

The County Council.

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them for that service. The address of M. M. Maxwell, Secretary of Good Roads Association, Cleveland, Ohio, was a very elaborate specimen of oratory, but did not have much in it for us as the conditions there are so different from what we have here in the County of Haldimand, they using paving brick entirely, at a cost varying from \$18,000 to \$23,000 per mile; but it is not as expensive for the municipalities as it would seem from the enormity of the cost, as the city of Cleveland contributes 82 per cent. of the entire cost, but where would Cayuga be if she were to contribute 82 per cent. of the entire cost of five miles of good road, at a cost of much less say \$2,000 per mile. So you will see that conditions vary so much that it is impossible to get more than a vague idea of what would be a standard road and the cost of same per mile in our own locality. But this one thing we do know, that some of the Counties of this Province, not so well blest with stone as we are, are shipping road metal from our County to build and maintain their highways, taking it in some instances many miles, and are satisfied that the investment is a good one. These are the more progressive who are able to see some of the advantages of good roads, being able to haul at least twice as much on a good road that they go over top of, as one such as ours often are, when we really go through them: a state of affairs that should not exist in a County such as ours, which God in His wisdom has blest with so much material for road making and that of the very best quality that can be procured and within easy transportation to any part of the County. Being able to haul a much larger load over good roads is but a small gain compared with the increased value of real estate, which is increased 5 to 10 and even 20 per cent. in value, when lying along or near a good gravel or macadam road leading to some business centre. The convention in point of attendance was a decided success. President W. H. Pugsley was absent and the convention was formally opened by T. L. Kennedy of Cooksville. A resolution was introduced by Mr. Bowman of Waterloo and carried, that the Government be requested to increase the grant from one-third to one-half on standard macadamized roads. Mr. Russell of Coleman township pointed out how badly the north country was in need of improved roads, and thought that the Government should consider the assessments and revenues of different municipalities, as some were much more wealthy than others and that the poorer ones should receive more assistance. Mr. Maxwell, Secretary of the Good Roads movement in the state of Ohio, said that the Government of the state appropriated \$440,000 for the movement, each County receiving \$5,000. This was brought up to \$10,000 by raising another \$5,000 by tax. Every County in Ohio had availed themselves of state aid. He also said that millions of dollars were wasted on roads in America because they were not kept in repair after being built. On the second day the principal speaker was George C. Diehl, Engineer of Erie County, New York state. He advocated the centralization of control over the roads of the Province or state. The example of the New York state highway commission was cited

by this speaker. There were state, County and Township roads in New York state and the cost of building and maintenance was shared by the cities and towns. The cities pay ninety per cent. of the cost of state roads and fifty per cent. of the County roads. Mr. Diehl said all towns and cities separated from the county should pay their share towards good roads in the County, it was the best method for the Province to operate the roads, if it didn't the next best was the County. In answering questions Mr. Diehl said that the tax on automobiles in the state was based on horse power as follows:—cars from 25 to 30—\$10.00 per year, from 35 to 45—\$15.00 per year, and from 45 up—\$20.00 per year. Cars under 25 were all \$5. a year. After his address a resolution was presented, carried and recommended that a highway commissioner be appointed for this Province.

Mr. J. F. Beam of Black Creek said that there should be a central authority to promote and supervise the building of roads in the Province. It was not fair, he said, that the counties should be made to pay for engineers to come and lay out their roads. H. J. Bowman, Berlin, read a paper on county roads. He said during the past year, two counties had adopted county road systems, making eighteen counties with a good road system, and an equal number without. He went on to show that the failure to adopt the County system was due to lack of co-operation between town and county. Mr. Bowman submitted a resolution to the effect that the Provincial Government increase its grant from one-third to one-half of the cost of standard macadamized roads. Considerable discussion took place as to whether it would be advisable to ask the Government to change the act relating to county roads, so that any township desiring to build stone roads would be on the same footing as a County by receiving one-third of the cost from the Government. This didn't seem to meet with much approval, apparently the cost would be prohibitive in all but the very largest townships. A township being too small to unite to afford to buy expensive roadmaking machinery and employ an overseer and engineer. Mr. Taylor, Road Superintendent of County of Wentworth, outlined what he considered would be a good provincial road, this road to run from Hamilton to Windsor and from Hamilton to Toronto and Montreal, cost to be distributed as follows:—Government to pay fifty per cent., tax on automobiles estimated to pay twenty-five per cent., and the municipalities twenty-five per cent. M. Talbot of Middlesex county took issue with Mr. Taylor on this. He said that we just came here to be dictated to by the automobilists of the United States and Canada. He couldn't see why the farmer living a long distance from the road should be taxed for the construction when he didn't get any benefit from it. H. S. Carpenter, superintendent of roads in Saskatchewan, read a paper on Government aid in rural municipalities in that province. He said that in the last ten years seven million four hundred and twenty thousand dollars had been expended on the roads in the Province, not more than \$1,000 is granted to any municipality in one year. We gathered from the discussion that in those counties in which they had adopted a county roads system that the delegate spoke very highly of it. The only objection being that the automobiles were very hard on the roads. The convention passed a resolution that the Government

place a higher tax on autos, said tax to go towards maintenance. In conclusion, we recommend that the matter of good roads be taken up and discussed by the whole council.

