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**York County Council.**

The York County Council continued its session Monday afternoon, Warden Chester in the chair. A communication was received from County Treasurer J. K. Macdonald, giving the estimates for the current year. The amount necessary to be levied is \$45,441.41, which will call for a rate of 17-20 of a mill in the dollar, for general purposes. The sum necessary for the Industrial Home is \$7,350, which will call for a rate of 11-40 of a mill in the dollar. "It will be necessary to have a by-law," the Treasurer states, "authorizing the Warden and Treasurer to borrow an additional sum of not less than \$25,000 to meet expenditures up to the time the levy for the year is paid in."

The report of Mr. D. Fotheringham, Public School Inspector for South York, was received. The report includes a table giving some comparisons between the last four years and the year 1886. "In regard to expenditure," it says, "with slight exception there has been a steady falling off during the past four years, till the income of 1900 is only \$3,500 more than that of 1886, while the expenditure is over \$9000 less." This is accounted for by the fact that the days of heavy building outlay are over. "On the whole, salaries have declined, while the cost of living has admittedly advanced, and the representatives of the sexes have exchanged places. In 1886, 55 men and 45 ladies were in the profession. Now we have 42 men and 63 ladies. Fifteen years ago we had one first-class, 49 second-class, 37 third-class, and 8 interim certificates. Now we have 6 first-class, 70 second-class, 32 third-class, and no interim certificates. This would be a most encouraging fact were it not offset by the undeniable truths that the profession never was so much of a stepping-stone, and that that fact is attributable to the decline in pay in the teaching profession, while better openings are now available in commercial callings for those who do not always have the non-professional education required of teachers. The school population of South York has fallen off. On the other hand, the percentage of attendance is greater, so that those who attend school now attend 55-3-4 days out of 100, while those entered fifteen years ago attended only 47-1-5 out of 100."

The report of Mr. A. B. Davidson, Public School Inspector for North York, was also received. It showed a balance on hand of \$11,666.00. The average cost per pupil in the inspectorate was \$8.27, approximately 4 cents per pupil per day. There are 101 teachers in the inspectorate, one holding a first-class, 47 second-class, and 53 third-class. The average salary of the male teachers was \$313, and of the female teachers \$278. Referring to the frequent changing of teachers the report says: "Our system of education may be admirable in theory, but it is an exceedingly wasteful one in practice."

A class of twelve attended the Model School at Newmarket, and all but two passed the Education Department examination. There is accommodation at the school for 50 students.

A communication was read from Assessment Commissioner W. A. Clark, asking that the time for taking the township assessment be extended from May 1st to June 17th.

The report of the Finance Committee refers with regret to the death of Constable Boyd, and suggests some action being taken to prevent the possible recurrence. It also recommends that Constable Stewart be commended for his bravery.

Councillor Evans gave notice of motion that Council decide to take no action in regard to the grant from the Province to make good roads.

Dr. J. H. Wesley, resident physician of the County Industrial Home, presented his report. The year had been an unusual one on account of the great number of cases of illness and injury. Many old inmates had been seriously afflicted, several of them dying. There were a number of surgical cases also, in which the physician had to call in assistance. Fifteen inmates died during the year, thirteen of them being males.

Mr. H. E. Irwin, Secretary of the Toronto Junction High School, writes asking for information regarding the Council's grant of \$800 to the school. Mr. Irwin thinks this amount much too little. The letter was referred to the Education Committee.

Mr. Robertson, a barrister of Markham Village, addressed the Council when in committee of the whole, asking that the area of the incorporated Village of Markham be reduced. He owns a quantity of land on the edge of the village, which he uses for farming only, and does not want the village light or waterworks on the land. Councillor Woodcock claimed that a reduction of area would also reduce the security of the debenture holders. The matter was discussed at some length and then laid over, so that the views of the Markham Village Council may be obtained.

The report of the Board of County Commissioners was received. The report contained reference to a letter received from A. J. Anderson, solicitor for the trustees of the Toronto Junction Model School, threatening to take legal action unless the grant provided for by law be paid. The commissioners had recommended its payment. The board decided that they would run the risk of a legal action, although their solicitor explained to them that they were bound in equity but not in law to provide the money.

The report stated that the new Eagle bridge at Weston would be completed by August 1st.

Many inquiries had been received by the commissioners in regard to the price and the rent of the old court house and of the furniture. The board recommended council to take some definite action regarding the disposal of the building.

