

YORK COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY - SIXTH DAY.
(Continued from last week)
Toronto, Feb 4th, 1878

Dr Morton a member of the Simcoe County Council, requested York Council to join with Simcoe in petitioning the Government for aid to lower Lake Simcoe four feet. He attributed the overflow to obstructions, artificial and natural at the mouth of the Severn River. There were fully 100,000 acres of land in the Counties of York and Simcoe which could be reclaimed, if the Lake was lowered four feet.

Several members thought navigation would be injured by lowering the Lake, but nothing was done on the matter. A deputation of gentlemen connected with the Industrial Exhibition, requested the Council to grant a sum of money to assist in maintaining the Exhibition, and two elect two members, with Warden, as directors on the Board. Ex-Ald Withrow, Ex Ald McGee, Ald Hallam and Messrs Armstrong, Fleming and Rennie addressed the Council in favor of the grant being made. No action was taken.

WEDNESDAY—7TH DAY
A motion by Messrs Armstrong and James, requesting the Legislature to amend the law so that the membership of the County Council might be cut down, was lost.

The question of granting a sum to the Industrial Exhibition came up and was strongly favored by Messrs Gray, Saunders, Gibson, Dunc n, Brown, Jackson and Dillery. On vote being taken, the Council decided against any sum being granted. The Legislature is to be petitioned in favor of the Huron and Ontario Ship Canal.

The auditors of the York roads' account presented an abstract statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year 1878, which showed that the receipts were \$32,459 90, and the disbursements, \$33,619 22, an expenditure over receipts of \$1,159 32.

The County Solicitor confirmed the legality of the last meeting of the Council for '78.

THURSDAY—8TH DAY
The Educational Committee, through Mr Jackson, Chairman, presented their Report which was adopted.

The first clause stated that the number of pupils enrolled during the year at the respective High Schools ranged between 60 and 87, and the average attendance was placed at 60. The following half-yearly grants were recommended: \$350 each to Weston, Markham, and Richmond Hill High Schools, and \$375 to Newmarket school. The second clause contained a number of questions to be answered by the respective trustees of high schools.

Mr Bowen, Chairman of the Commissioners on County Property, presented their report, of which the following is a summary:

Clause 1. That the Commissioners had leased another portion of the old gait property for \$50 per year, making in all an annual rental of \$510.

Clause 2. That Mr Frawley had been paid \$35 for loss alleged to have been sustained by his horse having fallen through the flooring of the Don bridge the day previous to its being carried away by the floods.

Clause 3 Mr Arkell was paid \$50 for the use of some timber for the purpose of erecting a temporary bridge at York Mills, after the floods.

Clause 4 referred to improvements in the Court House.

Clause 5 reviewed the action in Chancery taken by the Commissioners, under instruction of the Council, in the matter of the Kingston road tramway Co, to compel them to keep the road in proper repair, a decree to that effect having been granted.

Clause 6 detailed at some length the progress made in the various works on the York roads, which have already been published in the Engineer's report.

Clause 7 stated that the Commissioners had been unable to gain any definite information in reference to the suit of Walton et al v the County in which the plaintiff and his wife claimed damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained through defective roadway, but that a solicitor had been retained to accept service on behalf of the County.

The report was adopted.
Mr Patterson presented the Finance Report, of which the following is a summary:-
The Committee had examined the yearly accounts of the High School and non resident funds, and found them correct. That the amounts due the County by lessees of toll gates were \$1,618.98, of which \$912 was due by present holders of gates, and the balance by old lessees. Of this sum the Committee considered \$305.71, the arrears of David Ross, could be collected, and had instructed the Treasurer to institute proceedings. The account of Messrs Blake, Kerr, Boyd & Cassels, amounting to \$887.63 was ordered to be paid. The Committee were not in favor of granting the claim of David Brown, who alleged that he sustained injuries by a defective roadway at Islington bridge. The sum of \$50 was ordered to be paid to the treasurer of the Prisoners' Aid Association. A sum of \$17 was also ordered to be paid to assist in constructing two bridges on the County line between York and Ontario. The report was passed.

FRIDAY—9TH DAY
The County Property Report, presented by the Chairman, Mr H Duncan, was adopted.

The Committee on Equalization of Assessment presented their report, appended to which was a schedule, showing the equalized value of real and personal property and income of the different townships and incorporated villages in the county, as follows:-

\$3,923,640; Whitechurch, \$2,527,432 50; York, \$5 435.36; making a total of \$28,029,197.50.
Villages:- Yorkville, \$1 908.491; Newmarket, \$70,000; Aurora, \$276,000 Holland Landing, \$102,400; Markham, \$200,000; Richmond Hill, \$164,000; Tottenham, \$185,000; a total of \$3,301,801, or a grand total of \$33,331,088.50 Report adopted.

SATURDAY—10TH AND LAST DAY
The prayer of a petition received, asking for the appointment of a permanent commission, to act conjointly with the several Provincial Governments for the purpose of taking evidence in all matters relating to disputes between railroad companies, and further extending the power of adjusting traffic arrangements, etc., and that the Warden sign the same and forward it to the Governor General, was adopted, and ordered to be carried out.
Nothing was done regarding the overflow of Lake Simcoe, as the scheme was deemed impracticable. Council adjourned until the 16th of June

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