Respectfully submitted—W. D. Roulston, Chairman.

Cline—Almas—That the report of the Supply Committee be received and read.—Carried.

Almas—Cline—That the report of the Good Roads Committee be adopted as read.—Carried.

Smith—Bain—That the usual grant of \$50 towards Court-yard Park, presented by Major Williamson, be granted.—Carried.

Walton—Brooks—That Messrs. Smith, Parsons, Almas and the Clerk be appointed a committee to investigate the expenditures of the different High Schools of the County and report to the Council an itemized account of the same.—Carried.

Parsons—McAlpine—That the report of the building committee be received and read.—Carried.

Report of Building Committee. To the Warden and Gentlemen of the County Council.

Your Building Committee beg leave to report as follows:—Would recommend that the Building Committee visit the house of Refuge with a view of ascertaining the advisability of installing a home system of fire protection, as requested by the underwriters and recommended by the Committee on Communications at our last Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted—Wm. Bain, Chairman.

Walton—Brooks—That the report of the Building Committee be adopted as read.—Carried.

Brooks—Walton—That this Council do now adjourn for one hour and a half.—Carried.

Parsons—Smith—That the County Council pay I. O. O. F. Lodge, Selkirk \$10.00, for use of their hall two sessions of Court in case of Crown vs. Smelser. This charge is for rent, light, heat and caretaking.—Carried.

Young—Smelser—That the report of the Road and Bridge Committee be received and read.—Carried.

Report of Road and Bridge Committee To the Warden and Members of the County Council of the County of Haldimand.

Gentlemen—We recommend that Messrs. Anderson, Young and the Chairman arrange with a committee of the County of Wentworth to have a bridge over Black Creek between Clanford and Seneca built.

We recommend that Mr. Smith and the chairman confer with the committee of County of Norfolk and have grading done on the approaches to the bridge at Marr's, between Woodhouse and Walpole, and at the two bridges between Townsend and Walpole which were built last year. We recommend that the Road & Bridge Committee inspect the Oswego bridge, also a bridge in South Cayuga, which is claimed by Mr. Bain, Reeve of South Cayuga, should be assumed by the County, and also a bridge between Wainfleet and Moulton. The Committee to report at the next meeting of the Council.

Respectfully submitted—W. D. Roulston, Chairman.

Patton—Smith—That the report of the Road and Bridge Committee as read be adopted.—Carried.

Parsons—McAlpine—That the Clerk of the County be empowered to engage a stenographer in Civil Actions where a reporter is required and that the Clerk of the Peace be empowered to engage a stenographer in all criminal matters and inquests where the services of a reporter is desirable.—Carried.

Cline—Anderson—That the account of \$10. to Thos. Humphries for delivering ice to gaol be paid.—Carried. Gaoler's Office, County of Haldimand, Ontario.

Cayuga, March, 9th, 1911.

Requisition for clothing for prisoners in Cayuga Gaol:—For Women—Three dresses, three skirts, three pair stockings, three pair shoes and under-clothing for three persons; For Men—Twelve pairs of trousers, average sizes certified necessary.

M. McConnell, Sheriff
Robt. Anderson, Chairman Supply Committee.

Buckner—Young—That the requisition for prisoners garments as presented by Supply Committee be accepted.—Carried.

Smith—Almas—That leave be given to introduce a bill to rescind the old by-law in regard to the salary of our Clerk and Treasurer; that his salary be raised \$100 per year, and that a new by-law be drafted for the same and that the bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Roulston—Young—That the bill relating to the Clerk's salary be read a second time.—Carried.

Young—Buckner—That the bill to raise the Clerk's salary be read a third time, signed and sealed by the Warden and Clerk and entitled a By-law as in the original motion.—Carried.

Cline—Anderson—That the By-law fixing salaries of County Councillors be rescinded and that a by-law be drafted, fixing indemnity at four dollars per day and mileage, while attending their duties in all County matters, and that the bill be read a first time.—Carried.

Patton—Anderson—That the bill regarding the indemnity of County Councillors be read a second time.—Carried.

Bain—Parsons—That the by-law fixing the remuneration of County Councillors be read a third time, be signed, sealed and entitled a by-law as in the original motion.—Carried.

Smith—Patton—That this Council receive and introduce the question and the need of the good roads system.—Carried.

Parsons—Smith—That the County Council of Haldimand adopt a County Roads system for the County of Haldimand and hereby instruct the Clerk to prepare a by-law to adopt this system, and the same be read a first time.—Carried.

Yea—Walton, Brooks, McAlpine, Parsons, Smith, Anderson, Cline, Almas, Young, Roulston, Pyle.—11.

Nay—Root Smelser, Bain, Patton, Fuckner.—5.

Cline—Anderson—That James Craft be paid the sum of \$5.00 for work done in cleaning the Cayuga bridge.—Carried.

Parsons—McAlpine—That the following members of the County Council be a committee to act with the Clerk to prepare a County Good Roads By-law system: Messrs. Roulston, Almas, Smith, Brooks, Parsons. Also that the Clerk is hereby instructed to obtain copies of Good Roads by-laws from Counties already using this system.—Carried.

Smelser—Brooks—That we do now adjourn to meet again June 8th at 10 a. m., unless sooner called by the Warden.—Carried.

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