

County Council.

The House of Refuge Question left over until the June Session—The valuation of several Municipalities increased.

The County Council of the County of Grey met in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, on Tuesday the 28th inst. The members were all present at 3 o'clock, the statutory hour for meeting. The only change in the personnel of the council is Mr. Duncan McLean, who was elected, by acclamation in December last to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Kies, one of the representatives of Division No. 2.

The clerk took the chair and informed the council of Mr. McLean's election; and then called for nominations for the wardenship. There were only two nominations—Chas. McKinnon, Esq., of Durham, and George Watson, Esq., of Proton township.

On the first vote the election was decided, Mr. McKinnon having received ten votes and Mr. Watson six votes. Messrs. Gordon and McColman, the mover and seconder of Mr. McKinnon, escorted the Warden elect to the chair of the council, and formally introduced him to the council.

Mr. McKinnon addressed the council at some length, after which he subscribed his declaration of office and announced the duties of Warden by calling upon the clerk to read the minutes of last day of November session.

A special committee comprised of Messrs. Allan, Pringle, McDonald, Gordon, McDonald and Doyle, was appointed to strike the standing committees for the year 1902, after which the council adjourned till 7 o'clock in the evening.

At 7 o'clock council resumed when quite a number of documents were presented and read by the clerk, and were by the warden referred to the various standing committees; copy of the award of the arbitrators in the matter of attaching a portion of the town of Owen Sound to the township of Brandon; application of J. Ross Robertson for a grant to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto; a petition from a number of the inhabitants of the village of Clarksburg to be erected into a police village; an account from the township of St. Vincent for a refund of an amount incurred in caring for a lunatic, \$39.20; a similar account from the township of Collingwood for expenses in connection with a case of lunacy; annual statement of Electoral District Agricultural Society of East Grey, a letter from Jas. Gillespie in reference to his account for services as Deputy Returning Officer in division No. 8; a petition from a number of ratepayers of Durham asking for a free pedlars license for Hugh MacKay for 1903; application of Lt.-Col. Campbell of the 31st Regiment for a grant of \$500 to purchase a stand of colors for the regiment, also for a grant of \$800 to supplement the pay of the non-commissioned officers and men of the 31st Regiment while on duty; an account of W. A. Anderson, nominating officer for division No. 3, \$13.60; an account of MacKay & Sampson for \$19.50, for services in connection with the arbitration between Owen Sound and Sydenham; an account from Euphrasia for \$30.10, for refund of expenses in the case of a lunatic; a draft of a memorial from the county council of Waterloo, re railway crossing; a draft of memorial from County of Kent, asking for an extension of the time for the importation of sugar machinery; draft of a by-law to confirm a deviation on town line of Proton and Melancthon; several accounts for printing, repairs to county buildings, etc.

Judge Cresor was present and gave a personal invitation to the council to a meeting to be held in the council chamber for the formation of a Historical Society, and on motion the Judge's invitation was accepted.

The special committee to strike standing committees presented their report, which was adopted and engrossed in the minutes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. The members were all present; the minutes of Tuesday were read and confirmed. The report of Andrew Grier, school inspector for East Grey, was presented, a draft of a memorial to Dominion parliament for the appointment of a railway commission was referred to the Memorials committee; statement from Collegiate Institute, Owen Sound, for extra maintenance, referred to the Education committee; application from Prisoners Aid Association, of Toronto, for a grant; application from the Poultry Association for a \$50 grant; application of Douglas J. McDonald to be appointed county agent to the Ontario Agricultural College; account for building Hudson's bridge, \$621.17; a number of accounts for inspecting bridges were presented and referred to the Road and Bridge committee.

Reports were presented from Finance committee, County Property committee, and report of special committee on the House of Refuge. The Finance committee's report and the County Property committee's report were adopted by the council. The remainder of Wednesday afternoon was spent in discussing the report of the committee on the House of Refuge, the council, judging from the speeches, being pretty equally divided. The committee rose at 6.30 asking leave to sit again, after which council adjourned till Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING. Council met at ten o'clock, and after the calling of the roll, council went into committee of the whole to equalize the county assessment. Mr. Pringle in the chair. The council spent most of Thursday in thrashing out the several assessments. Owen Sound was raised \$250,000 and Derby \$50,000. Durham, Markdale, Hanover and several other municipalities were also raised.

