

York County Council.

The Council went into Committee of the whole, with Mr. Richardson in the chair, to consider a resolution by Mr. Hamilton, Reeve of Parkdale, to memorialize the Dominion Government with reference to the construction of subways at Parkdale and Brockton.

In support of his resolution Mr. Hamilton gave some interesting statistics regarding the passing of trains, people and vehicles at the crossing at Parkdale. During 26 consecutive days 70,000 people, and 14,000 vehicles had crossed the railway crossing.

It had been found that during fifteen hours there was only an interval of four minutes between the passage of trains at the crossing, and that a person passing over the crossings at any time during the day with a vehicle would be caught between the trains.

A petition was read from the Sisters of St. Joseph, House of Providence, setting forth the needs of the institution, and asking aid from the Council.

The memorial to the Dominion Government in reference to the subways in the villages of Parkdale and Brockton was adopted. The Reeve of Parkdale was authorized to sign it and forward it to Ottawa.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, the warden was empowered to accompany a deputation to Ottawa, Parkdale bearing the expense. The committee rose and reported and the report was adopted.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the by-law providing rules and regulations for the Industrial Home, Mr. Jones in the chair.

An amendment was passed to the effect that any person admitted to the Home being the possessor of money, the money shall be delivered over and placed to the credit of the Home; and persons admitted having a life interest in any real estate, such interest shall be utilized by the authorities of the Home.

In case of personal property on the death of the inmate, it shall be handed over to relatives, or in case of there being none, retained by the Home.

The by-law was passed as a whole, and the committee rose and reported, the report being adopted by the Council. The by-law was read a third time and passed.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the by-law appointing officers of the Industrial Home, Mr. Brodie in the chair.

Dr. Rutherford said he did not know that he had done wrong, and denied that he had been asked to meet the committee. He had done his duty, and had never heard, save by report, that the by-law required that he should furnish medicine.

During his term of office at the Home he had made 32 visits over 150 examinations, and had given 100 prescriptions, so that it would be seen he had given pretty good service for his salary. He would never have undertaken the duties if it was understood that he was to furnish medicine.

He read a letter which he had received from the committee, stating that he would be required to do so, and this was the first intimation he had received.

Mr. Rowes said that he had been informed by the doctor and nurse that the man Bentley, who died, had never been prescribed for or taken a drop of medicine. He disclaimed the responsibility of making any charge against Dr. Rutherford before the Council, and the man who was charging Dr. Rutherford's case were those who wanted to kill him.

He thought that what the doctor had said corroborated the statements made by the committee. He had never said that Dr. Rutherford was responsible for the man's death. The fact was that the man had got drunk and had been picked up in the street in that condition, and having contracted a cold from the exposure, it contributed to his death.

Dr. Rutherford verbally tendered his resignation as physician of the Home. He then withdrew. The consideration of the by-law was proceeded with, and the name of Stanley Scott, M. D., inserted as physician of the Home. The by-law fixed the salary at \$100 per annum, including the supply of medicine.

The committee rose and reported. In Council the report was read and passed. The officers of the Home are as follows with the salaries attached: J. D. Phillips, physician, \$75; James Irwin, nurse, \$30; Elizabeth Irwin, matron, \$10; Stanley Scott, M. D., physician, \$100.

On motion of Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Evans, the resignation of Dr. Rutherford was accepted. The report of the Committee on Finance and Assessment was read, and the Council went into committee of the whole for its consideration.

Mr. Ashton in the chair. Among other matters the report recommended that no grant be made to the City of Toronto, because the City of Toronto already maintained an institution for similar purposes.

A by-law was introduced and passed through all its stages increasing the salary of the high constable to \$800 per annum. A by-law was introduced by Mr. Ashton, authorizing the Treasurer to raise by loan a sum not exceeding \$20,000 to meet current expenses, till the taxes be collected. The report was put through its three readings and passed.

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