

COUNTY COUNCIL.

CONCLUDED THIS WEEK.

A most interesting matter which came before the council, was the annual report of Dr. T. H. Middlebro, jail physician.

Upon the recommendation of the special committee composed of Messrs. McDonald, Bishop and Gordon, it was decided at the Thursday session to have a new roof placed on the court house, with proper provision made for ventilating the court room.

The position of the ratepayers of Hawover, for incorporation, as a village was granted. Henry Foshman was appointed enumerator to take the census of the proposed village.

Chas. G. Dickson of Dionora, was appointed county student at the Ontario Agricultural College as soon as a vacancy occurs.

Upon the recommendation of the road and bridges committee, the \$3500 raised by the county for maintenance of bridges on our town lines, was divided among the municipalities on the basis of their equalized assessment as follows:—

Table listing municipalities and their assessed amounts: Arthemisia \$199.94, Bentneck 234.14, Collingwood 238.53, Darby 159.79, Egremont 205.29, Egremont 235.89, Glenside 147.87, Holland 168.37, Keppel 119.96, Normanby 275.35, Osprey 166.62, Proton 174.78, Suawak 39.74, St. Vincent 249.05, Sullivan 212.91, Sydenham 215.75, Oaca Summit 287.63, Menton 81.73, Durham 35.68, Thornbury 28.66, Markdale 23.67, Dundalk 20.17.

Attached to the report was the written opinion of Mr. H. B. Smith, solicitor, as to the legality of by-law 303 under which the present system of maintaining bridges on town lines was inaugurated.

Under the report of the education committee the following grants were made to schools having continuation classes.

Table listing school grants: Thornbury school \$25.00, Clarkburg 25.00, S. S. No. 3, Collingwood 12.50, Durham 50.00, Hanover 25.00, Dundalk 25.00, Markdale 25.00, Flesheron 12.50, Prieville 12.50.

Owing to the lack of definite information the committee was unable to make any recommendation of grants in support of continuation classes in the West Grey inspectorate.

Heretofore under by-law 596 the county councilors and the Reeves of the local municipalities have acted as joint commissioners, but heretofore the county representatives will perform the duty alone.

As the old by-law regulating hawkers and peddlars conflicted with the present statutory provisions a new by-law was passed in which the schedule of fees is as follows:—for a 2 horse wagon \$50; for a 1 horse wagon \$30; for a wagon or cart pushed or drawn by the person \$15; for a basket \$1. The penalty for refusing to produce license when asked to do so, is not less than \$1 and not more than \$10 and costs; and the penalty for neglecting to take out a license is a fine of from \$5 to \$25, with distress in case of default, and in the event of insufficient distress imprisonment for 15 days.

The warden then upon request vacated the chair, which was taken by Mr. McDonald. It was then moved by Mr. Allan seconded by Mr. Binnie, that the best wishes of the council be tendered to warden Richardson, for his courteous and impartial conduct of the county business, and that the sum of \$100 be paid him to cover disbursement while attending to the duties of the office during the year. The resolution was carried by a standing vote, and was suitably replied to by the warden in a few appropriate remarks thanking the members for their courtesy.

Supplementary grants were voted to the chairmen of the different committees as follows:—Finance, \$10; county property, \$10; road and bridges, \$10; education, \$10; printing, \$5.00; communications and memorials, \$5.00; Fred Rutherford, messenger, \$1.00 per day.

The council then adjourned. The new council will meet on the fourth Tuesday in January according to statute.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Council met on Monday night, Jas. Carson was appointed Collector of all taxes unpaid on the 15 inst., 3 per cent to be paid by defaulters to meet expense of collector: Accts, passed as follows: T. Whelan, work \$6.50; W. Anderson \$ salary, \$8.75; Clerk's salary, \$17.50; A. McKenzie, Postage \$5.52; Ed. Burnett work, \$6; M. Kress Cl. pipes, 25c;

D. McKimmon work, \$2.25; Don. McDonald 6 mos. salary Health Inspector, \$5.00; Wm. Cliff work, \$1; Chas. Brown, work \$11.35; Geo. Russel, wood municipal purposes \$12.30; Jas. Brown, work \$1.45; R. Aljoe, rep. scraper &c \$2; Smith and Callfax for tiles, \$12.30; Telephone 25c; J. A. Lenahan, building steps \$1.25; Jas. Carson, salary Town Con. \$20; Jas. Carson, meals to tramps \$108, \$5.70; Charter Smith, pipes and couplings \$4.50; B. Sharp, rep. walks, 50c; Electric light Co. light to Dec. 31 \$8 \$25.80; Jas. Crawford, lumber \$5.83; Thos. Daniels, work with team \$11.35; E. Burnet, work \$5; E. Hartford, grave-digging \$115.80; Total \$282.85.

Mayor, Reeve and Finance Com. were appointed a committee to meet Barrister McCaul on Wednesday with a view to a settlement with the Paving Company.