The House of Refuge question also came up again when it was decided to continue the committee, which was instructed to get further information and a sketch of building, with cost of site, etc., and report at June meeting. Council adjourned till Friday.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON. Council met at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, the members were all present, the Warden in the chair; the minutes of Thursday were read, confirmed and signed.

Mr. Preston presented Report No. 2 of Finance committee, which recommended payment to St. Vincent for medical examination and expenses in connection with a case of lunacy \$39.20. A similar case from Township of Collingwood, amounting to \$35.81 was also ordered to be paid. Jas. Gillespie of Berkeley, whose election account was set out down at the November session by the sum of \$3.00, was allowed balance of this account in full. Mr. Dougald McDonald was appointed county student to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for 1902-3. The county treasurer was authorized to transfer \$200 from the general account to the stationery account, to cover the expenditure for stationery for the year. The sum of \$25 was placed at the credit of the governor of the jail, to assist discharged prisoners in reaching their destination. The application of the Poultry Association for a grant of \$50 was not granted.

Mr. Agnew presented Report No. 1 of Road and Bridge committee, which recommended the payment to Patrick Farley of \$154.67, being balance for building bridge on townline of Bentinck and Normanby; to Conrad Lantz, repairing bridge on county line between Normanby and Carriek, \$2.75; to George Watson for \$4.00, meeting committee from Dufferin county, in reference to a deviation on county line; to Andrew Schenk, inspecting Hudson bridge on townline of Normanby and Bentinck, \$3.90; to Chas. McKinnon, inspecting Hudson's bridge and mileage, \$4.20; to R. P. Butchart & Bro. for keg of spikes used in McAllister's bridge, townline Keppel and Sarawak, \$3.10; to John S. Allen, preparing plan etc. for bridge on county line Dufferin and Grey, Grey's share, \$1.50. The committee also recommended the confirming of By-law No. 83 of township of Proton, establishing a townline deviation.

Mr. Watson presented Report of Education committee, which recommended the adoption of the report of Andrew Grier, P. S. Inspector for East Grey; also report of N. W. Campbell, P. S. Inspector for South Grey, and these were ordered to be printed in the minutes. This report also recommended that \$97.78 be allowed the Meaford High School for staff maintenance; and the sum of \$1,900.26 as county's share of maintenance for the Collegiate Institute.

Mr. Schenk presented report of Printing committee which recommended payment of the Sun account for advertising January sessions, \$2; account of M. B. Flynn for \$48.81, for printing minutes of November session; account from McCallum & Pratt for \$18.95, for miscellaneous items of printing; account of James H. Little, printing and advertising, \$11.00; this report recommended that the county printing for 1902 be given to M. B. Flynn.

Mr. McColeman presented the report of Memorials committee. This report recommended that the request of the ratepayers of the village of Clarksburg, to be erected into a police village, be granted, and a by-law be passed to so erect them. It recommended that a memorial from the county of York for the appointment of a railway commission, be signed and forwarded to the Dominion Parliament; also a memorial from the county of Kent, asking that the time for the free importation of machinery used in the manufacture of sugar be extended and that said memorials be signed and forwarded to the Dominion Parliament.

A special committee, of which Mr. John McDonald was chairman, and which has been appointed to report upon a system of county roads, reported that after a careful consideration of the matter, and having consulted a number of representatives of the local municipalities, they were of the opinion that such a system under existing circumstances could not be carried out, that it is practically impossible to lay down a scheme of county roads which would receive the requisite support of the Council.

It was expected that an hour would finish the business on Saturday, but discussion cropped up on a couple of subjects which kept the members until 20 minutes after 12.

Clerk Rutherford reported with reference to goal supplies, the committee recommending that the tender of D. R. Duncan for groceries, D. B. McCall, for bread, G. O. Brignell for meat and Geo. A. Sargeant for milk be accepted, being the lowest in each case. The report was adopted.

Report of County Property recommended that the walls and corridors of the court house be suitably cleaned; that unless the burners can be remedied incandescent lighting be adopted; that the old fence in front of the court house be removed and a new one built and the grounds fixed; also that several accounts, etc., be passed. This report, read by Mr. Gordon, chairman, was adopted without discussion.

Mr. McArthur reported for committee re Treasurer's surpluses, that the county had two bonds from Mr. Parker of \$50,000 each and another bond from M. Parker, Durham; and Mr. R. McKnight for \$50,000 which were considered ample. The report was adopted.

