing certain clauses, the committee rose, and asked leave to sit again.

The Council adjourned till 3 p.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Council again went into committee of the whole on report of Finance committee, and made some amendment respecting rating of personal property in certain municipalities. The report provided for raising County expenditure, amounting to $28,050, requiring a rate of one mill on the dollar on equalized assessment of the various municipalities; that the Treasurer be instructed to place to the credit of those municipalities whose personal properties are rated at 6 per cent. a sum equal to the amount overpaid by them under By-law 361, such sum to be taken from accumulated funds under By-law 174; and that an application of the Reeve of Collingwood for a loan of $3,000, be granted.

On motion to adopt the report, an amendment by Messrs. Cochrane and Gilray, that a uniform rate of 6 per cent. be added to the valuation of all the real estate of the County in lieu of personal property, was lost on a division by 20 to 26.

Another amendment by Messrs. Chisholm and Whitelaw, that $50 be added to the Finance report to assist the Owen Sound and Grey Poultry Association, as a grant for next winter's exhibition, was also lost.

A third amendment of Messrs. McFarland and Oldham, that the assessment of the Village of Markdale on personal property be reduced 8 per cent. was lost.

A fourth amendment by Messrs. Thompson and Smelser, that all the municipalities in the County be assessed at 6 per cent. on personal property was also lost.

The motion to adopt the report was then carried.

By-law 370 to levy a rate to meet the current expenses of the County for the fiscal year 1889, was introduced.

By-law 371 to levy a rate to pay sinking fund and interest under By-law 174, was also introduced.

By-laws 370 and 371 were read a second time.

Mr. Miller gave notice he would move for a grant of $50 for the O. S. and Grey Poultry Association; and Mr. Totten gave notice he would move for a grant of $50 for repairing two bridges on County line of Grey and Bruce.

On motion of Messrs. Bowes and Miller, the opinion of James Masson, Esq., with regard to Collectors to collect taxes was ordered to be printed in the June minutes.

Moved by Mr. Bowes, seconded by Mr. Bowes, That this Council after having seen the Lamont road-grading machine at work, express our satisfaction with the quality of the work done by it, believing that the system of road-making by machinery as shown by Mr. Wright, will reduce the cost of road-making about seventy-five per cent. and make a better class of road; that in a very short time will do away with the unsatisfactory statute labor system of the present day. It is therefore with pleasure, we recommend the Lamont road grading machine to the several municipalities of this County and our country generally.—Carried.

Dr. Christoe gave notice that he would apply for a grant of $50 to assist in the formation of a Poultry Association for Flesherton.

A motion by Messrs. Cochrane and Thompson, that the Warden obtain a legal opinion in reference to the recent Act exempting live stock from taxation, as to whether it affects assessments made and revised during the present year, was lost.

The Council adjourned till 2 p. m. on Friday.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

A communication was read from Mr. McKnight, asking that the system of steam heating be extended to Registry Office; and also drawing attention to the poor furnishing of the office.

Report of School Inspector, West Grey, respecting standing of teachers, was also read; also reports of Road & Bridge, County Property and Printing committees.

The report of Road & Bridge committee was adopted. The report recommended that respecting application in regard to opening a portion of town line between Osprey and Artemesia, a committee be appointed to examine and report at next session as to the necessity and practicability of opening said road; that regarding application of Reeve of Sullivan for $300 to build three bridges on County line, between Sullivan, Arran and Elderslie the sum of $250 be granted; also recommending application of Reeve of Keppel for $50 to repair bridges on County line, between Keppel and Amabel.

The report of County Property committee was then considered in committee.

The first clause regretted the condition of the insane in the gaol, but could suggest no remedy, more than what provision has been made by the Government.—Passed.

The second clause referred to the resignation of Miss Clark, and to her faithful services for so many years. The clause was amended by a motion to present $100 to Miss Clark in token of the Council's recognition of her long and valued services. Clause passed.

A number of clauses were passed respecting improvements—the inefficiency of the boiler to heat the Court House and premises creating a good deal of discussion—the decision being that a larger boiler be obtained of sufficient capacity to heat the Court House and Registry office.

A clause was also passed, recommending that new residence be erected for the Governor of the gaol.

The committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

A deputation consisting of Drs. C. E. Barnhart, McCullough and Denhart then addressed the Council, asking grant towards the erection of a County Hospital.

Dr. Barnhart desired the Council to take into their consideration the question of establishing a County Hospital in Owen Sound. The institution was a much needed one. He stated certain legacies had been left for such an institution, and asked the Council to take the initiative in the matter; and if it was known to be a county hospital, application could be made to Government for a grant towards the management thereof. He referred to the fact that the gaol had of necessity been used as a hospital; sick persons without friends or means being sent there under the vagrant law. If an hospital were erected here, the sick could be provided for at less cost, and the town would probably grant a complement, if the County Council should see fit to grant $1,000 or more. He urged them to take action in the matter for the sake of suffering humanity.

