

Winnon Hall, Halys Station Nov 1st 1912

As per advice given by Rev W. M. H. Quaternmaine, President of the Children's Aid Society for the County of Renfrew and pursuant to the call of the Reeve the Municipal Council of the Township of Ross assembled here this one o'clock P.M. to deal with a case of one Mrs. George Guest - who, it was alleged, had violated the law in certain respects and whose mental condition was questionable.

All the members were present, the Reeve in the chair. The Rev. Mr. Quaternmaine above referred to and Dr. Murphy of Renfrew addressed the Council at some length on the case in question. They had called at Mrs. Guest's home. The allegations made against the woman were, in the opinion of the speaker true. She had been responsible for the death of four of her neighbor's cattle by poisoning. She had made violent threats endangering the lives and property of some of the ratepayers in the community in which she lives, and she has been grossly negligent in the caring for her family.

As to her mental condition Dr. Murphy stated in his opinion she was mentally unsound. She was therefore not responsible for her actions towards her neighbors or her family. She should be confined in an institution for the insane, and the family which consists of an infant two months old and two others should be placed in a proper shelter. Dr. Murphy was of the opinion that the babe would not be admitted with its mother to the Institution. He had written Dr. Ryan of Kingston regarding the matter but had not yet received a reply.

In the case of the two elder children Mr. Quaternmaine said the Children's Aid Society would take charge of them but as regards the babe, if Dr. Murphy's opinion prove correct it would be necessary to have it placed with a foster-mother until it becomes nine months old when it might then be admitted to the shelter.

Considerable discussion then took place in the Council after which it was moved by Mr. Muddock, seconded by Mr. Payne that owing to the urgency of the case, proceedings be taken

immediately to have Mrs. Guest placed in a suitable institution and that should it not be possible to have the babe admitted with its mother the Reeve make the necessary arrangements for the care of the ^{child}.

Mr. Murphy was requested to have the papers necessary for the commitment of the patient completed as soon as possible and place the same with the Reeve

Moved by Mr. McEwen seconded by Mr. Barber that this Council endorse the action of the Children's Aid Society in the course it has taken regarding this matter, Carried

The Meeting then closed

Wm R. Kirk
 Clerk

Foresters Falls Dec 16th 1912

A regular meeting of Council was held here this day at 10 o'clock A.M. all the members being present the Reeve in the chair

The minutes of the last regular meeting of Council as well as of the special meeting held at Halcy's Station on Nov 1st last were read and adopted. A considerable number of bills and acts, were read and considered.

Mr. McEwen gave notice that he would at this meeting of Council introduce a by-law to provide for the appointment of Deputy-Returning Officers and Poll-Clerks for the three Polling Sub-Divisions of the Township to hold the municipal elections for the ensuing year.

The Council then adjourned for one hour. On again meeting the Rev W. M. H. Quartermaine addressed the Council at some length with reference to the commitment of Mrs. George Guest to the Orillia Asylum, the disposal of her three children and on behalf of the Children's Aid Society