Report of Roads and Bridges was read by Mr. Agnew with reference to an account from Bruce county for half cost of repairs to bridge on county line. Mr. Gordon suggested that a clause be added authorizing the warden to notify the Bruce county council that before any more work of this nature be performed the commissioner nearest the locality must be notified.

Mr. Harless made a statement with reference to the work in question which was done while he was away and while Mr. Pringle, his fellow-commissioner, was ill and unable to look after it. Reference was made by the Warden, who was chairman of Roads and Bridges last year, to statements made by Bruce commissioners in which they threatened to put Grey in for as much expense as possible and the report was amended so as to anticipate such action, after which it was adopted. Quite a discussion arose over this matter.

Another subject for discussion was a motion by Mr. Watson to pay \$110 as the county's share of a road deviation on the county line between Proton and Melancthon, payment to be made to the county of Dufferin direct. Mr. Gordon opposed this arguing that such action would be evidence that the county had purchased the road deviation and its maintenance would therefore fall on the county. Mr. Sluete agreed with Mr. Gordon in view of the matter.

Mr. Watson said the townships of Proton and Melancthon had passed by-laws with reference to the purchase and maintenance of the road, and this county had agreed to pay half the cost. The cost of two bridges was saved to the county by it.

Mr. McArthur said Mr. Gordon's proposal to pay the money over to Dufferin through the hands of Proton was like a galling saying which he quoted which meant that it was going to Wiarion by way of Toronto.

Mr. McColeman opposed Mr. Gordon's amendment but on motion of Mr. Allen it was carried.

Messrs. Brown and Doyle moved that the council furnish a messenger boy for the June session.

Mr. Gordon—The mover can furnish one as well as the council.

Mr. Brown urged that a messenger was necessary to sustain the dignity of the council. The clerk could not properly attend to his duties and run out after motions. Since county paid a messenger \$400 per year. (Laughter.)

Mr. McColeman was not opposed to having a messenger but facetiously remarked that he thought they could get one for \$200.

The motion was put and carried when Mr. Allen, on whose motion the last messenger of council was dispatched with, jumped to his feet to demonstrate against the unwanted expense. He was willing for his part to carry up his papers.

Mr. Allen introduced a by-law requiring that auctioneers, before conducting a sale, shall show his license and announce the date of its issue; also, that hawkers, peddlars and chapmen be required to carry a license card where it can be seen by the public. A reward of \$10 was offered by the by-law for every person securing a conviction for this or other by-laws in this behalf.

Mr. Agnew began to expatiate on the robberies which were perpetrated by peddlars, especially in spectacles, but was ruled out of order. Mr. McDonald moved council into committee on the by-law, and was asked by the warden to take the chair, but declined, as he wished to speak. Mr. Allen proposed Mr. Agnew, whom he

clearly wished to keep from talking, as the time was short. Mr. Agnew took the chair.

Mr. McDonald said it was an indignity to old auctioneers, like Mr. Beaton and others, to require them to produce their license before they began a sale.

Mr. Gordon had no doubt that Mr. Beaton, for one, would be glad of the protection afforded him by the by-law. All auctioneers were not like him, for any member of council could find out by enquiry at the treasurer's office that some of them did not pay their fees at all promptly. The by-law was passed in committee and finally passed by the date of the passing thereof.

A by-law to adapt the official seal of the county, the arms of Earl Grey, was also passed.

After signing the National Anthem Warden McKinnon declared council adjourned till Monday 30th June, at 7 p. m.

Advertisement for 'BIG STOCK REDUCING SALE' by 'McFarland, Stafford & Co.' featuring 'THE SENSATION SALE FOR 30 DAYS AT McFARLAND, STAFFORD & CO'S MARKDALE.' The ad lists various clothing items like suits, coats, and hats with their reduced prices. It includes an illustration of a woman and a child.

Advertisement for 'Look well after your Horses' Feet.' by 'J. D. WATSON MARKDALE.' It describes horse shoeing services and lists various horse shoeing tools and materials.

Advertisement for 'Markdale Markets' listing prices for various goods like flour, wheat, and meat. It also includes a 'Teacher Wanted' notice and a 'J. W. Sproule Dead' notice.

Advertisement for 'Cool Calculation' and 'A Scientific Voice Improver' by 'R. S. RAE, The Tailor, Markdale.' It describes voice training and tailoring services.

Advertisement for 'ALL CHARITIES' and 'CHILDREN' by 'Q. CO.' featuring an illustration of a child and text about supporting charities.

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