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COUNTY COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

All the members were present and some lively discussion took place on a question which was brought up by the report of the Road and Bridge Committee concerning a bridge built by the county near Hanover, which the township of Bentinck ought, in the opinion of the county councillors, to pay for; but which they had openly expressed their intention of not paying for. Another question which aroused some little manifestation of interest was the discussion of the best means of circulating the tabulated statement of information about the House of Refuge which had been prepared by the Warden and Clerk.

The reports presented were those of the Road and Bridge Committee by Mr. Gordon, chairman, and the county property committee by Mr. McDonald, chairman. The report of Roads and Bridges recommended the adoption of the report of special committee representing the townships of Osprey and Artemesia, respecting the opening up of the townline between these townships; that the refusal of the township of Bentinck to pay their share of a bridge north of Hanover be filed, and that the account of Normandy re Scott's bridge be treated in like manner.

Council went into committee of the whole on this report, Mr. McDonald in the chair. The first clause passed. Mr. Quance moved that the Clerk write asking the township of Bentinck to reconsider their decision.

Mr. Binnie gave a history of the building of the bridge in question, Mr. McColman and himself, who were the Road Commissioners, having been informed of the dangerous condition of the old bridge, had inspected it, and had determined to build a new one. There had originally been two bridges, but filling had been put in instead of one of them, and the cost of the bridge was charged up to Bentinck under By-law 363. Bentinck repudiated the By-law and refused to pay the amount. It was generally believed that the By-law would not hold water, and he felt sure that Bentinck would not reconsider the position they had taken.

Mr. Gordon thought there was a portion at least of the \$640 that Bentinck could not get out of paying—that was the cost of filling up, but Mr. Binnie contended that when the county took away a bridge they were responsible to put another in its place, or else make the road passable in some other way. The municipality would be responsible for keeping this filled up portion in repair henceforth.

Mr. Quance advised leaving the matter in abeyance for the present and holding back the money which was returned to the municipalities until it was seen whether Bentinck would not pay the amount.

Mr. Allen contended that it would not be fair to hold back this returnable money, as the municipalities were entitled to it.

No matter what the Council of Bentinck thought, he believed that the people felt they were morally, if not legally, bound to pay for the bridge.

Mr. Bishop said if the paying back of money to the municipalities was laid over till January it would look as if they were anticipating trouble, and no trouble was threatened. He thought the proper action was to file the communication from Bentinck.

Mr. McColman was in favor of taking some action that would bring the matter to a focus. By-law 363 should be laid before a solicitor for his opinion, and if it was not sound it should be repealed.

The Warren believed By-law 363 had its origin in the narrow spirit which often animated the old county councillors, who generally had strong sectional interests for which they fought. Those days were past and members now should remember that they represented the county and not any section. In the discussion about Bentinck's supposed intentions they should remember that (with a gesture in the direction of the reporter's table),

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Mr. Binnie moved, seconded by Mr. Sing, that the committee rise, which was carried.

Report of County Property Committee recommended among other things, the payment of several accounts; that the tender of Robt. Morrow to supply stones for breaking in the gaol yard at 37 per cubic yard be accepted; that the granite pavement to be laid down in front of the county buildings be widened to extend to the fence, and that no action be taken with reference to the Sheriff's letter regarding the ventilation of the court room, as changes were contemplated shortly which would remedy the defect. The report was adopted without discussion.

Moved by Mr. Sing, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the tabulated statement of

valuable information concerning a House of Refuge, which has been prepared by the warden and clerk be accepted, and 8,000 copies printed and circulated. Some discussion was had over the best medium for circulating these statements, Mr. McDonald pointing out that it was an important matter, and if the statements were printed they should be properly distributed. The motion was finally passed.

Mr. McDonald asked if it had been decided what form of question or ballot was to be used in taking the House of Refuge plebiscite.

Warden Richardson replied that the clerk and himself, who were the committee, had not thought it was in their province to settle this question, as there was a meeting of the Council to be held, and it was for them now to deal with it. Clerk Rutherford expressed the opinion that taking the vote by ballot would be the best method, advanced several reasons for this contention.

