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## The County Council.

WEDNESDAY.

The County Council met at 2.30 p.m., at the County Office, on Wednesday evening, the 27th inst., under the chairmanship of Mr. Hartman.

After several communications had been read, the differences with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company were discussed, and finally referred to the Committee on County Property.

The Council then went into Committee on the Report of the Committee on the Equalization of Assessment, Mr. Hartman in the chair. This report stated that the Committee had found a great many mistakes in the recalculation sheets placed in the assessment rolls of the local municipalities. To remedy this in future the Committee recommended that the County Clerk should see that the proper forms are passed in the assessment rolls, and that a different form be used for towns and villages. Since the assessment of 1886 was made the report stated that 300 acres of land, assessed at \$385,000 in the Township of York,

HAD BEEN ASSESSED TO THE CITY OF TORONTO. This reduced the average assessed value of land in this township to \$88 per acre. The schedule showed the following particulars:—Persons assessed in county, 19,005; acres, resident, 535,024; value of acres resident, \$27,894,958; acres, non-resident, 9,618; value of acres non-resident, \$96,035; total acres, resident and non-resident, 544,642; total value resident and non-resident, \$28,990,993; personal property, \$1,440,660; taxable income, \$60,300; total personal and income, \$1,500,960; total real, personal and income, \$29,491,953; number of persons assessed in 1885, 548,441; in 1886, 545,931; total number of persons in County according to assessors, 56,700; cattle, 35,375; sheep, 25,212; horses, 15,497; swine, 19,114; dogs, 4,666; hives, 161. Schedule No. 2 showed

THE EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE of the real estate in the County to be \$27,990,993. In the various townships the equalized value per acre was as follows:—Etobicoke \$53 Georgia \$28 North Gwillimbury \$32 East Gwillimbury \$33 King \$40 Markham \$57 Scarborough \$52 Vaughan \$54 Whitechurch \$37 York \$84. The total equalized value of real estate was given at \$28,254,789; total assessed value of personal property, \$1,600,970; equalized value of personal property and income, \$2,005,000; total assessed value of real, personal property, and income, \$29,491,953; total equalized value of personal and income, \$1,260,739 DOLLARS.

The foregoing figures show the difference between the work of the assessors and that of the Committee on Equalization. The report was adopted.

The Reeve of Holland Landing, Mr. McClure, tendered his resignation as a member of the Council, owing to the fact that he found that he could not legally sit, having been an assessor last year.

Mr. Jackson then introduced his resolution relative to the appointment of County Officers now paid by fees and by the County Councils or by the popular vote, with fixed salaries. Mr. Richardson moved in amendment that the words "by popular vote" be struck out. The amendment was carried. The Council then adjourned.

THURSDAY.

In the afternoon the Council went into Committee on the report of the Committee on Roads and Bridges with Mr. J. D. Evans in the chair.

The report stated that the Committee could not recommend the construction of a bridge over the Humber between the Township of York, Vaughan, and Etobicoke. As to the proposed bridge over the Humber stream at Scarler's road the Committee recommended that the Commissioners of County Property be instructed to examine the place and consider the cost and report at the June session of the Council.

The report with some unimportant alterations, was passed in Committee and adopted in Council.

The report of the Standing Committee on THE INDEBTED AT HOME was then considered by the Council in Committee of the Whole. The Committee stated that by the report of the Inspector and keeper the following facts were shown: Number of inmates in the Home at last report 100, admitted during the year 65, vagrants 1, born in the Home 2, death 18, children sent out on trial 6, absconded from the Home 4, discharged 44, now in the Home 90. The various causes of pauperism were given as follows:—Sickness 3, blind 2, destitute 17, vagrancy 1, orphans 11, old age 5, lame 2, idiotic 2, epileptic 2, paying for board 4, intemperance 16. The average number of inmates during the year was 103. The total expenditure for 1886 was given at \$6,856.95; amount received from County Treasurer, \$6,023.90; expended for permanent improvements, \$100; amount received for inmate from County, \$5,923.90; average expense per week for each person, \$1.07. The cost per week per inmate in 1885, was \$1.22. The Committee refused to recommend an increase of salary for the matron. A By-Law regulating

BANKERS AND PUTTY CHAPMEN was considered in Committee of the Whole, and afterwards passed by the Council. This provided that bankers travelling by first class should pay an annual license of \$4; those with a horse or other animal \$20 and \$5 for every additional animal; with a horse \$50 and with a decked vessel \$30. Those delivering goods to wholesale or retail dealers, or those dealing in goods, wares or merchandise, the natural product of the Province excepted. Agents of persons not resident in the County selling tea, dry-goods or jewellery are obliged to take out licenses. The report of the special committee on the disposal of

THE LAKE SHORE ROAD was also passed in Committee and adopted by the Council. The Committee reported that they were unable to have a meeting with a Committee of the Toronto City Council as intended, but had been led to believe that the city were willing to assume that part of the Lake Shore road opposite High Road, and that the ratepayers of Sunnyside were also willing to take and keep up their section of the same road. The Committee recommended that their Committee be continued with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Council, and that the toll-gate be not relet until then. The Commissioners of County Property to make temporary arrangements for the collection of toll in the meantime. The offer of \$10,000 by Messrs. Eager & Faulkner for that portion of the road in Sunnyside was declined as the money was to be paid conditional on a road being opened up north of the Grand Trunk railway a scheme already rejected by the Council.

A By-Law appointing Messrs John Richardson and L. L. Hartman as a Board of Commissioners for the Industrial Home was passed.

A resolution empowering the Warden and Commissioners to transfer licenses held by residents of the County to their agents, on payment of a fee of \$1, was adopted. The Council then adjourned.

FRIDAY.

The report of the Standing Committee on Education was received and passed. The report stated that the High and Model schools of the County were in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. It was passed without amendment.

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