Dr. McCullough said an hospital was a great want of this section of country. Patients were sent to Toronto, who could be attended to here just as well. It was a mistake to suppose the cost would be greater for attendance on the sick. It was the custom for physicians to give their services gratuitously to such institutions. It was objectionable to have the prison used as an hospital. A grant could be obtained from the Government for an hospital, and it would be a benefit not only to Owen Sound, but to outlying districts. All the county physicians could be in a Board. Charity and benevolence should be extended to suffering ones. All physicians have lost patients in hotels for want of proper attention. He said they had no selfish motive in urging the grant, as they gave their services free.

Dr. Denhart endorsed the views of Dr. McCullough. Persons sometimes die in hotels like dogs for want of care and attention. He would be happy to give his services, and to give something himself towards such an institution if needed.

After some discussion on the question, most of the members thinking the matter had better be inquired into before making a grant for an hospital, a motion was passed that a special committee should be ballotted for to consider the matter and report tomorrow morning. Two other motions respecting the matter were lost. On a ballot being taken, Messrs. Christoe, Moffat, Caulfield, Lang and Andrews were chosen.

The Council went into committee again on report of County Property committee.

The Committee rose and Council adjourned till 8 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The Reeve of Euphrasia presented report No. 2 of Education, which was considered in committee of the whole, and passed without amendment.

The report recommended amongst other matters that reports of School Inspectors be printed, and that respecting petition of Meaford, asking establishment of High School at Meaford, no action be taken.

On motion for adoption, an amendment was moved by Messrs. Aguew and Read, that two additional High Schools be established in the county—the places to be located by the Minister of Education.

The amendment was lost and the report adopted.

Report No. 1 of Printing Committee recommending payment of some accounts, was passed.

The report of County Property Committee was again considered in committee. A clause, regretting the action of the Judge, and recommending he be given original rooms, now occupied by Mr. Inglis, was passed. The report was then adopted.

By-law 372, for the purpose of regulating payment of the county tax by the several municipalities was introduced and read first and second times.

By-laws 370, 371 and 372 were considered and filled up in committee and adopted.

A committee of five were appointed to meet School Inspectors of North, East, and South Grey, as referred to in report of Education committee.

The Council adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Report No. 2 of Finance Committee was read, recommending that amount of judgement and costs in case of Macpherson vs. County be paid. Report adopted.

Report of Road and Bridge Committee, recommending grant of $350 for bridge between Normanby and Carrick, also a grant of $50 to meet an equivalent from Wellington to make passable a portion of Pike lake between Normanby and Minto, was passed.

Report of Committee on Memorials respecting memorial from Wellington regarding haying law repealed giving power to municipalities to grant bonuses, was not adopted.

The special committee to consider the advisability of granting $1000 towards establishing a County Hospital presented their report, which was adopted. The committee reported that while they were in accord with the principle of the matter, yet in the absence of general data by which they could be guided, they thought they would be derelict in their duty as representatives were they to recommend the grant without a positive guarantee that the county would not be called upon to assume the liability of maintaining the hospital. They therefore recommended that longer time be granted, so that better information on the subject could be obtained, and how the interests of the county would be best protected in the matter.

A motion by the Reeves of Glenelg and Markdale for grant to erect a hand-rail on floating bridge over Allen's sink-hole was lost.

A motion by Messrs, Miller and Read, for a grant of $50 for the Owen Sound and Grey Poultry Association was also lost.

A motion that revised statutes should be procured for Reeves and Deputies; and a motion that Dr. Charles Barnhart be appointed Assistant Jail Surgeon, without salary, were lost.

Mr. Shute gave notice that Allen's sink hole was in a dangerous condition.

The Council adjourned till Monday, the 3rd December.

Holland Council.

The Council met at Holland Centre on 25th inst., as a Court of Revision. Members all present. A number of appeals were entered, and the following reductions were made: On real estate—Wm. Mustark, $150; J. H. Featherstone, $100; W. H. Hunchbergh, $300; Carson Price, $100; G. Ptolomy, $150; Robt. Price, $100; John Love, $50; H. W. Norton, $400; John Sutherland, Sr., $800; John Sutherland, Jr., $200; Archie Torrie, $200; J. Henderson, $100; Angus McCloud, $50; W. J. McLean, $300; Jas. Edmunds, $50; Wm. Doolen, $50. John Burnside reduced $100 on chattles; and John Avison reduced on stock $100. The Court adjourned to the 5th July.

Collingwood District.

The stationing committee at the Toronto Conference of the Methodist church have arranged the pastors as follows in the Collingwood district. Collingwood—Joseph H. Locke; E. Sallows superannuated. Collingwood circuit—J. J. Ferguson, M. A., B. D. Thornbury—G. Washington, M. A. Heathcote—W.H Madden; Ravenna—Paul Flint. Meaford—E. Roberts; Andrew Armstrong, superannuated. St. Vincent—G. W, Hewitt, B. A. (Meaford.) Maxwell—W. F. Ferrier. Singhampton—W.J. Weatherill. Gibraltar—J. Foster, superannuated (Thornbury) Avening—T. G. Scott. Gowmore—John Vickery. Stayner—G. W. Stevenson; Thomas S. Kennedy (New Lowell) supernumerary Richard Grose, J. A. Long at college.