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in some quarters, in which case there would not be an election for concillors, and the total expense would be for taking the plebiscite vote.

Messrs. Sing and McDonald were in favor of taking the vote properly and paying for it. It was finally moved by Messrs. Biddle and Gordon that the Clerk be instructed to procure ballots for taking the vote for the House of Refuge, the question to be of the form following:—"Are you in favor of a House of Refuge for this county?" with space left for the voter to mark yes or no. The motion was carried.

On motion of Messrs. Anderson and McColman the warden and chairman of the road and bridge committee were instructed to procure the opinion of a solicitor on by-law 363 and report at this session of council.

On motion of Mr. Watson the council adjourned until Thursday afternoon at half past two.

DURHAM MARKET.

Flour per bbl	\$ 3 50	to \$ 4 00
Oatmeal per sack	1 80	to 2 00
Bran per cwt	63	to 75
Shorts per cwt	75	to 80
Fall Wheat per bushel	68	to 70
Barley	0 35	to 0 42
Peas	0 62	to 65
Oats	0 28	to 29
Drd. Hogs, per cwt	5 25	to 5 30
Hogs, live weight	4 00	to 50
Lard per lb	10	to 10
Tallow per lb	0 03	to 0 04
Butter per lb	0 12	to 0 18
" Roll	12	to 13
Eggs, per doz	14	to 15
Chickens, per pair	25	to 30
Ducks	40	to 50
Turkeys, per lb	70	
Geese, per lb	0 05	to 0 05
Hides, per ext	7 00	to 7 00
Calfskins	25	to 30
Sheepskins	40	to 65
Hay, per ton	5 00	to 6 00
Straw, per bag	0 00	to 0 00
Potatoes, per bag	60	to 75
Apples, per bag	50	to 75

Live Stock Markets.

TORONTO.

The run of live stock at the Western Cattle Market was fair—60 carloads all told, composed of 700 cattle, 1489 sheep, 60 calves and 2000 hogs.

Trade for good stock of all kinds was active, while the poorer grades were slow of sale.

Quality of fat cattle offered to-day generally not very good, but prospects are fair for good cattle next week, as they are scarce and wanted.

Export Cattle—Choice heavy exporters sold at \$4.25 to \$4.25, and light exporters at \$3.75 to \$3.85 per cwt.

Export Bulls—Export bulls of choice heavy quality sold at \$3.05 to \$3.85, medium export \$3.25 to \$3.40.

Loads of good butchers and exporters mixed sold at \$3.00 to \$3.85 per cwt.

Choice picked lots of butchers' cattle, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing from 1000 to 1100 lbs. each, were scarce, selling at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt., loads of good \$3.40 to \$3.60; medium \$3.25 to \$3.70; common \$2.85 to \$3.10 and inferior \$2.70 to \$2.75.

Stockers—Buffalo stockers were easy with prices unchanged, selling all the day from \$2.75 for inferior to \$3 for medium, and \$3.15 to \$3.25 for steers weighing 600 to 700 lbs. each of good quality.

Feeders—Good heavy feeders of 1000 to 1150 lbs. each of good quality are scarce and worth from \$3.40 to \$3.65 per cwt.

Milk Cows—About 18 cows were offered, selling from \$30 to \$48 each, with few at the latter price. No extra cows were offered, but such would have found ready sale at good prices.

Calves—The general run sold at \$3 to \$4 each, with veals of extra weight and quality selling at \$5 per cwt.

Sheep—Prices for sheep were unchanged. Ewes sold at \$3.25 to \$3.40 for the bulk, with choice picked lots at \$3.50 per cwt., bucks \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.

Lambs—Prices for lambs were unchanged at \$3.00 to \$4.10 per cwt., the latter price being paid for ewes and wethers only.

Hogs—Deliveries were fair, 2000; prices unchanged. Choice selections of best bacon, hogs 100 to 220 lbs. each, unfed and unwatered, off cars, \$4.37 to \$4.50; thick fats, \$4.25; light fats, \$4 per cwt.

To many light hogs are coming forward, and Mr. Harris is very particular, and is culling very closely. Few dealers got the highest price, \$4.50, more getting about \$4.25.

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