The committee of the whole to discuss the report of the commissioners rose at this point and asked leave to sit again.

The report of the Industrial Home Commissioners was received and adopted.

**Binder Twine**

THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT FIXES IT AT 8 CENTS.

The Hon. Mr. Stratton, Provincial Secretary, and the Inspector of Prisons have decided upon the price (8 cents per pound) at which farmers can be supplied with binder twine from the Ontario Central Prison for the season of 1901. This year there is only one quality that will be supplied, and that the best, of which every ball and every ounce is guaranteed, and every farmer who purchases this twine and does not find it satisfactory, can by returning it have the price paid for the twine returned. This condition, however, is not likely to arise, for there is no question of the quality of the twine supplied the farmer—it is as good as the best twine that will be placed upon the market this year.

There will be besides a decided, and, to the farmer, profitable, improvement in the mode of parcelling. Heretofore it has been the practice of binder twine manufacturers to ship in ordinary jute bags, which were useless to the farmer after the twine was received, and the lashings of loosely twisted tow, were also useless after the temporary purpose was served. The weight of these sacks and lashings was six per cent. of the weight of the bale.

But this is now changed as regards the twine from the Central Prison, and there will be no six per cent. loss to the farmer. The twine will hereafter be shipped in two-bushel, 16 oz. cotton grain bags of excellent quality, which will be of permanent use to the farmer, as will also the lashings which consist of two nine-foot rope halters, with snap and ring ready for use. The value of the grain bag is greater than an equal weight of twine, and the same applies to the halter. The twine balls are 12 to the bag—of a length of five hundred feet to the pound, and of uniform quality throughout.

**Vaughan Council**

Council met at Vellore on Tuesday, June 11, at 10 a. m. Reeve Kirby presiding, with Councillors Malloy, Devins, Boyle and Longhouse present.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Devins—Longhouse—that B. Weldrick be paid for 1 sheep and 5 lambs killed by dogs, being two-thirds their value, and sum of \$20.—Carried.

Longhouse—Boyle—that the following road accounts be paid:

J. Wilson, repairing culvert	\$ 5 00
J. H. Watson, gravel	2 10
Jas. Huxon, gravel	3 15
J. H. Kirby, freight	60
E. North, car of sewer pipe	119 13
D. C. Longhouse, freight	22 12
J. Brown, unloading sewer pipe	50
A. Leitch, building culvert	4 00
S. McClure, plank bridge	5 62
G. J. Lawrie, repairing bridge	3 05
H. Creighton, work and spikes	1 25
J. L. Card, repairing hill	29 75
J. H. Scott, brush	2 00
M. Cleary, blacksmith account	1 55
A. Black, cleaning ditches	2 25
D. Seed, hauling gravel	4 34
George Kellam, work	50
A. Coulter, building bridge	16 93
A. Dalziel, plank	24 05
Jas. Kaiser, gravel	2 24

Yonge St. Account.

Wm. Chatterly, work and breaking 1 toise of stone	13 00
W. Chatterly, work with horse and cart	6 00
M. Conley, breaking stone	5 50
S. Wilcox, 1 toise stone	6 00
A. Boyle, 2 toise of stone	11 00

Devins—Boyle—that the following general accounts be paid:  
J. Atkinson, equalizing S. S. \$ 4 00  
H. Creighton, equalizing S. S. 5 00  
Public Library, Woodbridge, use of building for Division Court. 15 00  
Toronto General Hospital 14 00  
—Carried.

Devins—Longhouse—that the clerk be instructed to employ P. S. Gibson, C. E., to locate 8th concession opposite lots 23 and 24, and to make a survey of the road deviation purchased from John E. Ellis, on 10th con.; also that the clerk shall notify John Abell, Toronto, that this council, having reason to believe that the fence now being built opposite the Fielding property on the gravel road, is being built on the road allowance owned by the corporation of Vaughan, request that the same be removed at once. And further that the clerk be instructed to notify the following persons whose land fronts on the 5th con., to have their fences removed off the road allowance on 5th con.: John G. Constable, lot 25, con. 4, west part; Edward and George Marwood, lot 24, con. 4, west half; and Rev. W. Aikens, lot 23, con. 4, west half.—Carried.

The council adjourned to meet at the Town Hall, Vellore, on Tuesday, July 9, at 1 p. m.

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