Editorial Note and Comment. HOUSE OF REFUGE.

The County Council has issued 8000 large sheets containing information to guide Grey voters at the coming plebiscite for the House of Refuge.

We quote from this sheet a paragraph and will give more next week: "This is not by any means a new question to the Electors of this County, for although it may never have been presented to them for an individual expression of opinion, yet it has time and again been the subject of earnest debate by their representatives in the County Council. Scarcely has a sitting of a Court been held in this County at which the Grand Jury—largely composed of thoughtful, intelligent and influential farmers—has drafted a "Presentment," in which this question has not had a place, suggesting the necessity of the erection of such a Home. The Judges upon the Bench have from time to time, in unqualified terms, made allusion to the absence of a Home for the aged and indigent in this County, and of their being herded together with criminals in the County Gaol, as being a disgrace to the County. The Prison Inspectors, on very many occasions, have given emphatic expression to their views, suggesting the erection of a "Home" as of the first importance to this large and progressive County.

The following is part of a table showing the amounts spent in aid to indigent poor in the municipality mentioned. (a) shows the amount paid to indigents. (b) the number to whom aid was given. (c) the number which might have been sent to a home in each of the years respectively.

Table with 3 columns (a, b, c) and rows for municipalities: Arthemisia, Bentneck, Collingwood, Darby, Egremont, Glenside, Holland, Keppel, Normanby, Osprey, Proton, Suawak, St. Vincent, Sullivan, Sydenham, Oaca Summit, Menton, Durham, Thornbury, Markdale, Dundalk.

The total paid in the County in 1894 was \$3330.81; in 1895, \$3500; in 1896 \$3366.19; an average for the 3 years being \$3399.11. Aid was given in '94 to 91; in '95 to 112; in '96 to 116, an average of 106. "Might have been sent" '94, 45; '95, 39; '96, 48; an average of 44.

We will give some statistics relating to the expense of these institutions next week.

The closing proceedings in the Spanish American treaty have been much embittered by the reference to the Maine in Pres. McKinley's Message. The Americans will never shake off the charge of unfairness till they accept the Spanish proposal for an international arbitration over that affair.

The Elections in West Huron and Halton last Thursday both went Liberal. Hon. Mr. Garrow was elected by about 60 majority; Barber by about 150. This practically ensures the full term of this parliament under Liberal auspices with a good working majority. The confidence of the province will not be misplaced.

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—France is having some ominous warnings given her by prominent British statesmen. Chamberlain says "no understanding is possible while France pursues her policy of exasperation."

—The Prince of Wales it is reported, may visit Canada next summer. His reception in 1860 would be nothing to what it would be now. We hope Canada will not be considered a side show to the States however.

TOP CLIFF.

Mr. Norman McDougall took a pleasure trip to fish there's the run some say here, others there, but nevertheless he says he enjoyed himself thoroughly, and we are all looking forward to hearing something interesting here-forgoing.

Miss Mary M. McDonald of the 10th has been visiting at Mr. Hugh McDonald's She has lately returned from a tour in the Southern States.

Mrs. McDonald who has been ailing for time has gone to stay with Jas. McDonald.

Mrs. Hambley and cousin from Nottelton visited at Mr. Fisher's, south line.

Mrs. Patrick Sullivan spent Thanksgiving week with her numerous friends in the Queen city.

M. N.O. visited at Mr. Neil McCanmids one evening last week. If M. and N. don't look out the letters shall be reversed and O. will take the lead.

Master Dan McKeeloh of Belam Valley spent Sunday with friends on the south line.

Mr. Alex. McDonald of Arthemisia, visited at Mr. Hugh McDonald's on Sunday. What he does not know concerning the Southern States now, will be told him when he goes to the 10th.

We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. Alex. McEwen and daughter are almost fully recovered their illness.

Mr. Robert Foster has just finished threshing last Friday at Mr. Otto Konold's.

We would like to hear if the young man arrived home safely through the storm on Sunday night or rather Monday morning.

We wonder if the young man with the scotch bonnet returned for Allen the other night.

On Friday evening of last week Mr. Norman McDougall gave a party which will not soon be forgotten by those present it was principally the old folks party. About 10 o'clock they were seated to a sumptuous repast to which they did ample justice and which was a credit to the Misses McDougall. After satisfying the inner man Mr. Jno. McArthur of Prieville addressed the company in a short and witty manner. Pretty soon the room was cleared and the violin turned up, and in a short time they were tripping the light fantastic. There were those among them whose hair made feel that they had passed their majority by a decade or two, who could put the younger generation in the shade. Conspicuous among them were Mr. Jno. McArthur, A. and D. McMillan and H. McLean who have lost none of their elasticity of step, especially when it came to dance the time honored scotch reel. Now we but express the sentiments of those present when we say that it was one of the most enjoyable times spent in these parts for some time.

Puny Children

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